

# Men's soccer victorious in match against Purdue Calumet

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The Scarlet Hawks made their way to Indiana as they took on Purdue Calumet at Munster High School. A hard fought 1-0 win gave the Scarlet Hawks their third conference win of the season.

The game began on the defensive side for the Hawks as they struggled to find any rhythm in the early portion of the game. The Scarlet Hawks trudged through the relentless

pressure imposed by the Peregrines of Purdue Calumet. As the first half progressed, the Hawks began to find their rhythm with exceptional play from midfielders Brandon Ramirez, Jorge Salas, and Robert Rixer. Both Illinois Tech and Purdue Calumet exchanged strong sequences back and forth as both teams struggled to find the net. The defensive minded Hawks held the Peregrines to a scoreless first half.

The second half provided a spark to the game as the Hawks found their rhythm early. Illinois Tech had a great chance when Jorge Salas shot a rocket free kick from outside the

box. However, Purdue Calumet's goalkeeper, Jeremy Marquez, made a tremendous save to keep the game scoreless as the second half progressed.

Purdue Calumet's best chance came on a mishit by defender Bart Grabowski which left Papa Otoo one on one with Illinois Tech's goalkeeper Euijin Yang. Yang, a first year starter, made a tremendous save from the right footed shot of Otoo to keep the game scoreless. Senior Captain, Robert Rixer made the most of his opportunity netting in his first goal of the 2013-2014 season.

The goal came off of Nathan McMahon's long pass to a streaking Rixer as he found the back of the net with a laser right footed shot.

The Hawks absorbed numerous offensive waves from the Peregrines as Illinois Tech held on to win and preserve their second shutout of the season. The Scarlet Hawks are now 5-4-3 overall and 3-2-1 in conference play.

They look to keep their winning ways as they take on Trinity International and Olivet Nazarene in the coming weeks.

# Women's XC stays strong at Lucian Rose invite

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After a week off racing, the Lady Hawks cross country team traveled back to Kenosha, Wisconsin Saturday morning to take on a deep field of competition in the Lucian-Rose Invitational hosted by University of Wisconsin Parkside. Racing again on this hill-laden course, the ladies were more ready with an extra five weeks of training under their belt than when they faced it in week two of their season. Having perfect weather conditions near

60 degrees, the ladies knew their plan had to be executed well to attack the hills aggressively and maintain top pace for all 5 kilometers. Facing another deep field of 25 teams, the lady hawks had to try and get to the main hill first to avoid getting stuck in a slower pack of runners.

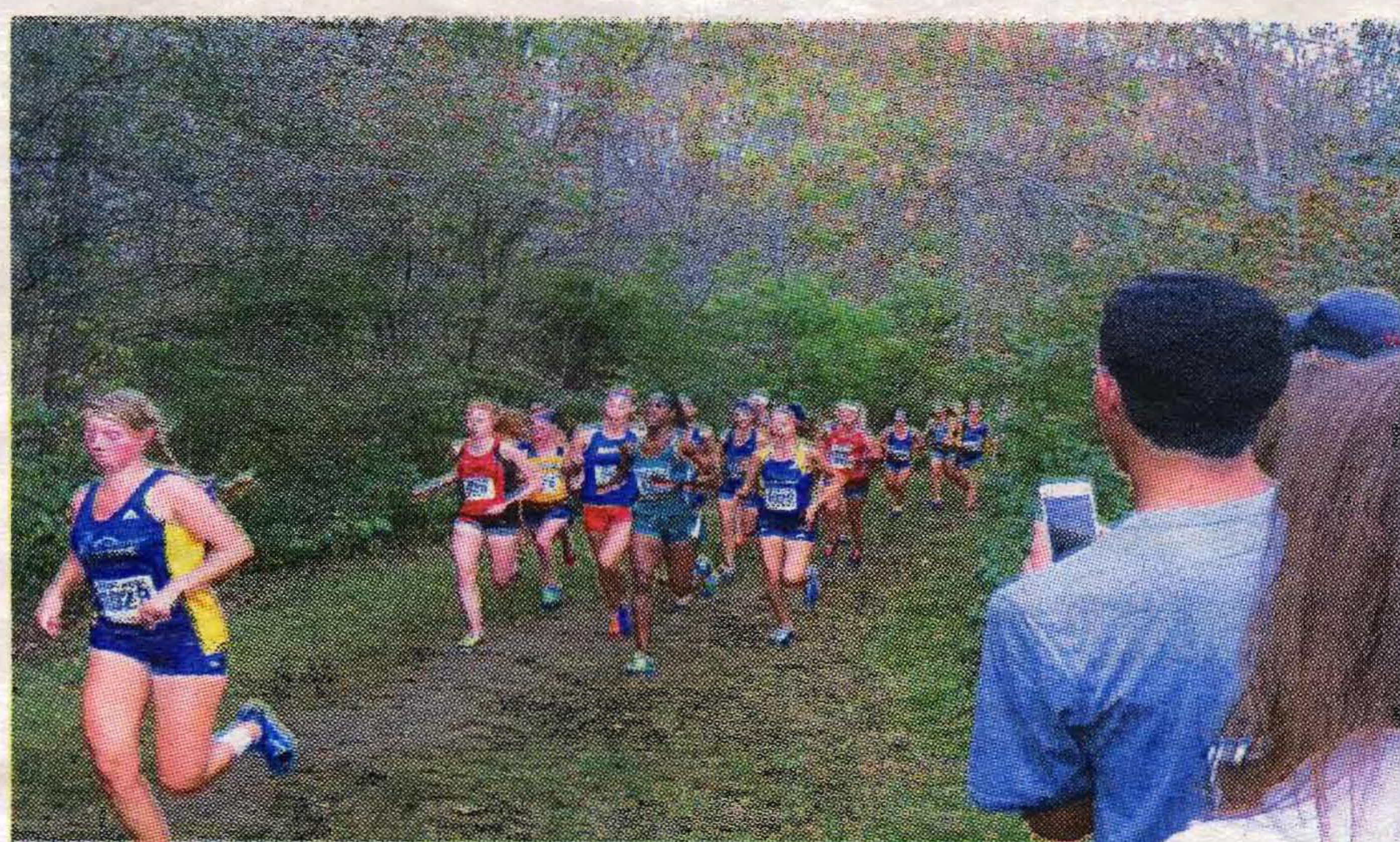
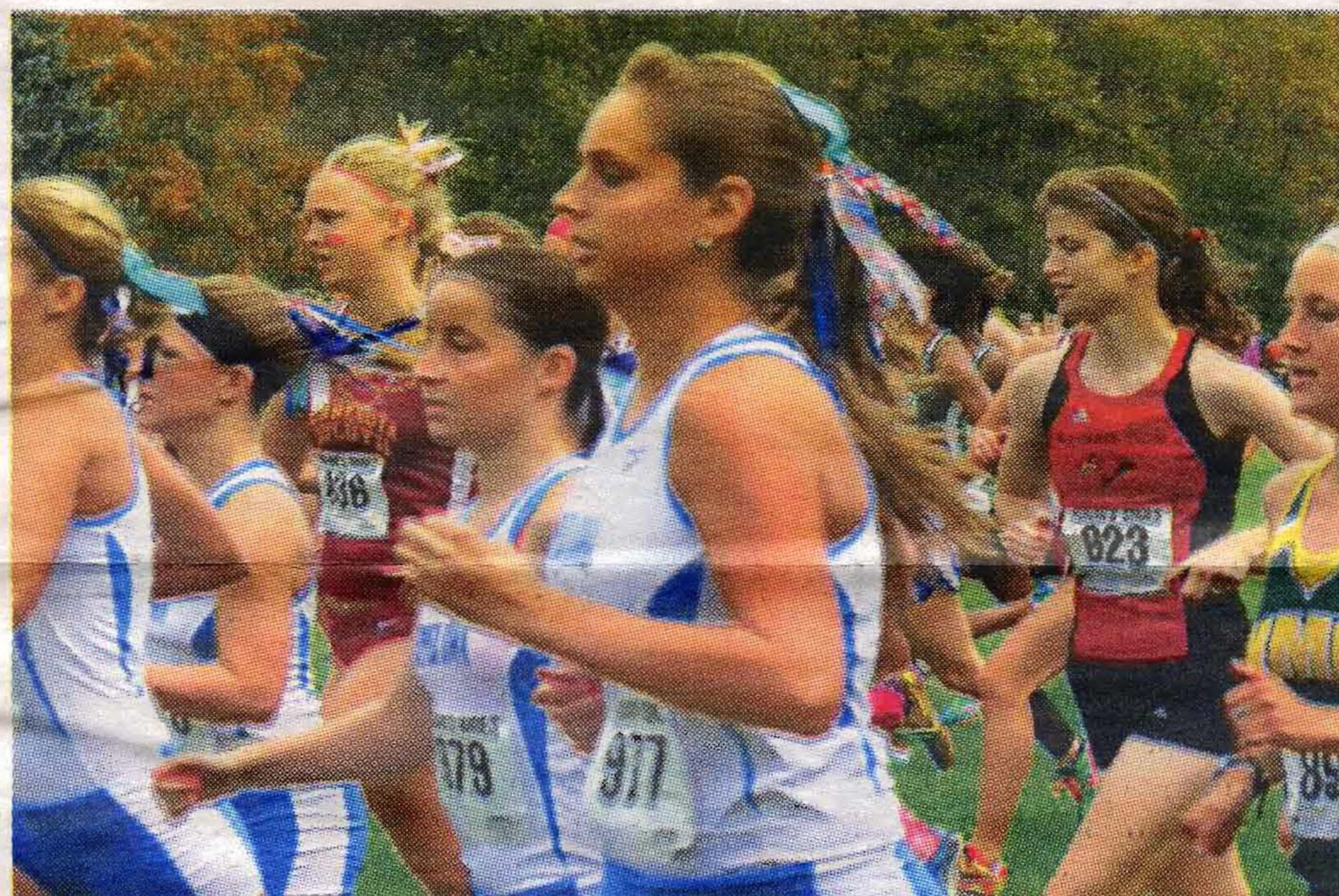
Getting assigned a great starting box, the starting cannon fired and the ladies took off. With the position the girls started in, they were able to find the shallowest part of the half-mile long hill and get over it with ease. Targeting the remaining flat section of the first mile, the ladies then were set to start picking up the pace before

the rolling hills began. With teammates in sight, the girls raced in and out of the woods looking to keep up with the fast competition in hopes of reaching a new Personal Record (PR). After passing through the final chute and crossing the finish line, three of the top five ladies did just that.

Courtney Rouse ran a PR of 19:18, again finishing first for Illinois Tech, followed by Anne Crotteau and Sara Glade. April Wanagas and Greta Zola were the next two hawks to cross the finish line with times of 21:33 and 21:36, each reaching a new PR. Their team score put

them in 16th placing, falling to top schools such as Marquette, Northwestern, Ferris State, DePaul, and University of Minnesota Duluth. Some of the schools the lady hawks outscored include Upper Iowa, Madonna, Alverno, Cardinal Stritch, and Chicago State.

The cross country team looks forward to racing again next week at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Brooks Invitational, a 6k race with a completely flat course. As they will be facing an even bigger field of competition, the ladies look forward to resting up this week and getting ready to make every mile magnificent.



Photos by April Wanagas



**Tuesday, October 22**  
**Men's Soccer**  
VS. Trinity International University  
7pm, Stuart Field

**Women's Volleyball**  
VS. Robert Morris College  
7pm, Keating

**Wednesday, October 23**  
**Women's Soccer**  
VS. Trinity International University  
7pm, Stuart Field

**Friday, October 25**  
**Women's Volleyball**  
@Purdue University-North Central  
3pm, CCAC Crossover Tournament  
VS. Olivet Nazarene University  
7pm, CCAC Crossover Tournament

**Saturday, October 26**  
**Men's Soccer**  
@Olivet Nazarene University  
6pm  
**Women's Soccer**  
@Olivet Nazarene University  
4pm  
**Women's Volleyball**  
VS. Trinity Christian College  
11am, CCAC Crossover Tournament  
VS. Purdue University-Calumet  
3pm, CCAC Crossover Tournament