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Baity selected as next city manager

ELI MILEUR
Daily Egyptian

Editor’s Note: This edition of the Daily Egyptian went to press before Tuesday’s City Council meeting took place. See dailyEgyptian.com for an updated story.

A controversial zoning certificate has caused a split in the Carbondale City Council over Kevin Baity’s appointment as the new city manager.

Mayor Joel Fritzler announced Jan. 4 the Carbondale City Council had reached a consensus on appointing Baity after months of searching from candidates across the country. Baity has been acting city manager since Allen Gill retired in November.

Shortly after Fritzler made the announcement, councilwoman Jane Adams sent out a press release indicating she did not agree with Baity’s appointment and would be voting against it. A special meeting was held Tuesday to vote formally on Baity. The results of the vote were not available at press time.

Baity said he was most likely given an edge in the race for the appointment because of his insight of ongoing issues and projects. “He’s ready to hit the ground running,” Fritzler said.

In an extensive blog entry, Adams laid out her primary reasons for opposing Baity’s appointment. She said he’d violated the city’s code at least twice.

She said one of the two violations involved Baity oversleeping his authority in August by granting a zoning certificate for an auto repair shop in a former warehouse on Oakland and Sycamore. Adams said city staff refused to grant the zoning certificate because the building had not been used as a repair shop in the past and was in a residential area, but Baity overrode them and granted it anyway.

The certificate was later rescinded on Nov. 18 by Baity after he, Gill and City Attorney Mike Kimmel reviewed documents concerning the historical uses of the building and determined that auto repair was not an allowed use.

While the certificate was eventually voided, Adams said Baity’s actions showed either disregard for or ignorance of the proper division of powers in the government, and he misrepresented the facts of the case to her when she inquired about them. She said it should disqualify him.

Baity said he would not comment on the issue.

Fritzler said the zoning certificate case was clearly a mistake and should have happened, but it should by no means disqualify Baity.

“We all make mistakes,” he said.

Despite Adams’ objections, no other council member has yet come out against Baity’s appointment, and Adams said in a release there was a majority in favor of him during the council’s closed deliberations.

Adams said she could not know Baity’s motivations for his actions, and they may have been done out of ignorance of his proper duties, but she found it hard to believe considering his years of administrative experience.

“If it was a mistake, it was a mistake of judgement,” she said.

Adams also took issue with Fritzler’s decision to approve Baity’s selection on Jan. 4 before an official vote had been taken, and she wrote in a press release that it may have violated the Open Meetings Act because the Council’s discussions on the appointment were closed to the public.

City Council to formally vote on new city manager in special meeting

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Salukis lose 83 - 73 to reigning National Invitational Champs Wichita State

Rappelling on the rocks

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Jacob Arcuri, right, of Ina, and Tony Adams, of Bonnie, prepare to rappel down a bluff Monday at Giant City State Park. Paul Adams, an SIU graduate teaching Arcuri and Adams how to rappel, said he has been doing it for several years. “Jumping off cliffs and going fast is what we like to do,” he said.

Saluki Express bus routes take a turn

TARA KULASH
Daily Egyptian

Beginning Saturday, the South Route will incorporate stops at Kroger and the Carbondale Community High School, removing the Kroger stop from the Logan Route to help the bus schedule stay on time, a university press release stated.

Bill Bruns, deputy director of the Student Center, said students have complained the buses were running late.

Beginning Saturday, the South Route will incorporate stops at Kroger and the Carbondale Community High School, removing the Kroger stop from the Logan Route to help the bus schedule stay on time, a university press release stated. Bruns said the South Route will not go north of Chautauqua Street anymore so the schedule can stay within its time limits.

“Because of the long distance on (Route) 13 that the bus route has to run, there’s traffic, which makes it run late sometimes, and people didn’t like that,” he said.

Lori Stettler, assistant vice chancellor for auxiliary services, said the advisory board, a committee of members of the Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Council, made the decision after considering the routes’ ridership and efficiencies and feedback from students.

Tasa Proctor, chair of the board, said the changes were made because of student complaints that they were not getting to class on time.

“The transportation system for Carbondale was founded on the fact that the school needed students to get to class,” said Proctor, a graduate student from Chicago studying public administration. “Now that the students are having a hard time getting around and getting to class on time, more changes have to be made.”

The South Route will also have a weekend time change because of student requests. Saturday morning bus routes will begin an hour later, and Sunday bus routes will run an hour later in the evening. The weekend bus schedule will begin Saturdays at 9:36 a.m. and the last Sunday run will be 5:36 p.m.

Students at John A. Logan can still ride the bus at no cost but must now present a free Logan Pass to prove they are students of the college. SIUC students can ride the Saluki Express for free as usual with a valid University ID.

Stettler said Saluki Express is funded mostly from student fees but also from John A. Logan and bus pass sales. Proctor said the board will vote to make a few more changes to the routes next semester, and as of now there will be three new buses on three of the routes.

Bruns said students can pick up a free brochure of the bus schedule in the Student Center administrative offices.

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Fritzler said he had no doubt about the propriety of the announcement, and he checked with all the City Council members before doing it. He said Adams was the only one who had any objections.

He said Adams’ arguments against Baty’s appointment have not shaken his belief that Baty is right for the job.

Baty, who worked for the city since 2006, was a strong candidate primarily because of his familiarity with the city, he said. “We wanted to make sure we got someone who was connected to the community and who was committed to the community,” he said.

Councilman Chris Wissmann said it was Baty’s familiarity with the minute details of the city that gave him an advantage, as well as his agreeable personality, which Wissmann hopes will trickle down through the city staff.

“He’s incredibly personable, very nice, easy to deal with, and I think the city could benefit a great deal from that kind of personality,” he said.

He said none of Adams’ objections raised any concerns with him about Baty.

While Adams said Baty clearly does have a number of good traits, the fact that he’s already well established in the city government could be a liability, as his appointment could be seen as an example of cronyism and promote the perception that the city favors those with connections and influence.

She said the other finalist, Robert Knabel, of Collinville, could have brought an outsider’s perspective to the city.

Baty said the main three projects he’ll be tackling as he takes office will be the budget creation process for fiscal year 2013, work on rewriting the city’s zoning code and finalizing the design and construction of the new fire station.

As for his administrative style, he said he’s not one to micromanage and he isn’t looking to leave any kind of personal mark on the position.

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LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Smoking a joint once a week or a bit more apparently doesn't damage lungs. A 20-year study that bolsters evidence that marijuana doesn't do the kind of damage tobacco does.

The results, from one of the largest and longest studies on the health effects of marijuana, are handy for heavy users — those who smoke two or more joints daily for several years. The data suggest using marijuana that often might cause a decline in lung function, but there weren't enough heavy users among the 5,000 young adults in the study to draw firm conclusions.

Still, they recommended "caution and moderation when marijuana use is considered."

Marijuana is in illegal drug under federal law although some states allow its use for medical purposes.

The study by researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and published in the American Medical Association.

The findings echo results in some smaller studies that showed while marijuana contains some of the same toxic chemicals as tobacco, it does not carry the same risks for lung disease.

"It's not clear why that is so, but it's possible that the main active ingredient in marijuana, a chemical known as THC, makes the THC molecule different," said co-author Dr. George Kun, an associate professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles. "We think that THC is not a major cause of lung damage."

Unlike cigarette smokers, marijuana users tend to breathe in deeply when they inhale a joint, which some researchers think might strengthen lung tissue. But the common lung function tests used in the study require the same kind of deep breathing that marijuana smokers are used to, so their good test results might partly reflect lost function, said Kertesz, a drug abuse researcher and preventive medicine specialist at the Alabama University.

The study authors analyzed data from participants in a 20-year federally funded health study in young adults that began in 1985. Their analysis was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The study randomly enrolled 5,115 men and women aged 18 through 30 in four cities: Birmingham, Chicago, Oakland, Calif., and Minneapolis. Roughly equal numbers of black and white subjects took part, but no other minorities. Participants were periodically asked about recent marijuana or cigarette use and had several lung function tests during the study.

Overall, about 37 percent reported at least occasional marijuana use, and most users also reported having smoked cigarettes. 17 percent of participants said they've smoked cigarettes but not marijuana. Those results are similar to national estimates.

On average, cigarette users smoked about 9 cigarettes daily, while average marijuana use was only a joint or two a few times a month — typical for U.S. marijuana users, Kertesz said.

The authors calculated the effects of tobacco and marijuana separately, both in people who used only one or the other, and in people who used both. They also considered other factors that could influence lung function, including air pollution in cities studied.

The analyses showed pot didn’t appear to harm lung function, but cigarettes did. Cigarette smokers' test scores worsened steadily during the study. Smoking marijuana as often as one joint daily for seven years, or one joint weekly for 20 years was not linked with worse scores. Very few study participants smoked more often than that.

Like cigarette smokers, marijuana users can develop throat irritation and coughs, but the study didn’t focus on those. It also didn’t examine lung cancer, but other studies haven’t found any definitive link between marijuana use and cancer.

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Associated Press

NASHUA, N.H. — Mitt Romney's Republican rivals accused him Monday of exaggerating his successes and coldly laying off thousands of workers at the auto company he used to head, a profitable venture capital firm, an effort to turn the presidential front-runner's biggest asset into a liability.

The heightened focus on the firm Bain Capital threatens to slow Romney's cruise-control campaign because it goes to the heart of No. 1 appeal to voters: the claim that he knows far more than President Barack Obama about creating jobs.

Romney's take-over-and-restructuring firm "apparently looted the companies, left people unemployed and walked off with millions of dollars," former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said on NBC's "Today" show. A group friendly to Gingrich is preparing to air TV ads of laid-off workers denouncing Romney.

"Texas Gov. Rick Perry joined in. He cited South Carolina companies that Bain bought and downsized, and he practically dared Romney to ask for forgiveness of the "name of the name of earning easy economic pain. "He caused it," Perry said in Anderson, S.C.

Romney points to thousands of jobs created at companies that Bain bought, invested in or restructured. But he stuck a discordant note Monday, just as attention to the Bain jobs story was on the wick.

Speaking of insulation options before a New Hampshire audience, Romney said, "I like being able to fire people who provide services to me."

He remained favored to win Tuesday's New Hampshire primary. But his rivals might improve their chances of halting his momentum in South Carolina's Jan. 21 primary if they can persuade voters that his jobs legacy is not what he claims.

Thanks to millions of dollars from a Los Angeles casino owner who supports Gingrich, TV ads in South Carolina will try to do just that. Like many attack ads, they are emotional, one-sided and not subtle. They show angry victims of layoffs from Bain-controlled companies, according to excerpts shown to reporters.

"We had to lay off a quarter of our workforce because we were not able to turn a profit," the one man says.

On the campaign trail, Romney rarely mentions his four years as governor unless asked. But he constantly touts his time in the private sector, asking voters to trust his instincts and expertise in creating jobs.

The claims rely on Romney's career at Bain, a Boston-based private equity firm that poured investors' money and Bain executives' expertise, into more than 100 companies in the 1980s and 1990s. Some of the companies expanded and thrived. Some took on unsustainable debt and went bankrupt. Some became leaner or were broken into various parts, shedding jobs and disrupting communities.

In a recent debate, Romney repeated his claim that the Bain-run companies netted a total increase of 140,000 jobs.

Studies by The Associated Press and other news organizations conclude that the claim doesn't withstand scrutiny. That alone, however, hardly suggests Romney was an unsuccessful business executive.

He became wealthy, a hero to many entrepreneurs, and the leader of the much-praised 2002 Winter Olympics.

The 100,000 jobs claim comes from activities at only three companies, all of them successes: Staples, Domino's and Sports Authority. However, it counts many jobs that were created after Romney left Bain in 1999. And it ignores job losses at many other firms that Bain invested in or took over.

The Wall Street Journal, which examined 77 businesses that Bain invested in during Romney's tenure, concluded Monday that the record is mixed. Twenty-two percent of the companies closed down or filed for bankruptcy reorganization within eight years "sometimes with substantial job losses," the Journal reported.

"Bain produced stellar returns for its investors," the paper reported. But "70 percent of the profits came from 10 deals."

A separate AP analysis found that at least 4,000 workers lost their jobs at 45 companies bought by Bain between 1984 and 1994, according to company reports, news releases and news coverage. The tally probably is higher, because it does not include other jobs lost in bankruptcies and other store and factory closings.

Like any venture capital company, Bain's main purpose was to generate profits for investors, not to create jobs. So it is easy for political campaigns to find devastating success stories and heartbreaking plant closures in the company's history.

A new 28-minute film, "King of Bain," purports Romney as a profit-driven predator. A pro-Gingrich super PAC bought the film and plans to use excerpts for the attack ads in South Carolina. The group says it will post the entire film online.

"This convincing campaign has been helped by $5 million given to the super PAC by casino owner Sheldon Adelson. Obama's campaign aides have long considered the Bain record to be Romney's weakest spot, more damaging than his much-discussed slips on abortion and other issues. Romney told reporters Monday in New Hampshire that the attacks from Gingrich and Perry surprised him.

"Free enterprise will be on trial" in the 2012 election, Romney said. "I thought it was going to come from the president, from the Democrats, lying over the left. But instead it's coming from Speaker Gingrich and apparently others, and that's just part of the process. I'm not worried about that."
CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A former squad mate of a Marine implicated in the deaths of 19 Iraqis testified Tuesday that after a roadside bombing, the group raced to nearby homes, firing rounds and tossing grenades for 45 minutes, even though he said the Marines did not take gunfire, come across a single insurgent or find a weapon.

Still, former Cpl. Steven Tatum told the jury at the Camp Pendleton trial of Staff Sgt. Frank Waterich that he felt the squad did nothing wrong that day in the town of Haditha in 2005, when Marines killed 24 Iraqis, including unarmed women and children.

Waterich, who led the squad that day, faces nine counts of manslaughter. Military prosecutors have implicated the Camp Pendleton Marine from Meriden, Conn., in 19 of the 24 Iraq deaths. He is the last defendant in one of the biggest criminal cases against U.S. troops from the war.

The squad was returning from a supply run at a combat outpost in the early morning when one of the four humvees in their convoy hit a roadside bomb, killing Lance Cpl. Miguel Terraazas and wounding two others.

Tatum said he rushed to help someone trapped under the humvee when he heard small arms fire hit the vehicle in front of him. Waterich and another Marine ran toward the nearest home.

When Tatum caught up to Waterich, the sergeant told him “treat the house as hostile.” Tatum testified.

Tatum understood that to mean there were armed individuals inside and he did not need to identify his target to attack.

The Marines tossed grenades in rooms and fired off rounds. One man was killed near the kitchen. Others were killed in a back room, where Tatum fired alongside Waterich but said he was unable to see what he was shooting at because of the darkness and flying debris after a grenade exploded.

The Marines left when someone yelled that they had seen a person running out of the home. They ran to a neighboring house, tossing grenades in rooms and shooting off rounds. Tatum saw the body of an Iraqi man near the kitchen when he went in after his fellow Marines.

While checking an empty room, Tatum said he heard people in a nearby room moving then Waterich firing his M-16. He rushed to help him, shooting at what he said were silhouettes in the dark, some big, some small.

“The only thing that gave me any indication there was a hostile act in there would be Staff Sgt. Waterich firing at,” Tatum told military prosecutor Maj. Nicholas Gannon.

He returned later when the house had been determined to be safe and learned they had killed an unarmed woman and children in the room.

The defense says Waterich believed insurgents were in the homes and that’s why he ordered his Marines to shoot first and ask questions later.

Tatum told the all-Marine jury he also felt endangered at the time and believes Waterich and the squad were justified in their actions, even though troops did not take any gunfire or come across any insurgents for 45 minutes while they raided the homes.
Unusual weather overrides hibernation

Bill Johnson, of Murphysboro, prepares to take a swing Tuesday at Jackson County Country Club in Murphysboro. Johnson said he played professionally in the past, but now just plays for exercise. Compared with the past few years, he said, the weather

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this January has been good. According to the Weather Channel website, however, daily high temperatures will drop more than 10 degrees beginning Thursday, with the colder weather remaining through the weekend.

Kevin Kurecki, a senior from Crestwood studying English, executes a trick over a puddle while skateboarding with friends Monday at the roller hockey rink on Wall Street. Kurecki said he is a member of the SIU Skateboarding Society, a

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Registered Student Organization of skating enthusiasts. He said the club is trying to get a skate park built in Carbondale. Until then, he said, skaters have been making do at the hockey rink and going to the park in Carterville to practice their skills.

COLUMN

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So what does this mean for the conference schedule ahead? SIU has to play Wichita State again on its home court while the team they played last night, Missouri State, has a big center in Caleb Patterson, who is 6 foot 11 inches and 256 pounds. Missouri State also has reigning MVC Player of the Year Kyle Weems in its front court, who is Daniels’ size, but can stretch the floor with his ability to hit from beyond the arc.

Creighton, the only nationally ranked team in the Valley, is built like Missouri State with center Greg Echenique and Naismith Award candidate Doug McDermott. Northern Iowa features Jake Koch and Seth Tuttle in their front court, who size up favorably against SIU, while Drake has a similar 1-2 punch at forward with Ben Simmons and Jordan Clarke.

The good news for SIU is they have depth now, so if Daniels gets into foul trouble as he did early against Wichita State, Lowery doesn’t have to go with a smaller lineup as he did before Drinkard’s redshirt was removed.

Another good sign for SIU is guards are shooting better with each game. Junior guard T.J. Lindsay found his stroke from beyond the arc against Illinois State when he went 6 for 7 from three. He’s shooting 429 from the three point line this season, while the return of junior guard Kendal Brown-Salas also helped the Salukis’ shooting woes.

“We’ve been putting a lot of emphasis on our shooting,” Lindsay said. “At the beginning of the season, we weren’t really shooting well, so Coach thought we really needed to get in the gym.”

Freshman forward Treg Setty, senior guard Justin Bocot and junior guard Jeff Early have had their moments shooting this season, but they need to be more consistent if they’re going to help the team overcome their lack of size and make a run at a possible postseason appearance after the MVC tournament in March.

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Cancer — Today is an 8 — Getting back on track allows all of your projects and possibilities to gel naturally. Handle some filing today to clean up infrastructure for ease and workability.

Leo — Today is an 8 — A blissful connection lightens the day. Go ahead and let others bring food. Give something up to gain something. You know it will all work out. Save your pennies.

Virgo — Today is an 8 — Follow a friend’s suggestion. Your best move may be a well-thought-out surprise. Wait until everyone’s listening. Pay a bill before buying treats.

Libra — Today is an 8 — Play with long-range plans. Your sense of intuition is heightened. Use it to create the perfect ambiance, and have a luxurious evening at home.

Scorpio — Today is a 9 — You’re getting better with age. Don’t hide your talents from the world. You have so much to contribute. Soak in the wisdom and pass it on.

Sagittarius — Today is a 7 — Are you ready to discover new universes? Don your best adventurer outfit and explore. Open your eyes and see what you weren’t seeing before. Be willing to play.

Capricorn — Today is a 9 — Move forward with what really calls to you, even though it may require a compromise. Don’t overspend yourself; physically or financially.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — If you’re not sure what to say, don’t hide it. Silence is a solid course. Listen. Make certain you have what you need. Better to surprise with a good idea.

Pisces — Today is a 9 — Put the pedal to the metal to complete the most challenging work. Even a twenty road goes fast and smooth if you pick clean lines and feather the brakes.
Salukis fall to
NIT champion
Wichita State

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The Salukis didn’t size up well against the 2011 National Invitational Tournament champions.

“I think the stakes of the game hurt us. (The coaches) didn’t put that much emphasis on it, but our guys panicked in clutch situations,” head coach Chris Lowery said.

SIU (5-10, 2-2 Missouri Valley Conference) lost 83-73 Saturday to Wichita State (12-3, 3-1 MVC) at the SIU Arena. In the first half, the Shockers grabbed seven offensive rebounds to the Salukis’ one.

“We struggled rebounding in that first half. But they’re a ASA-nine (rebounding margin this season), so they’re the best in our league rebounding,” Lowery said.

Lowery said the Wichita State front court of 7-foot center Garrett Stutz and 6-foot-8-inch forward Carl Hall created problems for the Salukis in the paint, as Stutz accounted for 16 points and seven rebounds while Hall snagged nine rebounds and added eight points.

“They’re big. If you see their lineup, they’re all bigger than us,” senior forward Mamadou Seck said. “It was hard for us, but I think they only out-rebounded us by six.”

The Salukis were able to close the rebounding gap by a margin of 36 to 37 in favor of the Shockers, due in large part to Seck’s fifth double-double of the season with 12 rebounds and 15 points.

The Shockers jumped out to an early lead, but a layup by freshman guard Josh Swan brought the Shockers lead down to 38-33 with 49 seconds left in the first half. But then a 13-0 run capped off by a three from Wichita State guard Joe Ragland with 16:56 left in the second half helped widen the deficit.

“In the second half, we kind of let down at the beginning,” Seck said. “We had some mental mistakes, we took some quick shots that we didn’t need to take and turned the ball over.”

SIU almost came back again with a 16-2 run, which made the Shockers lead 60-60 after Seck hit a layup with 6 minutes 26 seconds left in the game. But Wichita State answered with a 9-0 run of their own that put the game out of reach.

“That was a long basketball game. It seemed to have a lot of different parts to it, but ultimately we were able to open it up with a good start to the second half which we had not been doing,” Wichita State head coach Gregg Marshall said. “But they never quit and made it a ball game at the end.”

SIU used the same starting lineup for the second straight game after using different lineups in the first 12 games. However, freshman forward Ting Sheng only played three minutes after he started his seventh game of the season.

“Ting just got to be ready to play. He’s a freshman, and we have to put emphasis on that because we want those guys to be better, because this is their first time through,” Lowery said.

SIU’s game against Missouri State last night was after press time. For more about the game, please see dailyEgyptian.com.

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Loss to Wichita State exposes new problems for Salukis

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During the Salukis’ 83-73 loss Saturday to Wichita State, one thing became obvious: SIU doesn’t have an answer for bigger teams.

Shockers forwards Garrett Stutz and Carl Hall dominated the Salukis on the boards and in the paint while allowing Wichita State’s guards to get open looks and open looks. This allowed Wichita State guard Joe Ragland to score a game-high 28 points.

“Stutz got a 10-6 run by himself to start the half. After the ten-minute mark (in the second half), he didn’t score again. Daniel (Daniels) did a great job on him the rest of the way,” head coach Chris Lowery said. “He was the reason for (Wichita State’s success in the first 10 minutes, and then Ragland was the reason for the last ten.”

Senior forward Mamadou Seck and Lowery both said Wichita State’s size was a key to their loss, but there isn’t a lot they can do about it. Sophomore forward Duante Drinkard is the biggest player on the roster at 6-foot 9 inches and 225 pounds, but he only averages 16-7 minutes per game.

Freshman forward Daniel Daniels is a big 6-foot 6 inches and 225 pounds, but with a 7- footer in Stutz battling Daniels for rebounds, it’s tough to compensate for the size difference.

Seck is the opposite of Daniels, a very slim 6-foot 7 inches, but he’s arguably one of the best rebounders in the Missouri Valley.

Junior guard Jeff Early, left, and senior forward Mamadou Seck trap a Wichita State University guard Saturday against Wichita State University at the SIU Arena. Despite that, he still gets pushed around when he tries to post up on bigger forwards.

Saturday wasn’t the first time the Salukis’ lack of size hurt them.

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The Salukis’ 83-73 loss against the Shockers put them at 5-10 for the season and 2-2 for conference play.

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