No early exams
Advisers enforce policy of no testing before finals week

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Teachers and students shouldn’t expect to skip town early during finals week any-
more.

An often-forgotten university policy states no finals should be
given before finals week.

Although the policy is not new, it hasn’t been followed in the
past, including the fall sem-
ster, very strictly. Jim Allen,
associate provost for academic
programs and a professor of his-
tory, said he doesn’t think faculty
members are purposely ignoring it — they just need to be reminded.

“Either they don’t know about
it, if we have a fair amount of
turnover among faculty … or there’s just the habit of paying no
heat to it and thinking it would
be acceptable to hold finals the
week before finals week when it’s not,” he said.

The policy dates back to be-
fore April 1981, when the Faculty
Senate approved a resolution to
remind teachers of the policy.
Allen said since 1981, several
provosts have attempted to re-
mind faculty of the policy with
a memo.

Provost John Nicklow is the
most recent to do so.

Nicklow said he wants to em-
phasize the policy to lower stu-
dents’ stress levels.

“The literature demonstrates
that providing a cumulative fi-
nal during a set-aside period like
finals week strongly correlates
to better student learning out-
comes,” he said in an email.

Nicklow’s memo states finals
during the last week of classes
are likely to interfere with stu-
dents’ other obligations, such as
attending classes and completing
papers and projects that are due
the week before finals week.

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Demolition cuts campus parking
Construction crew makes way for Student Services building

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Demolition of the parking garage
east of the Student Center began
during winter break, ridding the
university of 134 parking spots.

The garage was demolished so
construction of the new Student
Services building could begin
hopefuly in March, said Leo
Driscoll, an estimator at construction
management services.

Three parking lots have been
made available to students and
staff with red and blue parking
decals to replace the
demolished parking garage.

Parking lots 10A, 10B, and 108,
located south of Anthony Hall,
were expanded and reconfigured
to provide 81 parking spots. Lot 13B,
located east of the Student Center,
was built to provide 236 additional
spaces.

Even with three new lots, there are
27 fewer spaces than were available
previously.

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“The building will consolidate
a lot of the offices that students use
on a regular basis,” he said. “The offices
will have more convenient access
to these services, and the offices
will have more convenient access to each
other.”
EXAMS

Allen said the purpose policy is to give students more time to study for their finals. He said he had to wait ten minutes past his class’s scheduled time last semester because the previous class was trying to finish up final exams the last day of class.

“I had to walk in there and kick students out while they were finishing final exams in their class because they were doing their damndest to get done and do their best on exams,” he said. “And here comes another class right on their heels.”

The class should have taken its exam during finals week so students could have been given the full two hours to do their best, Allen said.

“It’s an important matter. When I see students freaking out and they’re really stressed, it bothers me as an instructor,” he said. “I care about my students.”

Patrick Dowd, an undecided freshman from Bartlett, said he thinks the policy should be followed. He had friends that were stressed out from finals given early. Dowd said, and it would be fairer to have them all during final week.

Sierra Dolwick, a sophomore from Woodlawn, Tenn., studying theater and English education, said she had finals early but didn’t find it stressful.

“I felt like it actually made finals week a bit easier because I didn’t have to worry about having all my finals in one week,” Dolwick said.

Some students may benefit from the policy, she said, but teachers should know their students well enough to be able to tell if they should take the exam a week early.

One concern raised by Holly Hurlburt, an associate professor of history, was whether every class has to have a final. She said while she understands why the policy would be implemented, the memo seems a bit general about the matter.

Another concern was what would be the best way to assess students at the end of the semester. She said she thinks introductory level courses should have final exams, whereas upper level courses should lean more toward papers and projects.

Allen said he agrees. Not every class must have a final exam, he said, and courses such as studio art, musical and theatrical performances and independent studies may find it more appropriate to assign a paper, project or performance, which would be reserved for final week as well.

The policy states teachers must turn in a hard copy of their syllabus to their director at the beginning of the semester. If a teacher thinks it appropriate to make changes to a final exam schedule, or even have no exam at all, the director must approve it. If the change is found unacceptable, the chair must report it to the dean who will then report it to the provost.

Pam Walker, a lecturer in foreign languages and literatures, said she thinks the chain of command method is micromanaging.

“I feel like people that are teaching here have, at the least, a master’s,” she said. “Most of them have a doctorate, so why in the world would you have to control that much how they handle their class?”

Walker said she thinks it’s a waste of energy and funds on the university’s part.

“My dean has much more important things to do than check what I’m teaching,” she said.

Hurlburt said she thinks the idea a department chair has to decide whether a teacher is doing his or her job is stressful for the teacher.

However, the syllabus is also part of university policy. Allen said. It is in the interest of students so they can keep up with assignments, tests, grading and more.

“Are we infringing on the academic freedom of an instructor by telling them they have to have a syllabus? I should think not,” Allen said. “It’s so foundational, so fundamental to the working relationship between instructor and student.”

He said finals should be the same way. They should be included in the syllabus as are all other assignments, Allen said.

Hurlburt said she knew about the finals policy previously and always took it seriously.

Walker said while she follows the policy, she doesn’t necessarily agree with it.

“I think that’s a ridiculous assumption that one week makes that much difference,” she said.

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Asian carp invade Illinois waterways

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professor of fish ecology and management and director of the SIU Fisheries and Aquaculture Center

The aquatic fugitives known as Asian carp have overtaken the Illinois waters since the 1970s, and continue to threaten the delicate ecosystem as well as human safety.

The fish escaped four decades ago during flooding of fish farms adjacent to the Mississippi River and are now throughout the Midwest. More recent flooding has brought them as close to Carbondale as Rend Lake and Crab Orchard Lake.

"An invasive species is one that is somewhere it doesn't belong, and it becomes invasive by causing problems for other species," said Matt Whiles, professor of zoology and director of the Center for Ecology. "Potential impacts of invasive species are currently not with native species for food and habitat."

SIU and the SIUC fisheries are on the forefront of researching Asian carp. Whiles said

Having just completed a $1.1 million grant on studying the carp, they were working to understand what influences the species' movement and the differences between bighead and silver carp, two varieties of Asian carp, said Jim Garvey, professor of fish ecology and management and director of the SIUC Fisheries and Aquaculture Center.

"The problem is that a lot of other fish species have the same diet as the carp," Garvey said. "The worry is that when these carp arrive and become abundant, they're going to eat the food the baby native fish eat and outcompete them."

According to the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee, carp can grow to more than one hundred pounds, average around 4 feet in length and consume up to 40 percent of their body weight each day. Their large size, avid appetite, rapid rate of reproduction and invasive movement pose a threat to the Illinois River, Great Lakes and surrounding ecosystems.

The silver carp are known to be easily startled by boat motors and can leap as high as ten feet out of the water. This behavior has caused direct harm to people and raises hazards to those partaking in recreational water sports.

The jumping incidents are like a stampede, said Jeff Goetz, assistant director of Aquatic and Base Camp. Once a single fish is startled and begins to flee, the rest follow suit.

"If you're driving a boat in a body of water up near Chicago, you better be wearing a helmet," he said.

In their first year of life, Asian carp can grow to almost a foot long. Garvey said they grow so rapidly it's hard for any predator or predatory fish to control them unless they're abundantly present.

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Keeping the carp out of the Great Lakes is the main concern.

One solution is an electrically charged barrier placed between the fish and Lake Michigan. Another suggested solution is to use targeted poisons to reduce the Asian carp population, but a major obstacle lies within the science and procedures of using poisons.

Garvey said a poison must be approved by the federal government before use, which he said costs a tremendous amount of money. He said they would also have to use a selective toxin that would target Asian carp, with proof that it wouldn't affect other organisms or harm people.

"There's nothing being developed for that toxin yet, though, Garvey said.

Most solutions raise concerns with sustainability, finances and ecology.

"The problem with poisoning and electric fences is that it's not a very sustainable solution. The harvesting, creating a market and hopefully overharvesting ... you can see it being effective," Whiles said. "You worry, though, that if you do develop an economic market, those profiting will want that market to be ultimately sustainable."

Illinois received a $7 million initiative to monitor and research the Asian carp. The questions are whether harvesting will control the species and whether the carp are solely to blame for the struggling native fish are facing.

Carp have increased in abundance, but there have been a lot of environmental changes. This makes it very hard to differentiate between the Asian carp and the environmental effects, Garvey said.

Record hot summers and sedimentation in the Illinois River, he said, have created problems for the habitat as well.

Economically, the Asian carp market is slowly gaining momentum and could be a breakthrough in the job market. Interest has been shown in starting a carp processing plant in Grafton. Some topics in the marketing aspect will be the taste, locality and nutritional factors, Garvey said.

"We've found through research that they're low in contaminants like mercury because they don't eat other fish, and they contain high amounts of the right kinds of omega-3 fatty acids," he said.

As far as the financial pressure to keep them around, harvest will not be enough to collapse the species. Also, the Illinois River is not the only body of water with an excess of Asian carp. The Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri Rivers are also infested.

Fisheries need to be able to use native fish and be flexible enough to deal with other sources to get the fish, Garvey said.

No solution will be the sole answer to this invasion, he said, but harvesting may at least reduce the propensity of the fish to move up towards the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Jon Dye, a sophomore from Redmon studying forestry, grabs a drink Tuesday during a fishing expedition, which was cut short because of stormy weather on Crab Orchard Lake. Dye, a fisherman for the Saluki Bass team, said he has never caught any Asian carp in Crab Orchard Lake but has in lakes near Shelbyville and Mattoon.

After recent flooding, Asian carp have shown a presence in local waterways such as Rend and Crab Orchard lakes, said James Garvey, professor of fish ecology and director of the SIUC Fisheries and Aquaculture Center. Research is underway to control the carp, which are an invasive species with a tendency to jump out of the water when startled. Garvey said this could lead to safety issues for recreational users on lakes. "The worry is there's a lot of adult carp in there, jumping up and hitting people in the face," he said.

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"The rivers have been so modified in so many ways that the carp are just an added nuisance more than being the sole cause to the declines of the fish species we see here," Garvey said. "We all have to remember that the rivers are so incredibly productive, there still might be plenty of food for all the fishes."
Campus Habitat heads into foreclosure

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Campus Habitat’s retreat from Carbondale has continued with at least three of their properties going into foreclosure and one being closed.

Both of the buildings on Freeman Street have been the subject of a protracted struggle between the city and Campus Habitat over safety issues. The conflict came to a head in the fall, with the buildings coming close to being vacated twice and the New York-based company being fined for $30,000 in Jackson County court.

In December, the company’s buildings at 600 W. Freeman St. and 716 University Ave. went into foreclosure and the lender, First Internet Bank, requested a court receiver, or the person appointed to manage the property during the foreclosure process, said Terry Fulk.

Fulk was appointed to the position Dec. 21.

The building at 620 W. Freeman St. also went into foreclosure, and Reif Schilling was appointed receiver for the lender, U.S. Bank.

U.S. Bank directed Schilling to close the building after being appointed because there were only a couple tenants left, who were already searching for other housing, he said.

Campus Habitat had moved most of the tenants to its other properties, including 600 W. Freeman St., he said.

In November, Campus Habitat hired third party management firms, United Campus Housing out of Austin, Tex., to manage its properties at 600 W. Freeman St., 716 University Ave. and those on Wall and Graham Streets.

However, their contract was severed by the lenders when they took over the buildings, Wesley Deese, chief operating officer for United Campus Housing said in an email.

For now, the receivers are managing the buildings.

Fulk said although the buildings he’s managing are still branded Campus Habitat, the old owners have nothing to do with the buildings anymore.

There will be a meeting with tenants next week to update them on what’s happening with the buildings after they’ve had time to move in, he said.

While the foreclosure process moves forward, Fulk said he’s focusing on several deferred maintenance issues, including replacing windows, general cleaning and repairing the heating system.

“Basically, I’m going to make sure the property doesn’t depreciate in value,” he said.

During the foreclosure process, the buildings must be self-sufficient and maintenance paid for with their rent income, Fulk said.

Fulk said he relieved the staff, which at that point mostly consisted of tenants serving as community assistants, when he assumed management. He then hired his own staff and relieved some of the assistants.

When the foreclosure process is finished, which he expects to take around nine months, Fulk said the lenders will either sell the building or keep it. In the latter case, he would likely stay on as manager, he said.

Leases are generally transferable from one owner to the next, he said.

Schilling said the decision to close down 620 W. Freeman St. was the only reasonable course, as there were so few tenants left.

For now, he said he’s focusing on doing repairs to bring the building up to a safe condition, including roofing and winterization.

The city has been helpful so far with bringing the building up to code, he said.

First day discoveries

Milica Obrechtovik, a senior from Libertyville studying interpersonal communication and pre-medicine, examines a dissected part of a plant Tuesday in her plant anatomy class in Life Science II. Following lecture the first day, students in plant anatomy go straight into labs. “This is one of the first classes I’ve had where right away you get into things,” Obrechtovik said. Renee Lopez-Smith, teaching assistant of the class and a Ph.D. candidate for plant biology, said it is important to introduce students to plant dissection early to allow them to get a feel for it. “It’s all about getting past the initial fear of cutting into things and getting their heads wrapped around plants,” she said.

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This goes out to the cowards at Penn State

When tenure is at risk, standards should apply

Letters to the Editor

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This space is devoted to political cartoons of two kinds: Professional cartoons and those drawn and submitted by community members. If you wish to submit a cartoon, or apply to be a regular cartoonist, visit Room 1247 of the Communications Building or email opinion@dailyegyptian.com.
I've been at the DAILY EGYPTIAN for eight semesters now, long enough to have witnessed more than a handful of changes. During the shifting of leadership and staff, the number of reporters and editors has fluctuated. At times, the paper has been staffed by both a reporter and editor, and at other times, just an editor. The paper that I've been part of has taught me more than discipline could alone. Now that I'm facing graduation in May, I don't think there's anything that could have given me as much experience or taught me as much about myself and the news industry than working four years at this paper. This semester, I felt like I had no option but to go back. I'm hoping to teach newer reporters and photographers what I've had the chance to learn. As editor-in-chief, I want to help the paper continue to be successful in a changing industry. It is you, dear readers, who are the most important part of this process. Everything we do here is with the purpose of informing and entertaining you. I hope we meet and exceed your expectations. Whether we do or as sometimes happen, don't blame us, don't hesitate to share your thoughts, opinions and letters to the editor at editor@dailyegyptian.com.

If someone would've told me a year ago that I would eventually become the sports editor, I would've thought they were joking. After two semesters as editor-in-chief, my interest in athletics grew and my opinions changed. Let's just say, as a Carbonara, I've become a little bit more passionate about sports. It's taught me how to write better and also how to write more quickly. It's taught me to stay back an excellent sports editor. This semester, we'll work hard toward providing students with more insight into our university's athletics while continuing to cover their performances. We're here to provide the latest on everything that happens in our university, whether it's a football game or a baseball game, and we're here to share our readers' stories.

This is my fourth semester at the DAILY EGYPTIAN and my first time working on the design desk. As a transfer student, Carbondale snagged a great experience. I've seen a lot of pages, many of which have been great. It can be hard to think about various page ideas. Our staff has a lot of time on the paper's redesign and we're happy with the finished product. The new design reflects the readers and we hope to have captured a more modern spirit with our new design.

You guessed it. My job is to edit photos, which means looking through the photos each day and selecting the ones that best relate to the story or can stand alone as a feature. It's one of the most exciting and challenging aspects of the job. As for me, I'm still new at this job and I'm learning a lot. But I'm happy to have the chance to work with such talented people. I'm excited about the opportunity to improve the paper and I hope you, the readers, will enjoy the new design.

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It’s time for a new plan.

— Jane Adams
city councilwoman

The Carbondale City Council reviewed the city’s community goals and the proposed Community Investment Plan at the meeting Tuesday.

The city council reviewed the document and suggested changes deemed necessary as the fiscal year 2013 budget process begins.

Councilwoman Jane Adams said the document should, in the future, be reworded to better align with the city’s 2010 comprehensive plan, which she said prioritized housing and neighborhoods.

“It’s really time for the staff to go back and look at the comprehensive plan … and bring the goals into harmony,” she said.

She also said the structure of the document, which includes goals, objectives and strategies, does not flow logically.

“It doesn’t seem like a very useful management tool,” she said.

“It’s time for a new plan.”

Councilman Don Monty said he’d like to change the document to address how to make city government more accessible to students.

He said the city could create a database of registered rental housing units and building code violation information.

Monty also said the city website could be more student-friendly with a centralized webpage about issues relevant to students, including housing and parking.

Councilman Chris Weismann said the city could create multiple websites of information relevant to certain individuals. For example, there could be a website specifically for someone seeking information about starting a business in the city, he said.

Several council members mentioned adding downloadable or streaming video of city council meetings to the city’s website.

The council also reviewed the Community Investment Plan. The CIP lists infrastructure projects suggested by residents and city staff.

Monty said the city’s financial situation, some infrastructure projects on the CIP can remain backlogged for years.

One CIP suggestion from a Carbondale resident was to establish bicycle trails and paths throughout Carbondale. There has been an unfunded CIP to establish a bikeway network since 1983.

Another suggestion from city staff regarding the city sewer system called for replacing an outdated lift station with a gravity sewer system, which Monty said could save the city a considerable amount of money and free up cash for other projects.

The council also voted unanimously to authorize the city manager to enter a memorandum agreement with the Southern Illinois Coal Belt Champion Community, Inc. to participate in a revolving loan fund program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According to the agreement, Carbondale would partner with Du Quoin for the loan program administration and together contribute $50,000. Carbondale will contribute $25,000 from its existing Revolving Loan Fund to become eligible for matching funds from the USDA, making both cities eligible for $500,000 each.

“ar to take $25,000 and turn it into $500,000, that’s a good deal,” Monty said.
Section dropped from ACT may affect high school students

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The elimination of the mandatory ACT Writing Test in Illinois high schools may not affect student admission to SIU, but students interested in other universities may need to take the exam twice.

After the Illinois State Board of Education decided in 2011 to not offer the writing component of the 2012 ACT in Illinois high schools because of state budget constraints, area guidance counselors are preparing 11th graders for what this change will mean to them.

Students will now have to take the exam a second time in order to complete the writing portion and acquire a writing score, which is required by some institutions for admission.

While the change may have little impact on SIU because it does not require a writing score from applicants, the writing portion’s cancellation will take away a method high schools use to critique students.

Toby Misner, guidance director at Marion High School, said he recommends all university-bound students take the exam a second time independently.

He said the change limits data the school uses to evaluate students, and thus affects how well the school can prepare them for college.

“IT helps guide student class choices,” he said. “It gives them a good idea of what school is good for them.”

Similar to Marion High School, the test change may also affect Murphysboro High School.

Leah Varvel, a guidance counselor at Murphysboro High School, said students were previously given an exam called the PLATO Exam, which gauges students’ writing ability, and the ACT with a writing portion but now the school will have only one exam to compare class writing performance to previous years.

“It’s one more data point we won’t be able to look at,” she said.

Katharine Suki, director of SIU admissions, said the university won’t experience any drastic changes because a writing score was never needed for admission.

“It really doesn’t affect us at all here,” she said.

Michael Molino, chair of the English department, said he has researched ways the English department could use the writing scores to compare students’ success in English courses.

“I was hoping ACT scores plus other factors could, in the future, be used in making these decisions,” he said.

Molino said the ACT writing score does not factor into a student’s placement in English courses, but he studied years of student grade data from English 101 along with ACT writing scores but found no correlation between the two student and success.

Although Molino said ACT scores can be predictive of success in other areas of academia, writing doesn’t seem to be one of them.

“The university’s use of a student’s high school writing assessment may not be useful even if it were required, Molino said, because of issues in “knowledge transfer” from class to class.

“It’s surprising how frequently students were taught everything dutifully but then they just simply don’t take it and put it into the next time they take the class,” he said. “And that’s always difficult to know the difference because writing isn’t just about skills.”

Molino said English instructors can encourage students to use resources such as the Writing Center, instructor’s office hours or new online materials through some textbooks, but the focus of all help is student improvement, not writing skill judgement.

“The goal is to try and take students wherever they are and move them forward as best we can,” he said.

While students who are entering SIU may move forward in writing-based curriculum regardless of whether they have taken the ACT Writing Test, Misner said high school students who choose to take the test again with a writing component may gain practice in test-taking and could improve their overall ACT score the second time.

To help decide if a student is prepared for university writing, Marion High School may use alternative ways to assess writing such as writing samples, teacher recommendations and honors programs, Misner said. Improving students’ writing has recently become a focus of the school, he said.

“The past few years, a lot of our English courses have become even more writing centered,” he said.

Misner said the school chose to focus on writing in English courses because test scores had been low.

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35. Mrs. Trump
36. Swiss capital
37. Housekeeper
38. Desert fruits
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41. Ringlet
42. Came ... find
43. Frisky
44. Like a sparkling
45. Evening bag
46. Trial location
47. Recedes
48. Shine
49. Spanish painter
50. Failures
51. Come ... find
52. Catch sight of
53. “What?”
54. Yoko
55. Laid

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26. Chuch section
27. Furious
28. Desert fruits
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Tuesday’s Answers:

Answer: O - - - -

Sudoku

Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TUESDAY

CALVO
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Answer: O - - - -

LIFE

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Aries — Today is a 9 — Productivity is yours, but your wanderlust may be acting up. Some dream from the past could come calling, and what was stuck before now flows easily.

Taurus — Today is an 8 — A congratulatory note arrives. Add it to the positive testimonials on your website. Go over the finances, too. Paint a picturesque picture of your goals.

Gemini — Today is a 7 — Lively discussions ensue. Seemingly closed doors now open. Hold off on travel just now. A caring soul is there to help with a big decision.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — Dig into a big job, and get lost in creative effort. Put together the budget, and your skills with penny-pinching are appreciated. Innovation saves time.

Leo — Today is a 7 — Are there any jobs that need to be done first? Map out steps before you play. A loved one encourages you to take on a challenge that inspires. It could cost extra.

Libra — Today is an 8 — All of a sudden, things start making sense. There’s plenty of work, and more coming. Extra effort makes a difference. A surprise boosts self-esteem.

Scorpio — Today is a 9 — There’s more money to be made, if you’re willing to work. Stick to the budget, and it’ll be easier to make household changes soon. A loved one has a brilliant idea.

Sagittarius — Today is a 7 — Enjoy the next two days in the limelight. Use your extra self-confidence to accomplish things that stopped you before. The outcome’s fantastic.

Capricorn — Today is an 8 — Don’t sweat the small stuff; there are plenty of big dreams to focus on. Keep your eye on the ball; be the ball; do whatever it takes to get past limitations.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Others are paying attention to your moves. Don’t be afraid to serve as an inspiration. There’s much to learn, but also much to teach. Build on solid ground.

Pisces — Today is an 8 — Service to others brings your personal growth to the next level. Avoid distractions that keep you from completing your tasks. It’s satisfying. Embrace change.

SUDOKU

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Second-half runs don’t overcome slow starts

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— Treg Setty
freshman forward

The last three losses for the Salukis seem to follow the same trend: fall behind early, go on a run to make the score close, then falter in the waning moments.

“We haven't been together long enough as a team to understand how to get over that hump,” said freshman forward Treg Setty. “Once we learn how to do that, we'll be really competitive.”

SIU has shown some fight against the tougher teams in the Missouri Valley Conference, which is promising. But how do they get over that hump and walk away from those tough games with victories?

“We need to get the ball inside a little bit more. We shot ourselves out of it at Creighton when we needed to go inside,” said coach Chris Lowery. “We came back on layups and inside touches, and then we get a little bit too happy and shot too many perimeter shots down the stretch.”

The Salukis lost Sunday to No. 21 Creighton 90-71, but despite the final score and falling behind by 15 in the first half, SIU was able to pull within four points before succumbing to the only nationally ranked team in the Valley.

The Salukis shot considerably better in the second half against Creighton by a margin of 46.9 percent to 36.1 percent — a trend that holds true in their last three losses. Taking shots near the basket will raise that percentage, especially if Daniel Daniels and Mamadou Seck muscle their way inside without getting into foul trouble.

But a good start to any of those games could’ve swung SIU to a 9-9 record instead of 6-12.

“Obviously, the teams that (start well against SIU) are the top teams in our league. With Creighton, Missouri State and obviously Wichita (State), those are the three teams that have gotten us to that point,” Lowery said. “But now, as for us, we have to get a good start and we have to sustain a level of execution. When you do that, we have a chance to win.”

In order to sustain that level of execution, there needs to be consistency from the players. If the Salukis get into foul trouble like they have in almost every game this season, that consistency won't be there.

But the glimmer of hope Saluki fans have searched for could be with this group of freshmen. The young guys provide enough spark to make runs when they need to, which Lowery said is a welcomed change from the past.

“We had a lot of new guys last year that when we would go down 20 (points), we'd stay down by 20. These guys are obviously ahead because they're able to help us come back and really make plays,” Lowery said.

It might take the team a year or two to figure out how to start hot and finish strong, but at least it will be exciting to watch.

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Softball teams compete for a common cause

CALEB MOTSINGER Daily Egyptian

Charity and sportsmanship were on full display as softball teams from the Midwest competed at the Girls’ Indoor Winter Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament in Du Quoin. Twenty-six teams from Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri stepped up to the plate and used friendly competition to raise money for the southern chapter of the Special Olympics. Though the roster only had 26 spots, nearly 200 teams applied.

The three-day event raised almost $55,000, almost ten percent more than last year’s tournament raised. Money raised helps provide year-round training and funds competition for the Special Olympics, which remains free for participants.

The tournament took place at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds in the Southern Illinois Center complete with a 61-foot ceiling, two softball diamonds and high-rise bleachers. Vendors offered everything from catcher’s mitts to corn dogs, and raffles stirred up excitement among the spectators.

Mary Riggio, a volunteer from the Preceptor Alpha Eta Sorrity in Du Quoin, said she spent the past two years raising money through the tournament. “Raffles are a big part of how we keep interest focused on the cause throughout the day,” Riggio said. “Donations from various sponsors help to keep it competitive.”

Jo Dodd, Area 15 Director for the Special Olympics, covers more than 10 southern Illinois counties. “Sponsor support has been fabulous,” Dodd said. “Committee members have come together to make this our No. 1 event for raising money.”

Players, all younger than 16, were accompanied onto the field by coaches and Special Olympic athletes. As they passed through the tunnel and onto the field for opening ceremonies, fans marked the beginning of the games with loud cheers and applause which echoed throughout the SI Center.

As umpires waited on the sidelines, softball players took to the field and faced competition. Though the occasional stray softball threatened the crowd, the cheers continued and the audience appeared unfazed.

Emily Hanson, a 5-year-old from Lake of Egypt, prepares to throw the opening pitch Saturday at the Winter Indoor Girls’ Fastpitch Softball Tournament at the Southern Illinois Center in Du Quoin. Hanson was the honorary player for the Dirt Diamonds softball team. The event featured teams from across the Midwest in three different age brackets and was designed to raise money for the southern Illinois’ chapter of the Special Olympics.

Allison Davis, a 12-year-old pitcher with the Hopkins County Heat of Kentucky, was more excited about the crowd turnout than the turn out of the games, for the said, “I play softball year-round, but this tournament is different from all of the others,” Davis said. “We want to do our best, but winning isn’t the only reason we’re here.”

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Results of Saluki Open

Women’s Shot Put
1st McCull, Jeneva, senior 55-11.00
2nd Finnerty, Kim, junior 49-09.25
3rd--
4th Ausman, Rickard, senior 44-07.70
5th Love, Malakiah, junior 44-04.75
6th Gaston, Ashley, freshman 44-02.00

Women’s Weight Throw
1st McCull, Jeneva, senior 77-11.50
2nd Finnerty, Kim, junior 64-03.25
3rd Amsen, Doug, junior 61-01.25
4th--
5th Love, Malakiah, junior 60-01.00

Men’s Shot Put
1st Lambert, J.C., senior 55-10.29
2nd Cooper, Brian, sophomore 50-01.77
3rd--
4th Fossett, Brad, sophomore 48-10.25

Men’s Weight Throw
1st Lambert, J.C., senior 74-04.25
2nd Cooper, Brian, sophomore 65-09.75
3rd Fossett, Brad, sophomore 59-03.50
4th--

SABRINA MUNDO Daily Egyptian

Number 10 Georgetown beats DePaul 83-75

RICK GANO Associated Press

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Jason Clark scored a career-high 31 points and No. 10 Georgetown dominated the rebounding in an 83-75 victory over DePaul on Tuesday afternoon.

The Hoyas (15-3, 5-2 Big East) outrebounded DePaul 47-25 and consistently worked inside for second shots. Henry Sims added 16 points and Otto Porter had 15 rebounds for Georgetown.

Clark made 11 of 14 shots from the field, including 5 of 7 from behind the 3-point line. Cleveland Melvin scored 19 points and Moses Morgan had 17, including five 3-pointers, for the Blue Demons (10-8, 1-5), who lost their fourth straight.

Clark’s dunk on a break with 6:29 left gave the Hoyas a 14-point lead, but DePaul kept scrapping on defense and cut it to seven on a jumper by Morgan with 2:44 left.

But Clark made two free throws and Jabril Trawick had a three-point play for the Hoyas. Clark, who had 13 points in the first half, connected on his 3 in a quick 7-0 run as Georgetown went up by 11 points late in the half.

DePaul’s Brandon Young dribbled for about 5 seconds and then hit a long 3-pointer at the buzzer to slice the lead to 37-31.

DePaul scored the first five points of the second half, but just as the Blue Demons were about to gain the momentum, Clark responded with another 3-pointer and Sims scored consecutive baskets after grabbing offensive rebounds. After a timeout, Clark made a steal and drove in for another basket to cap a 9-0 run and put the lead back to 10.

Morgan found the range on two 3-pointers and Melvin had a jumper in an 8-0 run by the Blue Demons that made it a two-point game with 14 minutes to go.

Once again the Hoyas’ strong rebounding and Clark stopped the run. Clark had a driving reverse layup, Hollis Thompson scored on a follow to build it back to eight and Clark made another 3-pointer in a 12-2 run for a 60-48 lead.

The Hoyas played without guard Markel Starks, who came down with a stomach ailment and was not able to go. He had started the Hoyas’ first 17 games.

The Hoyas have won 11 straight against DePaul and lead the series 20-6.

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Thowers’ training proves effective

Akeem Glaspie
Daily Egyptian

Senior James “J.C.” Lambert’s appetite is almost as large as his growing list of accolades.

Lambert, an All-American and all-Missouri Valley Conference thrower, said a four-pound steak and two whole fried chickens is just one example of his typical food intake during a meal. With two SIU throwers setting records Friday and others placing in the top 5, Lambert said it’s not the diet but rather throwing coach John Smith’s workout plan that keeps the team high on the charts.

Fellow All-American senior thrower Jeneva McCall said athletes of other programs might call Smith’s program unorthodox, but the results are proven.

Smith has coached 12 NCAA All-Americans during his seven years at SIU, and he recently coached Lambert to a MVC record in the weight throw Friday at the Saluki Open.

The strength program starts during the offseason, where the throwers lift two days a week. One day is designated for pull lifts and bench lifts, both of which strengthen the back and upper body, while the other day is set aside for lower body workouts.

Squats, specifically safety squats, is the exercise Smith credits most for his throwers’ strength.

“The system here is get strong in the weight room so you’re able to throw heavy in light implements on the throwing field,’’ Smith said. “Basically, you want whatever you’re throwing to feel lighter and lighter.”

During the season, the typical two-day workouts are combined into one two- to three-hour session on both Sunday and Thursday. Smith said throwers typically use heavier weights Sunday, and Thursdays are reserved for lower intensity. He said Monday’s practices are high in the amount of throws for the team, and the rest of the week is used for muscle stimulation and recovery.

“By hitting hard on Sunday, we feel good on Friday and Saturday,” McCall said. “We work our training around that too. I throw every other day so I can be fresh for meets on the weekend.”

Even though strength is important for any thrower, Smith said raw strength is only one factor in the overall equation for a successful thrower. Using weights heavier than those used during competition accounts for part of a thrower’s success. Because the weight used during competition is 35 pounds for men and 20 pounds for women, Smith said he has McCall and Lambert throwing 45- and 62-pound weights during practice to give them a head start.

Throwers compete in the shot put and weight throw during the indoor season, and the outdoor season consists of the discus, hammer throw, weight throw, and shot put.

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Senior thrower James Lambert competes Saturday during the Saluki Open held at the Recreation Center. Lambert set a new Missouri Valley Conference record for the weight throw during the Open Friday. The track and field team will travel to Bloomington, Ind., for the Gladstein Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

Chris Zedeller
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