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Veterans Services loses its coordinator

TAI COX
Daily Egyptian

A coordinator of Veterans Services has resigned for the second time this year.

Roderick Santulan, who has been the coordinator of SIU's Veterans Services since July, has resigned and his last day will be Dec. 11.

As a result of turnover in the center's coordinators, Veterans Services lost a grant this year that has given the group more than \$100,000 in the past. Before Santulan, the center had a certifying specialist in charge for six months after the former coordinator resigned in January. The Veterans Cash Grant has been awarded to the university's Veterans Program since 2006.

The grant assists veterans and their immediate family members by aiding health insurance costs, long-term care, post-traumatic stress disorder research or treatment, disability benefits and housing assistance, according to the IDVA website.

Santulan said in November that he was working hard to get the grant back for the students in the spring.

Students involved in the program held a meeting Thursday night with Peter Gitau, associate vice chancellor of student life and intercultural relations. Heidi Belec, a senior studying cinema and photography and treasurer for Veterans Services, said at the meeting one of her main concerns with Santulan's resignation was the grant's status.

"The veterans have witnessed a high turnover with the Veterans (Services) director position four times since 2011, and a majority of the veterans are unsatisfied with this administration and needed that IDVA grant for our health and dental," Belec said.

Gitau told the veterans that the coordinator's duties and responsibilities were made clear to the applicants before they applied for the position. He distributed the form that states the director's responsibilities to each applicant, he said.

"The coordinator was not asked to leave," Gitau said. "He made the decision to do so on his own."

SIU Veterans had the chance to meet with each coordinator candidate during the hiring process, she said. Students at the meeting said they never saw the distributed form, but some think the responsibilities required one person to do the job of two people.

"I don't think there was accurate communication between the administration and the veterans because I know I didn't have that understanding that the job of the Veterans (Services) coordinator and the certifying official would be combined," Belec said. "But to make one person responsible for all of that is a lot."

Belec said Santulan did an outstanding job getting to know the veterans, showing his passion for the program and handling all of the responsibilities his position entailed.

Another major concern was the new Students Services building, which will house all student services centers within the same building.

Gitau said the building's goal is to have everything become a one-stop-shop for students. Mike Rann, an accountant in the financial aid office who handles all of the veteran students' school funding and benefit processing, said he will have an office within financial aid rather than with Veterans Services office.

"If this new building is meant to keep everyone together, then why can't Mike have an office within the Veterans Services office?" said Ryan McKennedy, a senior from Rockford studying psychology and vice president of the Veterans Organization.

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NICOLE HESTER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hillary Juneau and father Mike King, both of Marion, register the buck shot by Juneau, who was the only one to shoot a buck at the archery deer hunt for disabled individuals at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center. Both King and his daughter are disabled hunters, and King said the event was a great opportunity to enjoy assisted hunting and the camaraderie of others.

Disabled hunters let loose at environmental center

AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

David Oost is a hunter with multiple sclerosis who has essentially lost the ability to hunt because of his disease's effects.

However, David and others like him had the chance to get back in the game this weekend with the help of some southern Illinois groups.

The Illinois Wheelin' Sportsmen bow hunt is a partnership between the Touch of Nature Environmental Center and the National Wild Turkey Federation to allow disabled hunters to go outside and do what they love with a little extra help. Vicki Lang-Mendenhall, a therapeutic recreation specialist at Touch of Nature, said disabled hunters across the region were encouraged to visit the environmental

center Friday, Saturday or Sunday and take part in the activities.

She said although the hunt has been held at Touch of Nature for the past 15 years, it was the first year the center partnered with the NWTF. She said the partnership made for a successful combination.

Lang-Mendenhall said southern Illinois groups assisted disabled hunters by setting up hunting areas, driving the hunters to the areas and providing food and shelter for them. She said the efforts may seem simplistic in nature, but they mean a great deal to a disabled hunter such as Oost.

Oost said he has hunted since he was 4 years old, but his disease has made it incredibly difficult to walk to a hunting spot and have enough energy left to do so by the time he gets there. He said the all-terrain

vehicles at the event helped alleviate that problem immensely.

"The distances that they were taking me in the ATV would take me half the day to walk," he said. "By the time I got there, I would be so exhausted that I wouldn't be able to do anything."

Not only was he impressed with the service, but Oost said the location really helped the hunters relax and talk casually.

Above all else, Oost said events such as this will extend his ability to hunt for more than 10 years. He said even though this was his first time being far south in Illinois, he'll be sure to come back.

"Now that I know what to expect, returning will be easier," he said.

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SIU to install campus-wide Wi-Fi

MATT DARAY
Daily Egyptian

Students and faculty will be connected to the Internet everywhere on campus by next fall.

David Crane, assistant provost and chief information officer, announced at Tuesday's Graduate and Professional Student Council meeting that the university plans to install Wi-Fi across the whole campus by the beginning of next school year.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said in an email the university is expanding wireless capabilities on campus to improve student learning by harnessing easier

Internet access across the university.

"We are working on (installing Wi-Fi) already and will continue to both add new areas for wireless and upgrade current modes for improved service," she said in the email.

Cheng said the project's funding has come from a budget already in place at the university.

"Our technology unit has a budget for hardware and software that is used for academic areas, including the library and classrooms, and housing fees fund wireless in the residence halls," she said.

Cheng said the campus will not undergo any physical changes to achieve campus-wide Wi-Fi since the technology the

university already uses works better than the old wireless installations.

Offering the service should not be a problem as long as Wi-Fi points are posted around campus, said Alex Merchant, a junior from Grayslake studying computer sciences.

"They just need to have some kind of Wi-Fi modems at someplace (on campus)," he said. "That's about it. It'd be pricey if they did that, but it's completely do-able."

Merchant said the price could vary on a project such as this, as it depends on the quality and longevity of use the university wants to get from it.

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Although the experience helped many disabled hunters, Oost said the deer seemed scarce because of the month's abnormally warm weather.

Hillary Juneau, hunter and disabled Army veteran, managed to bag one of two hunted deer Saturday with the help of her father Mike King, who is also a NWTF member and disabled hunter.

Juneau said she was glad to participate because the atmosphere was very upbeat, and everyone who was present helped the hunting process greatly.

Ross Smith, a senior from Perry studying forestry and NWTF student chapter president, said he was at Touch of Nature all day to help with setup, but he was glad the state's only NWTF student chapter could do something to give back to the community.

However, NWTF wasn't the only group to lend a hand.

Elizabeth Kamper, a junior from Rockford studying German and a Delta Zeta sorority member, said five or six sorority members helped assist disabled hunters and enjoyed the stories some of the hunters told.

Kamper said she is ready to get out and hunt after all of the stories and wisdom she heard.

"I want to so bad," she said. "I'm actually going to go out and buy my first camo Delta Zeta hoodie, hopefully."

Seven Alpha Gamma Rho

fraternity members also helped out tremendously, Smith said.

Although many participants took something away from the experience, some community members are more concerned with the fact that people are hunting on a nature reserve.

King said even though some may view the Touch of Nature hunt to be wrong, the act itself helps with population control. Overpopulation is a problem that could lead to unhealthy deer and property damage, he said, as hungry deer will do whatever it takes to scavenge a meal. Hunting in an overpopulated area such as Touch of Nature can help alleviate that issue, he said.

Outside of the hunting, King said the experience was refreshing and showed some people can make a difference in the lives of many.

Lisa Davis, Illinois Wheelin' Sportsmen coordinator, said she personally knows events like this can truly lift disabled individuals' spirits because her husband David, who also attended the event, is in the same situation.

"David sat at home for four years, and we had no idea that this was out there," she said. "We need to let other people know so they don't have to sit at home and stare at the same four walls wishing they could do what they used to."

Davis said she and her husband expect the event to grow, and they both plan to attend for years to come.



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Rann said spring financial aid processing is his main concern right now.

"I will continue to do the job I have been doing no matter where I am located, but I will not answer the question of where I would prefer to be located," he said.

Gitau said a lot of research and planning went into the decision

to construct the Student Services building, but placing Rann's office within the Veterans Services office will continue to be revisited.

"We will continue to be sensitive to the needs of the veterans because we don't want your benefits or the process of getting your benefits to be tampered with in any way," Gitau said.

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Wi-Fi

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He said the university's goal to complete the project by next school year is a realistic date. Merchant said most buildings around campus already contain Wi-Fi, and it is just a matter of expanding the range to allow coverage outside as well.

Most students are thrilled by the prospect of being connected to the Internet anywhere on campus.

Geoffrey Boise, a senior from Tolono studying criminal justice and criminology, said he is excited about the Wi-Fi.

"Even though I'm about gone from (SIU), in the past years I've had trouble with (it) and it's nice to know that we are actually doing something about it," he said.

Boise said the Wi-Fi would help out students like him who are on campus for most of the day and complete most of their work around the university. He said he thinks campus-wide Internet is the last technological upgrade the university needs to stay modern.

Though the Internet access would provide more opportunities to get work done, Boise said he could also see students abusing it by web surfing during class time.

"I think there's that possibility (for misuse)," he said. "I think it just comes down to the responsibility of the student. It wouldn't surprise me, though. I've seen people in class just on Facebook before."

Abdulrahman Alsaydhashim, a sophomore from Saudi Arabia studying political science, said the Wi-Fi would help him.

"Sometimes I'm at the park waiting or some parking lot inside my car, so it would help me a lot for browsing or even for studying," he said.

Alsaydhashim said he thinks students who want to work hard will not misuse the Internet connections available while in class. He said people who would misuse it already do, so there would not be much of a difference.

He said he thinks the campus should look to install more lighting before campus-wide Internet connectivity, but he thinks both are important for the school to function.

70 days of dedication



LAURA ROBERTS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

TJ Davis, a senior from Herrick studying business administration, completes a burpee Friday in the Recreation Center for the last day of the Burpee Challenge. Participants began the 70-day challenge on Sept. 29 by completing one burpee on the first day, two on the second day and so on until the end of the challenge, when participants are expected to complete 70 in one run. A burpee starts in squatting position, moves into a push-up, comes back into a squat and is completed with a jump and an overhead clap. Despite the contest's physical requirement, Davis said he enjoyed the experience. "It's good to challenge yourself physically and mentally, because it hurts."

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“This is great for the kids; they really like this,” he said. “It was a pretty long drive, but at the same time, we really do like it. Whenever we were asked to do this, we thought it would be a great experience for us knowing we got bumped up from 2A to 3A.”

John A. Logan head basketball coach Kyle Smithpeters, who is the son of Harrisburg coach Randy and brother of star senior Tyler, has his roots embedded in southern Illinois basketball. Smithpeters, who played for Harrisburg and then SIU in 2005, said the event was great for the region’s basketball players and fans.

“I think it’s a great opportunity for the kids,” he said. “When I was playing at Southern Illinois, SIU was the hometown university for all of these teams that are playing here today.”

Smithpeters said he expects the shootout to be even better as the years go on.

“I think it’s a great event, and it’s only going to pick up steam,” he said. “It’s very well ran. Everything is on time and everything is done the right way. People will always come back to an event when it’s done like that.”

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SARAH GARDNER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Harrisburg senior guard Ryne Roper, left, attempts a layup while Alton Marquette junior guard Deion Lavender defends against him Saturday during the Saluki Shootout basketball tournament at SIU Arena. The undefeated Harrisburg Bulldogs beat the Explorers 62-53. The Saluki Shootout featured 18 local girls and boys high school teams from the southern Illinois region.

TRACK

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Junior Matthew Benes also won the men’s 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.26 seconds.

The throwers on the SIU team won both the women’s and men’s events in the shot put and weight throw. Sophomore Bradley Sauer won the men’s weight throw event for the Salukis. Sauer said he was pleased with his performance, but he is aware of the gravity of the event.

“This meet is just a small one,” he said. “We’re getting ready for the tough competitions that are ahead. With this being the first meet though, I am satisfied.”

Sophomore Ashley Gaston finished

fourth in the women’s weight throw after recovering from a shoulder injury last season. Gaston said she hasn’t fully healed, but she expects to be a part of the team’s success this year.

“I’ve only been practicing for about two weeks,” she said. “I’m not yet back to last season’s form, but I’m not too far behind schedule. The team is preparing to win conference this year, and I want to pull my weight.”

The track and field team will compete again Jan. 11 at the Saluki Open in Carbondale.

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“This year, I want us to win conference, of course, but we are also looking to get some victories at nationals.”

— Douglas Palacios junior runner

BASKETBALL

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“Individually, I feel like I did a better job of contributing for my team than I have on previous nights, but I failed to help our bigs rebound,” Napier said. “I take that upon myself.”

Tiber said it was the best game Napier has had in a Saluki uniform.

“Her assists do not show it, but I thought she was making great passes,” she said. “It’s something that we’ve been challenging her to do. That’s the kid that we recruited here. I’m proud of her because she had a sense of confidence and swagger about herself, and that’s what I liked so much about her through the recruiting process.”

Sophomore guard Cartaesha Macklin

was the third Saluki who scored in double figures. She had 15 points along with two assists and two rebounds.

Although the Herd led the game from 14:07 left in the second half to the final buzzer, the Salukis were always within reach of tying or taking the lead.

“I liked our effort,” Tiber said. “We fight. We don’t ever quit. We play hard and I think we’re right there, but we need a better effort from every single person rebounding the basketball.”

The SIU women’s basketball team will return to action at 2 p.m. Sunday at Missouri.

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SARAH GARDNER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chicago-native rapper Twista performs Friday at the Premiere Lounge in Carbondale. Twista, who set a world record in 1992 by rapping 598 syllables in 55 seconds, took the stage just after midnight and performed songs such as "Slow Jamz" and "Overnight Celebrity." Hip-hop groups 40 Block Ent, Get Money Group, London Low and Knelly Known also appeared on stage as opening acts for the rapper, whose show was held on his 40th birthday.

Twista turns up Carbondale

JACK ROBINSON
Daily Egyptian

The Premiere Lounge brought in a flock of people for a performance by rapper Twista.

The Chicago native sold out the venue Friday night for his 40th birthday. The event was held by Get Money Group and hosted by Rudy and Mz JQ. Hip-hop groups 40 Block Ent, Get Money Group, London Low and Knelly Known also took the stage.

Twista set a Guinness World Record in 1992, for Fastest Rapper by spitting 598 syllables in 55 seconds. Since then, he has been featured on the Billboard Top 100, received Grammy nominations and has had his music featured in motion pictures such as "Coach Carter."

The artist has always been considered an Illinois favorite, said Laron Washington, Premiere Lounge owner and SIU alumnus.

"Twista is a Chicago artist, so the Chicago people really love him," Washington said. "Anybody in this state really loves Twista because he tours the state often. It was an honor for us to have him here. He could have chosen anywhere else in Carbondale, so we truly feel blessed."

Twista started the show with his award-winning "Slow Jamz," and the night didn't slow down from there. The rapper performed many different songs from throughout his career. He continually pleased the crowd with fan favorites such

"I grew up on him. You have all these guys you look up to when you are young. To be able to open up for (Twista) was awesome."

— 40 Block Rapper

as "Overnight Celebrity," "Wetter" and "Let's Go." The night was topped off by a dance competition before eventually winding down just before the venue closed.

The Friday night crowd showed an array of individuals; from parents to students, many groups of people packed the venue.

"I was very happy with the turnout," said co-host Jonquil Curry, a senior from Calumet City studying radio-television. "It hit capacity early, and it was a very diverse crowd."

Other than Twista, the event featured groups 40 Block Ent., Knelly Known, So Lost and London Low. Curry said London Low seemed to grab the most attention out of all the opening acts.

"London Low definitely did her thing," Curry said. "I really enjoyed her performance."

Rapper 40 Block said being an opening act for a childhood hero is a dream come true. He said he idolized the Illinois artist throughout his life and was pleased when he found out that he would open for him.

"I grew up on him," he said. "You have all these guys you look up to

when you are young. To be able to open up for (Twista) was awesome."

Area residents also came around to check out the show, and some said they felt nostalgic after hearing songs that reminded them of their past.

"Some of the old songs I listened to back in high school really brought me back," said Jenny Mills, a Carbondale resident. "It was really put on well."

Having such a large turnout, event hosts Blair, Curry and Washington said this is only the beginning. There will be a number of events that will appeal to the SIUC community, they said.

"You should be expecting a lot of future events here at the Premiere Lounge with a lot of artists that we feel southern Illinois will love to come out and see," Washington said.

Blair said she was pleased with the performance.

"It was a great experience," she said. "A lot of people came together for this event, so the love and unity was definitely in the venue tonight."

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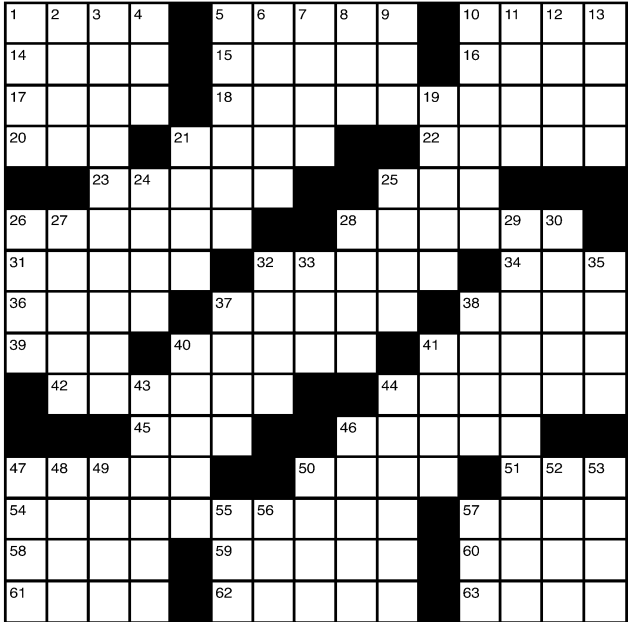
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 - 5 Wear away
 - 10 Lost vital fluid
 - 14 Adam & Eve's garden home
 - 15 Blue or brown
 - 16 Carousel or Ferris wheel
 - 17 Necklace piece
 - 18 Mixture
 - 20 Tic-__-toe
 - 21 Throw
 - 22 One defeated
 - 23 Noiseless
 - 25 Launch site
 - 26 Entertains
 - 28 Venom
 - 31 Some horses
 - 32 Picture card
 - 34 Flour container
 - 36 Large continent
 - 37 Sausage
 - 38 Delight
 - 39 Actor __ Stiller
 - 40 San Francisco baseball player
 - 41 In a __; quickly
 - 42 Leave high and dry
 - 44 Restaurant employee
 - 45 Assistance
 - 46 River in Paris
 - 47 Build
 - 50 Sword fight
 - 51 Carpet
 - 54 Signed up
 - 57 One of the Three Bears
 - 58 To __; unanimously
 - 59 Stay away from
 - 60 From __; the whole gamut
 - 61 Warble
 - 62 Raring to go
 - 63 Actress Russo



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 12/10/12

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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- DOWN**
- 1 Amount owed
 - 2 "Hey! What's the big __?"
 - 3 __ with; help to get to know again
 - 4 Conclusion
 - 5 Canyon sounds
 - 6 Chanticleer's perch
 - 7 Cutlass or Alero
 - 8 Poodle or pug
 - 9 Prior to
 - 10 Dwells gloomily upon a subject
 - 11 Can tops
 - 12 On __; nervous
 - 13 Bambi, for one
 - 19 Unadorned
 - 21 Classic gifts for Father's Day
 - 24 Annapolis acad.
 - 25 Wordsworth or Longfellow
 - 26 United __ Emirates; UAE
 - 27 Exodus leader
 - 28 Nuisance
 - 29 Wipe out
 - 30 Female relative
 - 32 Campus area
 - 33 Espresso holder
 - 35 __-do-well; bum
 - 37 Breeze
 - 38 Big smile
 - 40 Canter and trot
 - 41 Pig's curly part
 - 43 Running toward the finish line
 - 44 Garden tender, at times
 - 46 Napped leather
 - 47 Historical ages
 - 48 __ __, fa, so...
 - 49 Actor Richard
 - 50 Boring situation
 - 52 Come __; find
 - 53 Long look
 - 55 Golf ball holder
 - 56 Zsa Zsa's sister
 - 57 Golf hole norm

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Friday's Answers:

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7	9	1	4	2	3	5	6	8
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contain every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.
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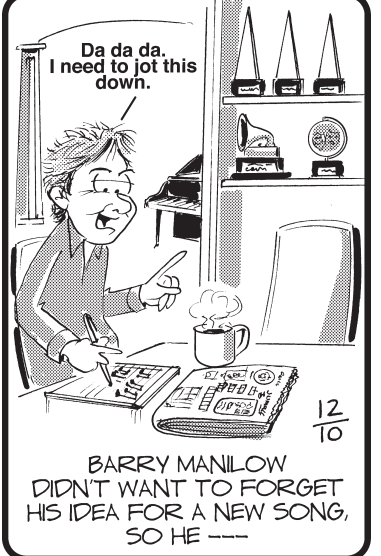
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Scorpio — Today is a 9 — Discover something valuable. Accept responsibility, and keep your eyes on the prize. Re-think priorities, considering the costs. Hold your temper. Grab a good deal quickly.

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Pisces — Today is an 8 — Act responsibly, and imagine perfection. Organization helps complete things faster. Stick to the schedule, for a positive outcome. Listen to group members.

Track team starts season fast

DEMARIO PHIPPS- SMITH
Daily Egyptian

The track and field team began its 2012-13 season with a successful outing Saturday at the Saluki Fast Start.

The Salukis won nine individual titles and as a team, SIU was the highest finishing school in five other events.

Junior Douglas Palacios and senior Eric Reeves won the triple and long jumps respectively. Junior Kenya Culmer, who holds the school's in-door high jump record, won the event for the women's team to round out a solid performance for its jumping section.

Palacios said the consistency of his training regime has helped his performance.

"Every season I work hard," he said. "There are always a lot of weights, running and body building. I just always try to have fun with it, even though it is most of the same things."

Coming off a season where he won an honorable All-American mention in the triple jump, Palacios said his team role has changed, but his goals for it remain the same.

"I'm a junior on the team now, so I am more a leader," he said. "This year, I want us to win conference, of course, but we are also looking to get some victories at nationals."

The Saluki sprinters also fared well at the meet, which was held in the Recreation Center. Sophomore Amiris Warren won both the women's 60- and 200-meter dashes. Warren's time in the 60 (7.57 seconds) was her second best time in her collegiate career.



ALEXA ROGALS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sophomore pole vaulter Caselyn Harding competes Saturday at the Recreation Center during Saluki Fast Start, which was SIU's first track and field meet of the season. Harding placed third with a 3.2 meter mark. The Salukis received nine event wins at the meet and was ranked the highest collegiate finisher in all five events. SIU's next meet will be the Saluki Open on Jan. 11 at the Recreation Center.

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BASKETBALL

Herd bullies Salukis on boards

ALEX ROSTOWSKY
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team was unable to keep pace with Marshall on the boards as it lost 70-66 Saturday at SIU Arena.

The Salukis (1-7) were out-rebounded by the Thundering Herd (5-4) 44-30. Most of Marshall's rebounds came on the offensive end, which contributed to the Herd's 21 second-chance points and 34 overall points in the paint.

"Defensive rebounding just cost us the game," coach Missy Tiber said. "I really think that if we got that number (of Marshall's offensive rebounds) down to 13, we probably (would have won) the basketball game."

Marshall's rebounding performance was a collective effort, as no player on the team reached double figures in the category.

However, five Marshall players recorded at least six boards, including sophomore forward Chukwuka Ezeigbo and senior guard Veronica Ruiz, who posted eight rebounds and 17 points each.

The story was much different for the Salukis, who posted only one player put forth a significant rebounding effort.

Redshirt freshman forward Dyana Pierre pulled down 16 boards Saturday, which was the fifth game in a row she reached double digits in rebounds.

"We can't expect Dyana to rebound every single ball," Tiber said. "We need it to be a team effort."

Pierre scored 14 points, which gave her a double-double for the fourth consecutive game.



SARAH GARDNER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Redshirt freshman center Dyana Pierre drives to the basket Saturday during the women's basketball game against Marshall University at SIU Arena. Despite Pierre's game-high 16 rebounds, Marshall out-rebounded the Salukis and took the 70-66 win. The Salukis will play three games on the road before they return home to play Creighton Jan. 3 at 7:05 p.m. at SIU Arena.

"Tonight, like coach said, the defensive rebounding (was the problem)," Pierre said. "One time, they got like four or five offensive rebounds. I was so furious right there, and I'm sure all my teammates were."

Continuing her early season

progression was freshman guard Rishonda Napier, who played all 40 minutes for a second consecutive game. She led the Salukis with 20 points on 8-13 shooting, including 4-9 from three-point range.

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High school stars shine at Saluki Shootout

ALEX ROSTOWSKY
Daily Egyptian

High school basketball fans from all over southern Illinois flocked to SIU Arena during the weekend for the second annual Saluki Shootout.

The shootout featured six girl teams and 12 boy teams from throughout the region, which competed in one game each against a local opponent. The event expanded from the 2011 inaugural edition with four more teams in this year's competition, which consequently extended the shootout from one day to two.

The tournament kicked off Friday evening, when the Carverville Lions' girls team defeated the Murphysboro Red Devils 65-35 in 2A play.

Okawville's men won the next game as it downed the Trico Pilots 48-28 in a battle of 1A squads.

Friday's action wrapped up with a boys' 2A showdown between Mater Dei and Woodlawn, in which the Knights of Mater Dei fought off the Cardinals and won 41-25.

The Marion and Meridian girls teams started Saturday early at 9 a.m. The 3A Wildcats routed the 1A Meridian Bobcats 54-19.

After the SIU women lost to Marshall, the Alton Marquette girls narrowly defeated the hometown Carbondale Terriers 27-26 in a matchup of 3A teams.

Starting with a 1A game between Gallatin County and Goreville, the boys had the floor for the rest of the night. The Gallatin Hawks held on after blowing an 11-point third quarter lead to defeat the Blackcats 50-49.

The Carbondale boys basketball

team was victorious against the Herrin Tigers in the next game, as the Terriers came away with a 53-31 win. The Terriers jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter, while the Tigers managed to score only two points in the opening period.

Carbondale High School senior Jarron Warren said it was nice for his team to compete in the shootout again.

"It's always special to play on SIU's court," he said. "It's right down the street. I feel like this is our home court, too."

The next game also featured a matchup of a Jackson and Williamson county team in the Red Devils of Murphysboro and the Marion Wildcats.

The Red Devils, who entered the fourth quarter with an 11-point lead, held on for a 46-44 victory after fending off a strong Wildcat rally.

While basketball spectators enjoyed a weekend of the sport, Saturday's final game was one of the most anticipated of the whole event. The Alton Marquette Explorers, who recently were promoted to 3A, lost to 2A undefeated powerhouse Harrisburg 62-53. Senior Tyler Smithpeters led the way for Harrisburg with 26 points.

The Bulldogs, who are ranked no. 2 in 2A, pulled away at the end when they made 17 of 23 free-throw attempts in the fourth quarter.

Alton Marquette head coach Steve Medford said the Saluki Shootout was a good opportunity for his players to see some teams that they might play later on in the playoffs. He said he enjoyed having his team there.

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