

Exams provide frustration, bizarre moments

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With one week to go in the spring 2007 semester, final exams are right around the corner.

Many students will spend this week entrenched in books and notes in one last attempt to get up to speed, or stay up to speed. So, the Settler wanted to know what exams were the most difficult, and which were the easiest, and what were the strangest questions that had been encountered.

Vol State student Raymundo Solorio, 20, a fine arts major from Hendersonville, said that some of his worst exam experiences were "studying for something that's not on it" and "not being prepared."

He said the hardest final he ever had was the astronomy exam given by Dr. Tim Farris, physics professor.

"Most of the other (tests) were applying what you've learned, and this one was just straight-up answer. You have to do a lot of calculating the distance of things, and remembering the formula is hard. And then doing

the math right," Solorio said.

Student Abraham Pottenger, 20, a business major from Hendersonville, said that one of his Vol State professors gave a final exam where one of the questions asked what kind of fruit the professor had brought with him on the first day of class.

"I remember it was a grapefruit," said Pottenger. "The choices were an apple, banana, orange, or grapefruit."

Elvis Brandon, dean of the allied health division, had a bit of a different experience with one exam.

He said his hardest final was a composition exam in a freshman English class.

"We were handed a sheet of paper that said 'Write a composition on what you have learned this semester. We really weren't given any indication of what to expect other than a writing final, so there really was no preparation for it. I think I pulled a C out of that one,'" Brandon said.

"I felt I was good in English, but I was frustrated. So I wrote how my emotions effected my writings cause I kinda held a grudge against the

teacher. I wanted to express to her my frustration without endangering my grade," he said.

On the flip side, some students expressed that they had some very easy finals.

Journalism major Billy Ledbetter said he had little difficulty with his CIS 100 final.

"We were actually doing on computers the things we had done in class, and that's what made it so easy," Ledbetter said.

Student Mamie Stafford, 25, a nursing major from Gallatin, credited the quality of her instructor, James Story, for the lack of difficulty on a music appreciation exam. "I had an outstanding instructor who had great enthusiasm for the subject," Stafford said.

Solorio said he had an easy time with a video test in an intro to art class

The objective was to apply the subject matter on the film to the material on the test.

He said one of the questions came from a scene in the movie, "The Seventh Seal," where a man was playing a chess

game against death.

He plans to cheat in the game against death, and went to confessional to tell his priest about it. But when he looked over, he saw the priest was actually death. Solorio said the point of it was that you could not cheat death.

Brandon said his easiest exam was for his scuba class at the University of Florida, in which he had to do an open water checkout dive.

"We spent so much time in preparation that the checkout dives were very easy," Brandon said.

The most bizarre question Brandon said he ever faced came in an anatomy and pathophysiology class.

He said his professor removed a muscle from a human cadaver and placed it on a tray. The question asked for an identification of the muscle, along with its origin, its insertion, its innervation, and its function.

"Because it was not attached to the body and just laying there on the tray, we all thought that was very bizarre, because it made it very difficult to answer," Brandon said. "He had so many off-the-wall questions."

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE Spring Semester, 2007

Time and Date of Final Examination	Monday April 30	Tuesday May 1	Wednesday May 2	Thursday May 3
8:00-10:00 am	9:05 or 9:35 am MW or MF or MWF classes	9:35 am TR classes	7:30 or 8:00 or 8:35 am MW or MF or MWF classes	8:00 am TR classes
10:30-12:30 pm	11:10 or 11:15 am MW or MF or MWF or MTWR classes	11:00 or 11:10 am TR classes	10:10 or 10:45 am MW or MF or MWF or MTWR classes	6:55 am MWF classes
1:00-3:00 pm	1:25 or 1:30 pm MW or MWF classes	12:45 or 1:00 or 1:15 or 1:30 pm TR classes	12:20 or 12:45 pm MW or MWF classes	2:20 pm TR classes
3:30-5:30 pm	2:35 or 3:00 or 3:05 pm MW or MWF classes	3:55 or 4:25 pm TR classes	3:40 or 4:25 pm MW or MWF classes	4:55 or 5:00 pm MW or MWF classes
6:00-8:00 pm	6:00 pm M or MW classes	6:00 pm T or TR classes	6:00 pm W classes	6:00 pm R or F classes

Saturday classes will have Final Examinations on Saturday, April 28.

College-At-Home classes will have Final Examinations on dates specified in the Course Syllabus.

Concentrated courses will have Final Examinations on dates specified in the Course Syllabus.