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FRIDAY



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Gus Bode says have a safe spring break! We will see you March 16.

Veteran student leader Nate Brown elected trustee

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Veteran student leader Nate Brown was elected the new student representative for the SIU Board of Trustees Thursday in a special election that scrambled to replace its former inhabitant.

Brown, former president of both Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council, defeated Gene Burse by 594 of the total 1,073 student votes cast Wednesday and Thursday.

The vote was an unprecedented election that used students' SIU e-mail accounts to track voting.

The second-year law student will take over the seat vacated by Demetrous White, who resigned during the board's Feb. 12 meeting, and will fulfill a term that expires June 30.

Brown said he would hit the ground running to get ready for the board's April 2 meeting — a meeting in which the board is expected to vote on student fee and tuition increases.

Brown said the university would likely face serious consequences if it does not raise tuition.

"We need to face that reality," Brown said. "I want to challenge the students and see what happens if we don't raise tuition. I'm not saying we have to raise tuition, but I do think there will be consequences."

The university sent out 19,000 voting links via e-mail Wednesday and another 18,410 to students who had yet to vote by Thursday morning.

Burse, a former USG senator, garnered 479 votes and said he would continue to hold student leaders responsible for their actions and would be readily available to aid Brown.

"I'll continue to do what I can to allow Mr. Brown to utilize what tools I have to help this campus move towards progress," Burse said. "I believe Mr. Brown can do that."

Brown will not have a vote at the board's next meeting. The student trustee vote will be in the hands of Edwardsville student trustee Amber Suggs.

Brown said he plans to contact SIU President Glenn Poshard's office today to discuss ways to quickly get Brown acclimated to the board's policies and procedures.

Brown also said he plans on contacting board Chairman Roger Tedrick and Suggs' office.

"Without a doubt, I need to read up



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Nate Brown, left, shakes hands with Undergraduate Student Government President Chiquita Watts, center, and former USG senator Gene Burse after being named the student trustee of the Board of Trustees Thursday in the USG office in the Student Center.

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— Nate Brown
student trustee

and get well versed on the board matter on what they are proposing (during the board's April meeting)," Brown said. "I'll be working with GPSC and USG, and I made commitment that I would reach out to students. We have to get people together."

USG President Chiquita Watts

said Brown's biggest challenge would probably be getting up to speed on student fee increases.

During Tuesday's candidate debate, neither Brown nor Burse could name the amount of any student fees in response to a question from the audience.

Watts said she would be more than

happy to help Brown get acclimated.

"That is really going to be a challenge," Watts said. "Nate will do a fine job, but it will be tough to become fully informed about these student fees and the conversations the board has at meetings that we don't know about."

Spring break brings freedoms, dangers for students

Students free from university guidelines, with few exceptions

Areas of Mexico could prove dangerous destination

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Many students are under the impression the Student Conduct Code could still affect them while relaxing on the beach, but that's not necessarily the case, said Terry Huffman, the director of Judicial Affairs.

Huffman said the school doesn't have a specific policy for spring break activity. But a few things could happen, he said, that would allow the university to have jurisdiction over an issue.

"It could be (an assault) student-on-student or student-on-faculty, or it has to be a university-sponsored event, such as a sporting event," Huffman said. "Really, we just want them to have fun and enjoy their break."

Many students believe events such as getting into a bar brawl or getting a drinking ticket would lead to punishment once they get back to school.

"Being through the judiciary system once before, I know that if you get arrested, supposedly you represent the university," said Chris Gilloffo, a senior from Aurora studying history who said he will be traveling to Miami for spring break. "You're supposed to still follow the school disciplinary policy."

Gilloffo said the actual policy was not what he expected, but is still cautious because of his previous conflict with Judicial Affairs.

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Many students began planning their spring break vacation months ago, but a recent outbreak of crime and violence in Mexico could keep some students from going south of the border.

The U.S. Department of State issued a travel alert Feb. 20 for U.S. citizens traveling and living in Mexico. According to the alert, violence in the country has recently increased in areas of prostitution and drug-dealing, and travelers should be aware of potential dangers. Most of the violence is near the U.S. border, but citizens traveling abroad should take precautions in unfamiliar areas at all times, the alert states.

The Associated Press reported Tuesday the Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives announced an additional alert to discourage college students from traveling to parts of northern Mexico during spring break. According to the report, people traveling should avoid areas such as Tijuana and Rosarito Beach, two popular spring break destinations.

Paul Gonzales, a 60-year-old U.S. citizen who lives in Matamoras, Mexico, said he would advise students not to travel to Mexico during these turbulent times.

Top 5 Travel Safety Tips for Students

1. Read Country Specific Information (and Public Announcements or Travel Warnings, if applicable) for the countries you plan to visit For more information, check out the State Department's Web site, <http://travel.state.gov>.

2. Register your travel with the State Department through a free service at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. Registration helps ensure that you can be contacted if there is a family emergency in the United States, or if there is a crisis in the area in which you are traveling.

3. Make sure you have a signed, valid passport and visa, if required. Also, before you go, fill in the emergency information page of your passport. For more information, check out the State Department's Web site, <http://travel.state.gov>.

4. Familiarize yourself with local laws and customs of the countries to which you are traveling. While in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws. Avoid illicit drugs or excessive use of alcohol and reckless behavior. For more information, check out the State Department's Web site, <http://travel.state.gov>.

5. Do not leave your luggage unattended in public areas, and never accept packages from strangers.

Source: <http://travel.state.gov>

Treasurer Giannoulas promotes credit card restrictions

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State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas made a campus appearance Thursday to advocate legislation that would prohibit credit card companies from certain marketing ploys.

The state Legislature is considering a bill that would ban credit card companies from offering college students gifts in exchange for signing up for a card. After fielding questions from people passing through the Student Center, Giannoulas said students are falling into a trap when they sign on the dotted line and receive a new credit card and free gift.

Giannoulas said nearly 46 percent of all college students have at least four credit cards. That figure could encourage creditors to implement hidden fees and high interest rates to take advantage of students who may not know how to properly use a credit card, he said.

"It's becoming worse and worse every day," Giannoulas said. "What this legislation does is try to curb the credit card companies' ability to take advantage of college students."

Giannoulas said credit card company representatives have been offering students at the University of Illinois-Chicago a free sandwich if they agree to go off campus to open a charge account. In Carbondale, businesses such as Jimmy John's, Quiznos, Wise Guys Pizza and Papa John's Pizza have been part of credit card promotions.

Sam Nylan, a freshman from South Holland studying cinema and photography and political science, was one of the students at the Student Center helping raise awareness about the marketing ploy. He and City Council candidate Justin Stofferahn, president of the College Democrats, asked students to sign a petition



Alex Vansaghi, right, a first-year law student from Carbondale, listens as Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas talks to students and the press Thursday in the Student Center. Giannoulas came to campus to take part in a "counter marketing" strategy with SIUC students against credit card marketing. They gave away hats and Frisbees to students who signed their petition for responsible credit card marketing.

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supporting the ban.

"It's an important issue for me as a student," Nylan said. "I am proud of the state for looking at this for me."

Before he signed the petition, Brett Ussher, a junior from Makanda studying information systems

technology, said he is concerned about students who think they are getting free money by signing up for a credit card.

"The best credit card is one with no balance and has been cut up," he said.

The bill would also require universities to make their agreements with creditors open to public viewing and ban the institutions from selling student data to credit card companies.

Giannoulas said SIUC has been good about working with his

office to ensure students are not overwhelmed with credit card offers.

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BLOG Giannoulas may be more serious about a run for U.S. Senate than he's admitting.

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California Supreme Court weighs same-sex marriage ban



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Opponents to Proposition 8 march down Market Street to City Hall in San Francisco on Wednesday for a protest the night before the Supreme Court was to hear arguments to overturn Proposition 8.

**Lisa Leff
Paul Elias**

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SAN FRANCISCO— As thousands demonstrated outside, California Supreme Court justices weighed Thursday whether voters' decision to ban same-sex marriage was a denial of fundamental rights or within what one justice called the people's "very broad powers" to amend the state constitution.

Gay rights advocates are urging the court to overturn the ban, approved in November as Proposition 8, on the grounds it was put before voters improperly, or at least prematurely. Under state law, the Legislature must approve significant constitutional changes before they can go on the ballot.

Proposition 8's sponsors, represented by Pepperdine law school dean and former Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr, said it would be a miscarriage of justice for

the court to overturn the results of a fair election.

The ballot initiative, which passed with 52 percent of the vote, changed the California Constitution to trump last year's 4-3 Supreme Court decision that legalized gay marriage. The court found that denying same-sex couples the right to wed was an unconstitutional civil rights violation.

California voters first enacted a ban on gay marriage in 2000.

Minutes into the proceedings, the justices peppered lawyer Shannon Minter, arguing for same-sex couples, with tough questions over how the 14 words of Proposition 8 represent a denial of fundamental rights.

Chief Justice Ron George asked what rights were lost other than being able to label their union as a marriage.

"Relegating same-sex couples to

domestic partnership does not provide them with everything but a word," Minter said. "It puts those couples in a second-class status."

The Supreme Court heard arguments on three points: Is Proposition 8 invalid because it constitutes a revision of, rather than an amendment to, the California Constitution? Does it violate the separation of powers doctrine under the California Constitution? And, if it's constitutional, does it affect the 18,000 marriages of same-sex couples performed in the 4.5 months before it passed?

Justice Joyce Kennard said the court was being asked to decide between two rights — the right of the people to change the constitution and the right to marry.

"And what I'm picking up from the oral argument in this case is this

court should willy-nilly disregard the will of the people," she said.

Starr said Proposition 8 sought to restore the traditional definition of marriage and deny recognition of same-sex marriage. Starr said that gay couples still enjoy the full "panoply of rights" of domestic partners.

He also argued that California voters have an "inalienable right" to amend the constitution and that taking away rights through the initiative process is not a revision that alters the structure of government. A revision to the constitution would have required legislative approval.

"There must be far-reaching change in the basic structure of government," said Starr, adding that there's a long line of previous Supreme Court decisions supporting his position.

Justice Kathryn Werdegar countered that nothing in those decisions stated that something "must" alter the structure of government to qualify as a "revision."

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— Shannon Minter
lawyer arguing for same sex couples

Guinea-Bissau collapse deepens after president slayed

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BISSAU — The blood-soaked kitchen where Guinea-Bissau's president was brutally murdered is littered with broken glass, bullet casings and a rusted machete.

No crime scene tape cordons off the area, no police stand guard outside. No one has been arrested, and hardly anyone in this sleepy tropical capital seems to care.

The apathy surrounding the slaying of President Joao Bernardo "Nino" Vieira in his own home — as well as the bombing attack that killed his main rival hours earlier — symbolizes just how far this drug-ravaged state has fallen.

"What are we supposed to do, cry? Demand justice?" asked journalist Zique Choib, 41. "The powerful people at the top have been fighting each other for decades. They'll keep fighting. It's really

nothing new."

Less than 24 hours after the brutal slayings Monday, market stalls were open, people were back in the streets and the city's dilapidated fleet of blue-and-white Mercedes taxis was again cruising the potholed roads, Caribbean rhythms pulsing from their radios.

The reaction was nearly identical after the last military coup in 2003: no surprise, mild speculation, then within a day, a return to

normalcy so complete it seemed as if nothing had happened.

Since winning a violent struggle for independence from Portugal in 1974, this nation of 1.5 million has been on a losing streak — cursed by coups, coup attempts and war. Today it is ranked third-worst of 177 nations on the U.N. Human Development Index, which measures general well-being. One of the world's poorest countries, life expectancy is a mere 45.

Mortgage woes break records again in fourth quarter

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NEW YORK — Foreclosures are spreading by epidemic proportions, expanding beyond a handful of problem states and now affecting almost one in every eight American homeowners.

It's an economic role-reversal: The economy, driven down by the collapse of the housing bubble, is causing the housing crisis to spread.

Figures released Thursday show that nearly 12 percent of all Americans with a mortgage — a record 5.4 million homeowners — were at least one month late or in foreclosure at the end of last year.

That's up from 10 percent at the end of the third quarter, and up from 8 percent at the end of 2007. In addition, the numbers now include many once-qualified borrowers who took out fixed-rate loans.

Data from the Mortgage Bankers Association also showed that a stunning 48 percent of homeowners who have subprime, adjustable-rate mortgages are behind on their payments or in foreclosure.

The reckless lending and borrowing practices in states such as Florida, California and Nevada that were the epicenter of the problem are no longer driving up the nation's delinquency rate.

Instead, foreclosures are being fueled by a spike in defaults in places such as Louisiana, New York, Georgia and Texas, where the economy is rapidly deteriorating and unemployment is climbing.

"It's jobs. People are losing their jobs left and right," said Houston real estate agent Michael Weaster.

On Thursday, the Labor Department said new unemployment claims last week totaled 639,000, lower than expected, but still at elevated levels.

That trend highlights one of the biggest challenges confronting the Obama administration's mortgage-relief plan launched this week. While the \$75 billion plan could help change the loan terms or refinance up to 9 million homeowners, unemployed borrowers will have a hard time qualifying.

The key to the housing market is what kind of workers are losing their jobs. Unemployment for people with college degrees, some college education or technical training — those most likely to own homes and have prime fixed-rate loans — has nearly doubled over the past six months, according to the bankers association.

To give debt-burdened hom-

RUSSIA

Gorbachev compares Putin's party to worst of Soviet-era communists

MOSCOW (AP) — In some of his strongest criticism of his successors, Mikhail Gorbachev on Thursday likened Vladimir Putin's United Russia party to the worst of the communists he once led and helped bring down, and said Russia is today a country where the parliament and the judiciary are not fully free.

The last Soviet leader was interviewed in the offices of his Gorbachev Foundation, a think tank founded in 1992 to promote "democratic values and moral, humanistic principles" — as well as, some say, Gorbachev himself.

UNITED STATES

Humans first domesticated horses more than 5 millennia ago

WASHINGTON (AP) — People and horses have trekked together through at least 5,500 years of history, according to an international team of researchers reporting in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

New evidence, corralled in Kazakhstan, indicates the Botai culture used horses as beasts of burden — and as a source of meat and milk — about 1,000 years earlier than had been widely believed, according to the team led by Alan Outram of England's University of Exeter.

UNITED STATES

Obama allies, skeptics share health care ideas at White House summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Obama pumped health care allies and skeptics alike for ways to overhaul the nation's costly and frustrating system Thursday and heard only applause and agreement when he told them there's "a clear consensus that the need for health care reform is here and now."

However, he conceded at a White House summit that opinions vary widely on exactly what to do and said that winning quick approval for historic and stunningly expensive legislation won't be easy.

IRAQ

Bomb kills 13 at livestock market south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — A car bomb tore through a crowded livestock market south of Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 13 people in a mainly Shiite area that the U.S. military has described as one of the safest in Iraq. The blast, which wounded 57 others, struck the market at the height of trading, scattering animal carcasses and human remains across the dirt.

"We had just started to have our breakfast in a tea shop inside the livestock market when we saw huge flames rising, and people started to run," Hussein Abdul-Kadir said. "We saw several bodies and carcasses, some burned and on the ground."

Get in with Ord: What's with all that racquet(ball)

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In the bright rectangle of wood and concrete that is a racquetball court, the sounds ricochet off the walls almost as much as the small rubber ball does.

All the sounds could be distracting if it did not take so much concentration to hit the ball before it bounces off the floor more than once.

For Brandon Garnett and several other members of the SIUC racquetball club, it is a concentration, to which they are well-accustomed.

Garnett, a junior from Springfield studying architecture and the president and coach of the club, said he began playing the sport with his dad at a local health center 10 years ago. He has played competitively for seven years and is sponsored by Prokennex and Converse.

Garnett said his goal for the club is to get it back to past success. Most of the club graduated last spring, and it was dormant during the fall semester, he said.

He said there are roughly 20 students in the club, with around 45 people in all. Anyone can be a member as it is not limited to SIUC students.

Though the group is open

to individuals of any level, there is opportunity to play competitively, Garnett said.

Several members are traveling to University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign this weekend to participate in a tournament and six members are traveling to Chicago on March 21 to compete.

Racquetball is similar to tennis, Garnett said. Both forehand and backhand shots are used, and placement is an important part of the game. Only the server can score a point, and a point is awarded when the ball hits the floor twice before an opponent can return it.

He said there are several types of hits used in the sport: a drive, pinch, splat, lob, slop, lag and kill are just a few of them. Deciding what shot to use or relying on reflexes to respond to an opponent's hit can be difficult, he said.

"You have to be very intelligent," he said. "You have to make quick decisions very, very fast."

That quickness is something that has always been part of the game and is increasingly important, said Bill Boudet, a member of the club.

Boudet, of Murphysboro, said he began playing racquetball when he graduated high school in 1975 and



Bill Boudet, of Murphysboro, prepares to serve during a racquetball match Monday in the Recreation Center. The Racquetball Club meets from 5 p.m. to 7p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Byron Francis
DAILY EGYPTIAN

continued to play until the birth of his son in 1985.

"In that interim, the game changed," he said. "It's faster now."

He started again around 2003, and still loves the sport, he said.

Racquetball can be played competitively regardless of age and is a lifetime sport. Unlike baseball, football and similar sports where there might not always be an option to play, racquetball can always be done, he said.

Andy Thouvenot, a junior from

O'Fallon studying mechanical engineering, has not been playing as long as Boudet, but said he enjoys the sport.

He said he thinks racquetball is a great workout and a good way to work off anxiety.

"People go in there and hit the hell out of the ball as hard as they can," he said. "Working out is a good stress reliever."

Garnett said players could run two miles in a half-hour game of racquetball. Instead of a slow running

pace, though, he said it is the equivalent of sprinting that distance.

He said he enjoys the fast pace of the game and it serves as a great substitute for a cardio workout.

"For anybody who doesn't have the patience to sit on a treadmill for half an hour, it's a great sport to play," he said.

Boudet said one of his favorite aspects of the sport is that it can be played and enjoyed regardless of skill level.

"The first time out, you can go and have fun with it," he said.

Rainbow's End candidates visit Carbondale

Administrators hope to have new director by end of March

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The three finalists for the new director's position at Rainbow's End visited campus last week to discuss their potential goals as director, administrators said.

Jennifer Hanley, a child development associate at Rainbow's End; MaryBeth Goff, a kindergarten teacher in Cairo; and Darlene Waier, the county director of the Hamilton-Wayne-White County University of Illinois extension visited campus and met with several groups and administrators.

The three finalists were chosen from a pool of applicants from across the country, Dean of Students Peter Gitau said.

Rainbow's End is the daycare program that serves children of university students, faculty and staff.

Gitau said he would take feedback from all the sessions into consideration when making his recommendation.

"I need to look at the evaluations

from everybody," Gitau said. "I have to think about what is best for the university."

Hanley, who earned her bachelor's degree and master's degree in education from SIUC in May, has worked for the daycare for more than 10 years as a childcare assistant.

Hanley said she likes the environment of SIUC and the diversity it offers.

"I like the multicultural activities we incorporate, and I like that I get to meet so many different people," Hanley said.

Hanley said she would like to offer more family-oriented activities at the daycare.

Goff, a Carbondale native, has been a teacher for The Children's Place, a daycare center in Kansas City for children suffering from child abuse.

She said she would partner with more groups at the university in ways that would benefit both sides.

"(We could) partner with the new (Registered Student Organization) Saluki Single Parent program to serve as an additional resource for them and figure out a way to help them with their activities," Goff said.

Goff, who has also served as director of the Asbury Children's Center in Prairie Village, Kan., said she would like to increase the center's budget by fundraising and looking for grant opportunities.

Waier, who earned her master's degree in educational psychology from SIUC

in 1989, is a former assistant dean of external affairs for the SIU School of Law and held a variety of teaching jobs with Rend Lake College, Carbondale Community High School and De Soto Elementary School.

Waier declined to comment.

The new director will fill the vacancy left by Eva Murray, who

"I feel that (the new director) should be not just interested in the children that are enrolled at the center, but her staff at the center should be an important focus also."

— JoAnn Bollinger
Rainbow's End Child Development Center teacher



EMILY SUNBLADE | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two-year-old Eleanor rides a tricycle with the help of JoAnn Bollinger, a 15-year employee, Thursday at Rainbow's End Child Development Center. Administrators are deciding between three candidates for a new director.

retired in December after 24 years with the daycare.

Gitau said he plans to make a decision by the end of March. After Gitau makes his recommendation, it must be approved by the Affirmative Action Office and Chancellor Sam Goldman.

"We had good candidates," Gitau said. "They presented strong arguments for why they should be given the position."

Rainbow's End employees

had their own ideas about what qualities they hoped for in their new director.

JoAnn Bollinger, a teacher at the daycare, said an ideal candidate would care about the center and its staff as well as the children.

"I feel that (the new director) should be not just interested in the children that are enrolled at the center but her staff at the center should be an important focus also," Bollinger said.

Effective Monday

March 16th

The Daily Egyptian office will be closing at 3 p.m.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“They ran right for it. They were really, really excited. All four of them.”

Katie McCormick Lelyveld
 a spokeswoman for Michelle Obama, on the First Family's reaction to a new swing set installed on the White House grounds.

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OUR WORD

Drastic times call for drastic measures

Most college students live on pretty tight means. Loans build up, but we can comfort ourselves because by the time those lenders are demanding money, we'll have a great job. Right?

Today's job market isn't as promising as any of us had hoped when we set foot on SIUC's campus. And we know it won't take long for lenders to be knocking on our doors after we turn those tassels.

For some of us, the alternative will be picking up another major. Some will enroll in graduate school to extend the time in

school and get a little more qualified in the process.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN is heartened to see that President Barack Obama sees the plight college students are in and has moved to help.

We aren't as qualified as everyone out there, so getting jobs is hard when no one is expanding.

But college is so expensive, taking out more loans and biding our time may fail in the end, too, even if it is the best option right now.

Obama's budget will make Pell Grants — grants for low-income

students — adjust with inflation. The cost of the grant will change as it needs to, and recipients won't owe anything later like with a loan.

He would move for the government to stop subsidizing loans — or paying the interest accumulated while the student is still in school. Instead, that money would go to Pell Grants, where he thinks students need it most.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN thinks these are brilliant and considerate ideas. Other proposed legislation, such as regulating the price of textbooks to be more affordable,

is exactly what students in this country need.

At a time when jobs are scarce, the government should feel an obligation to help the unemployed go back to school while the economy is boosted and jobs are created.

It's going to take more than just a shove to get this economy up and going again.

It's going to take all our strength, and the DAILY EGYPTIAN thinks Obama's strategies must be extreme if our country is to get back on the road again.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Debunking concealed carry myths

DEAR EDITOR:

Now that the concealed carry legislation is being awarded a massive amount of coverage and all of the gun-rights advocates are coming out in favor of this crime against humanity, it is time to rip off their Second Amendment security blanket and educate them with unbiased, correctly interpreted statistics and with basic logic.

Nothing illustrates the errors in reasoning that concealed carry supporters have better than the name of legislation: The Family and Personal Protection Act. The huge myth that this title attempts to spread is that carrying concealed weapons leads to the protec-

tion of anyone when it in fact does the opposite. In total, 48 states have passed concealed carry laws all in the name of protection. And what sort of protection have these laws brought? According to the FBI Uniform Crime Report, 34 of the 35 states with the highest crime rates have concealed carry laws on their books. If either Tennessee or South Carolina, which both have legalized concealed carry, were their own country, they would have the highest murder rate in the world. Wisconsin, the only state besides Illinois not to pass such laws, has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.

Furthermore, advocates for turning this country into some sort of gun

utopia fail to recognize the possible consequences for passing laws such as the Family and Personal Protection Act. What happens when two people get in a fight at a bar and one legally has a gun on him? What about the police officer who has to worry that the person he just pulled over, or the drunk he is chasing down the street is carrying a deadly weapon? And what most people do not recognize is that most concealed carry laws also include the Castle Doctrine, which allows people to defend their property with deadly force. Under this mindset, a person could theoretically shoot someone who is stealing a lawn chair from them. Do petty thieves actually deserve to die? I

guess 48 states think it is alright as long as it is the citizens doing the killing ... let's not become the 49th.

To see FBI crime reports, visit http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/violent_crime/index.html.

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510 N. Carico
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405 W. Cherry
407 W. Cherry
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405 S. Beveridge
501 S. Beveridge
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503 S. Beveridge
405 W. Cherry
407 W. Cherry
501 W. Cherry
606 W. Cherry
614 W. Cherry
408 W. Chestnut
300 E. College
312 W. College #1-3
401 W. College #1
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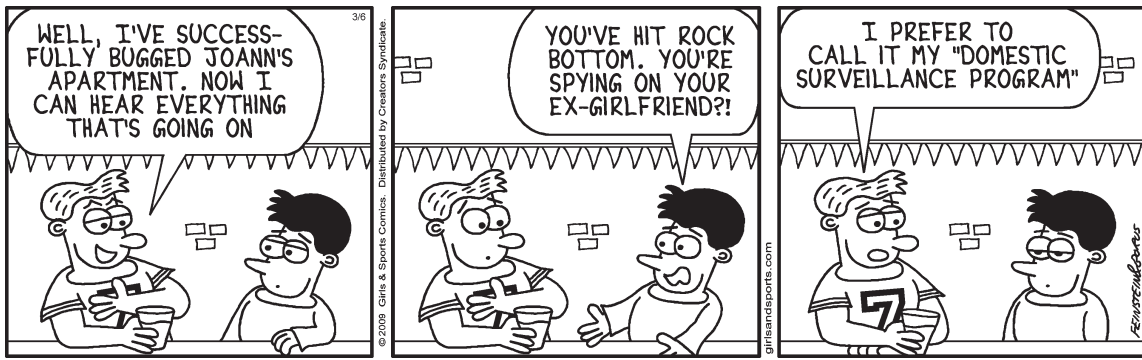
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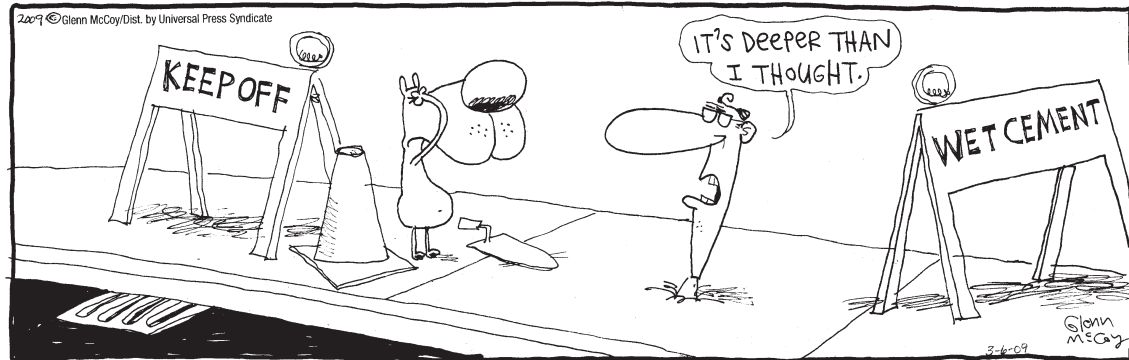
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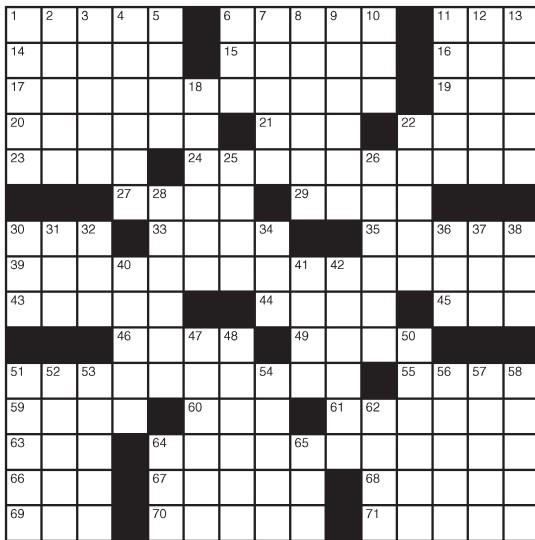


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 - 11 Plus feature
 - 14 Rower's requirement
 - 15 Stan's slapstick partner
 - 16 Keep an eye on
 - 17 Adam's partner
 - 18 Animal dens
 - 19 Honolulu greeting
 - 20 Start of a quip
 - 23 Postures
 - 24 Commotion
 - 25 John ___ Passos
 - 26 Incited
 - 31 Freshen up
 - 34 Was mistaken
 - 35 Gibbon, e.g.
 - 36 Frosted
 - 37 Part 2 of quip
 - 38 Rotation line
 - 39 Bikini piece
 - 40 Hay units
 - 41 Alternative to treat?
 - 42 Diana Ross's group
 - 44 Zodiac lion
 - 45 Psychic power
 - 46 Least illuminated



By Annabel Michaels Williamsburg, VA

50 End of quip
55 Madame Curie
56 Italian poet
57 Corporate VIP
58 Public square
59 "Lou Grant" star
60 Of the ear
61 More rational
62 Decade segments
63 Highest level

- DOWN**
- 1 Verses
 - 2 French peasant dance
 - 3 Game site
 - 4 Wow!
 - 5 Cutting edges
 - 6 Potpourris
 - 7 Soggy ground
 - 8 Porgy's girlfriend
 - 9 Bestowed upon
 - 10 Oater bar
 - 11 Pack away, as cargo
 - 12 Rebounding yodel
 - 13 Comparison conjunction
 - 21 Brought to a close

Thursday's solutions

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- 22 "___ People Play"
- 26 Lets loose
- 27 Minerals in the raw
- 28 Judd Hirsch sitcom
- 29 Legendary
- 30 Escritoire
- 31 Barbecue fare
- 32 Light tan
- 33 Type of tide
- 34 Contemporary of Agatha
- 37 Florida bay
- 38 Bakery emanation
- 40 Rub over
- 41 Moderates
- 43 Change dimensions
- 44 Loading device
- 46 Summer or Shalala
- 47 Disney World attraction
- 48 Take care of
- 49 Move as a throng
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- 51 Samoan currency
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Today's Birthday — True love is shown in many ways, as you discover again this year. The kind you like best is from a person who thinks you can do anything. Believe in one who believes in you.

To get the advantage check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — Just when you've almost given up, you think of something different. It's an idea that you've been contemplating for years. It's been maturing in your subconscious, and now it's ripe.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 8 — Your friends can help you avoid a difficult situation. Don't argue with a person who's set in his or her ways. Come up with a different plan. Take the roundabout route to your goal.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Invest in something that helps you look and feel like the winner you are. Be a sharp dresser without going into debt. That's the trick, and you can do it. You have a knack.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 7 — Travel looks good, and it also seems like you're ready for a break. Better get back home by Sunday, though. Complications arise around then.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — You're especially creative now. Write songs, paint pictures, whatever. With creativity, you can generate cash out of practically nothing. That's how it's done, actually.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 8 — A friend can figure out the puzzle that has stumped you. Explain the mystery and ask for suggestions. Get help. Maybe your view is blocked.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — You are attracting attention, and you're coming up with good ideas. This could lead to more work for you, and possibly a promotion. Don't be afraid to take on more responsibility.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Your intuition should be excellent now. Are you getting any urges? Like wanting to take a cruise with a person you find fascinating? It's perfectly natural. Check for deals with your travel agent.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — You love life's little luxuries. You don't have to spend a fortune to get those things, however. Find the best places to get the best deals and easily stay within budget.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 8 — Don't underestimate the power of a support person. You like to set the rules, but you can't enforce them all by yourself. You need to have a partner who agrees with you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — The job's not all that difficult and it does pay pretty well. You'd rather be somewhere else. Don't complain too loud if what you're doing is paying the rent.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 7 — Should you share your worries with a person you love? Some are about the past, others are still in the future. Talking with a special person could be good, however. It's in the here and now.

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Thursday's solutions

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Saluki Insider

The Cowboys released Terrell Owens on Thursday, ending his three-year stint in Dallas. Would you sign Owens to a contract if you were the general manager of an NFL team?



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For a team that wants to be covered by ESPN, signing Terrell Owens is the only surefire way. I know I wouldn't mind the Chicago Bears taking a gamble on the guy, as I am sure he has at least one more decent season left in him. I can see it now. Terrell Owens in a postgame conference telling everyone Kyle Orton is the best quarterback he has ever played with ... at least until Owens has his first one-catch game with the Bears. After that happens, we can watch Owens yell at Ron Turner. I think everyone wants to see that.

For entertainment value, why not? Sure Owens is getting older, slowing down and dropping more passes, but he can still perform at a decent level. I would at least want a decent quarterback on my team, that way it will only take Owens two to three years before he accuses him of going behind his back or questioning his personal life. When that happens, ESPN will cover my team for a good three weeks.

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So I'm guessing he barely made a dent in that giant bowl of popcorn he got when he signed that contract with the Cowboys? All the same. I bet it's really, really stale by now. The team that ends up signing T.O. will be smart, because his track record shows his crazy side doesn't appear until his second or third year. By the time he gets around to screwing things up for his next team, he'll be on his way out of the NFL and into retirement anyway.

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Senior send-off

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The time has come for the seniors of the Saluki women's basketball team to play their final game at the SIU Arena.

The Salukis (8-18, 4-13 MVC) will wrap up their 2008-09 regular season schedule against Evansville (11-17, 4-13 MVC) at 2 p.m. Saturday. Before the game, forward Jasmine Gibson and guards Erica Smith and Kaci Bailey will be honored for Senior Day.

"It's definitely been an experience, but I've learned a lot. I had fun, I don't regret anything, and it's bittersweet," Bailey said. "I'm ready for the next stage of my life, but I'm going to be completely lost without basketball. So it'll definitely be an emotional day."

Gibson will leave SIU either 19th or 18th in the school's history in points scored. She holds the 19th spot with 1,075 points, and needs 19 points to surpass Kelly Firth for 18th.

She said it means a lot to be honored on Senior Day with Bailey and Smith, the only remaining players from their five-member recruiting class.

"I don't think words could really express how that'll feel, being with them on Saturday," Gibson said. "But I mean we've been through a lot and we stuck through it together, and those are my sisters."

Smith has scored 919 points in her four years with the Salukis, and this season is posting career-bests of 13.1 points per game — first on SIU — and 1.81 steals per game.

Bailey has made 59 3-pointers over her career, including 36 this season, shooting 35.1 percent from beyond the arc. Her 5.3 points per game this season is nearly four points better than her previous high of 1.5 last season.

"They've been great students and done a terrific job in the classroom, and worked really hard on the court," coach Dana Eikenberg said of the seniors. "Each of them in their own right is a different type of leader, a different type of personality, and I think the last four years we've seen them grow and it's been a positive for their development and for their future. So we'll miss them, but they're going to be successful in what they do."

All three were members of the 2006-07 team that won the Missouri Valley Conference's regular season title, going 16-2 against Valley foes.

For that team, Gibson tallied 7.9 points and 3.7 rebounds per game, while Smith averaged 6.7 points and 5.4 rebounds per game. Bailey also chipped in 1.4 points per game off the bench, and said that season is her favorite memory of being a Saluki.

"It was just a fun year. The team had great chemistry, we had so much fun together and we went 16-2 in conference, which is

unreal," Bailey said. "So it was an overall unbelievable experience, and I got a ring, so it was good."

There is a likelihood the Salukis will play Evansville again in the opening round of the MVC Tournament, as the winner of Saturday's game will clinch the eighth seed, and the loser would be either ninth or 10th.

SIU and the Purple Aces opened their conference schedules against each other on Jan. 2 at Evansville, where the Salukis lost 70-65, squandering a seven-point halftime lead.

The Purple Aces outscored SIU 28-18 in the paint in the game, and Eikenberg said the Salukis were out-muscled.

SIU comes into the game having lost its last two, allowing 73 and 69 points in the road losses and making just 51.1 percent of its free throws.

"You got to play better defense, you got to make free throws," Eikenberg said. "When you don't play defense and you don't make free throws, you don't win very many ball games."

Smith said Senior Day will be emotional, but the primary concern is beating Evansville.

"It's the last time that we'll ever play in this arena. I mean, we've been here for four years, this is home for us, we love playing here, so it'll definitely be emotional," Smith said. "But I have to go out and take care of business first and foremost."

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How the Salukis can become champions ...

Five keys to pulling off a shocker in St. Louis

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ST. LOUIS — Coming off consecutive wins against Drake and Wichita State to close the regular season, the Salukis will need to rattle off three straight wins at the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament to extend their season.

Their first test comes at 2:30 p.m. today against Bradley in the Scottrade Center.

While it seems like the toughest task SIU has faced this season, each Valley team has been prone to a let down at one point or another this season. And the Salukis could take advantage of a topsy-turvy year in the conference and walk out with an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament if the following things occur.



Seniors must step up

With Bryan Mullins possibly sidelined, senior leadership must come from Tony Boyle and Wesley Clemmons.

Boyle has shown moments of brilliance throughout his Saluki career, especially when the calendar turns to March.

The senior forward is one of three SIU players to have played for the school's 2007 Sweet Sixteen team.

Coming off the bench for an injured Matt Shaw, Boyle scored a then season-high 14 points, shooting 4-for-5 from the field and 6-for-8 from the free-throw line.

Lowery said another clutch performance from Boyle could spark the Salukis to some success at Arch Madness.

"Tony Boyle has been Mr. March for us. He's been great at conference tournaments and NCAA tournaments," Lowery said. "Everybody remembers what he did against Holy Cross (in the 2007 NCAA Tournament) and really catapulted us to the second round."

As for Clemmons, he has provided energy and solid defensive play throughout his four years at SIU. The 6-foot-3-inch guard could set a tone coming off the bench that his teammates could follow.



Dillard goes on scoring spree

The MVC Freshman of the Year award winner is the Salukis' leading scorer, and with Mullins possibly sidelined for a ninth straight game, Kevin Dillard holds the keys to the offense.

Dillard has become the team's primary distributor, ball-handler and scorer as a true freshman. When the Saluki offense needs a play made, often times it is Illinois' reigning Mr. Basketball that makes it.

Dillard scored 34 points in two games against Bradley and will look to add to that total today. If he can have another 20-point performance, the Salukis will likely find themselves in the semifinals.

Play without fouling

SIU head coach Chris Lowery said he has been pleased with the team's return to its gritty defense. However, with only eight healthy players on its roster, Lowery has stressed the importance of playing defense without fouling.

Specifically, Ryan Hare.

Hare ranks third on the Salukis with 79 personal fouls and is a key member of the Saluki guard unit. The freshman guard is arguably the team's best one-on-one defender and is capable of limiting an opposing player's open looks.

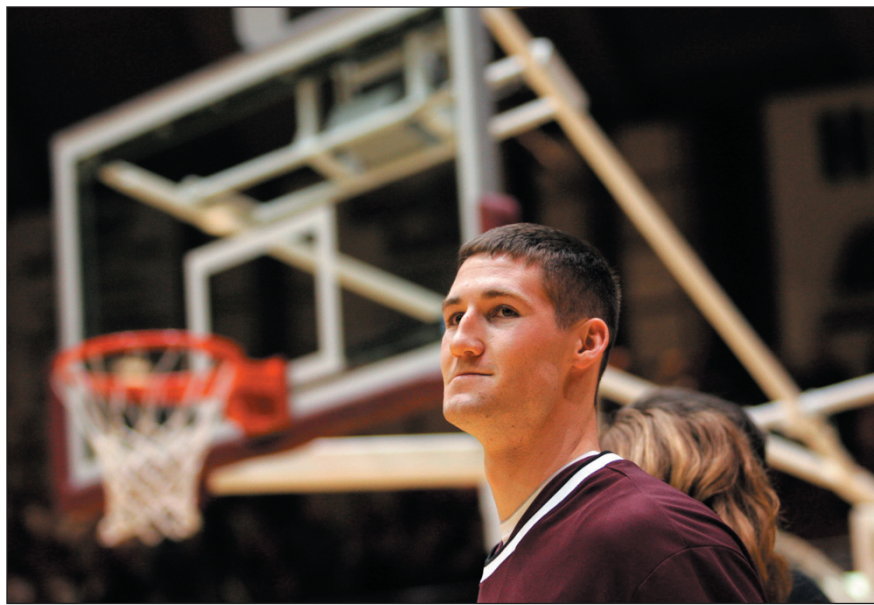
But when he fouls and sends the opponent to the free-throw line, it hurts the team.

After the Salukis' BracketBuster loss to Illinois-Chicago, Lowery stressed the importance of playing hard without suffering the consequences of fouling.

"If Ryan doesn't foul, then we're good. We saw what happens when Ryan's in



the game," Lowery said after the 74-67 loss. "He's got to be in the game, and he can't foul."



Mullins miraculously heals

When the Salukis' senior leader went down, the team clearly struggled.

After splitting its first two games without Mullins, SIU dropped four consecutive games, including a 26-point loss at Northern Iowa and a 22-point loss at home to Creighton.

SIU bounced back with two wins to close the season, but if Mullins can return, even in limited doses, it could spark the team.

Everyone benefited from Mullins' presence. The two-time MVC Defensive Player of the Year award winner was the cornerstone of the Saluki defense.

When Mullins has the ball on the offensive end, SIU's all-time assist leader knows what to do with it. And his basketball IQ might be the kind of added ingredient the Salukis need to push them past their Valley counterparts.

A little bit of luck

Last year, the University of Georgia overcame the odds to win the Southeastern Conference Tournament championship.

With rumors swirling around the program about the possible firing of head coach Dennis Felton and a tornado that delayed the tournament's start, the Bulldogs still managed to win four games in four days — including a double-header — to earn its first NCAA Tournament trip since 2002.

Georgia entered the SEC Tournament with a 13-16 record and only four wins against SEC schools. It walked out of the tournament with its head held high after cutting down the nets in Atlanta.

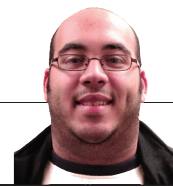
With that said, a slew of SIU upsets is a definite possibility.



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ST. LOUIS — I'm channeling my inner Kevin Garnett because anything is possible.

And the SIU men's basketball team hopes the Gateway to the West is the gateway to a Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championship.

The Salukis, as well as the six remaining seeds, enter what could be the most wide-open Valley tourney anyone has seen in a long time. What was once considered not too long ago as the renaissance mid-major conference was filled with parity during the 2008-09 season where on any given day any team could beat another.

Perennial cellar-dweller Indiana State beat an Illinois State team that features the conference's preseason player of the year (Osiris Eldridge), the conference's best newcomer (Champ Oguchi) and one of the nation's up-and-coming coaching prospects. Did I mention the Sycamores beat them — twice?

“And that's what the Salukis will need at the Scottrade Center: a little bit of luck.”

After losing its first conference game to the professional giant slayers of Indiana State, MVC co-champs Northern Iowa won 11 straight games to take the Valley by storm. But the Panthers stumbled down the stretch losing three of their last five games, placing them squarely on the NCAA Tournament bubble.

A bubble that could be easily popped by a hot-shooting team that has a little bit of luck on its side.

And that's what the Salukis will need at the Scottrade Center: a little bit of luck.

The talent is there, even if I am not wearing maroon-tinted glasses.

Freshman of the Year Kevin Dillard led the team in scoring, averaging 12.6 points per game overall and 13.9 points per game against MVC foes. Take away the clunkers in which he failed to reach double figures and his average jumps to 16.9 points per game.

Dillard has enough offensive firepower to carry his teammates through a scoring drought. But he should not be alone in handling that burden because again, there is talent to be had.

Sophomore guard Justin Bocot scored 28 points in a win at Missouri State. Forward Carlton Fay scored 17 points against Duke, one of the nation's best defenses. Anthony Booker posted his first double-double on Feb. 18, an 18-point 11-rebound performance in a 78-72 loss against Indiana State. Tony Boyle has two 20-point performances under his belt this season, including a 20-10 game on Senior Night, which proved how badly he does not want to end a sour season on a sad note.

On the bench, behind a pair of wire-rimmed glasses is Chris Lowery, a two-time Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year recipient.

Despite a season of shortcomings, Saluki fans should feel a little more confident heading into St. Louis with the team on a two-game win streak against a beatable Bradley Braves squad.

Because even though anything is possible ... a wise man once told me not everything is probable.