Smart Women, Smart Money

Event teaches financial and business technique

Danny Wenger

Women learned how to stay in the black over a catered dinner Tuesday night.

More than 200 women attended Smart Women, Smart Money — a symposium presented by the state treasurer’s office focused on educating women about finances. The event included live music and tables from local vendors and promoted networking among female business owners. There were also key speakers including State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias.

Angie Wyatt, news anchor from WSIL, conducted the event and said it was to help women learn to manage money.

“The purpose of these conferences is quite simple,” Wyatt said. “We want to empower, we want to encourage and we want the process finished as much as we are concerned,” Wyatt said. “The only pressure is coming from within the group.”

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The committee addressing allegations of plagiarism against SIU President Glenn Poshard is likely to miss its deadline, committee members said Tuesday.

Members of the seven-person committee said they had no definite timetable for when they would finish their review of the accusations, but said it was not likely they would be done by Friday as originally planned.

When SIUC Chancellor Fernando Treviño first announced the committee Sept. 14, he said he expected the group to report to him with their findings in two weeks. The committee is charged with recommending what further action the university might take concerning accusations against Poshard’s 1984 doctoral dissertation and 1975 master’s thesis. Faculty Senate President Ramanarayanan Viswanathan, chairman of the committee, said the group has been meeting at least twice a week but doubts it will finish by Friday. The committee is set to meet again today, Viswanathan said.

David Worrells, senate secretary and a member of the committee, said the university has not pressured the committee to produce results before it is ready.

“There is zero external pressure as far as I am concerned,” Worrells said. “The only pressure is coming from within the group.”

The committee takes its job very seriously, he said, and they want the process finished as much as anyone.

Treviño said he told the committee to finish its review in two weeks, but also said he gave them leeway in the interest of a thorough review. Treviño said he expected the committee would report to him no later than Oct. 10.

“You never know what happens when they delve into it and actually start reading everything and looking at everything,” he said.

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Carbondale police disseminate the truth about police and television shows

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Millions tune in every week to watch their favorite crime-drama TV shows, such as “Law and Order” and “CSI,” but Carbondale police officers are teaching citizens what really goes on.

The Carbondale Police Department presented its semi-annual Citizen’s Police Academy, a class where citizens learn the basics of being a police officer. Carbondale Police Officer Randy Martin said Tuesday that some people come to class expecting to learn about sophisticated murder investigations because of what they see on television. But, he said, the use of DNA tests and fingerprints isn’t as common as people think.

“Hopefully it clears up misinterpretations about what law enforcement is all about,” he said.

In the Academy, citizens are shown many procedures, including what police deal with during traffic stops, what to do when a suspect runs away and crime scene investigations.

The class has graduated more than 450 citizens and 15 are enrolled for this go-round.

Officer Doug Wilson said he started to volunteer for the police department after he participated in the Citizen’s Police Academy twice before.

“Just it like TV,” he said. “Fingerprinting now, for the most part, is digitlized on the computer. Fingers go on the screen, hit go, and each print shows up on the computer screen.”

Officer Doug Wilson chats with 72-year-old Carbondale resident Jack Whitlock during a Citizens Police Academy class Tuesday evening. Whitlock began volunteering at the police station as a fingerprint analyst after completing a previous class.

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Study to recover lost methane

Grant helps mines reuse methane to reduce climate change

Danny Wenger

Saty Harpalani might have a hard time getting a turkey leg this Thanksgiving — turkeys are hard to come by at Indian coal mines.

Harpalani, chair of the department of mining and mineral resources engineering at SIUC, is scheduled to travel to India at the end of November. The purpose of the trip is to study the amount of methane gas released through the ventilation of two coal mines. The money for the research comes from a $77,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Paul Gunning, chief of the non-CO2 programs in the climate change division of the EPA, said SIUC’s grant is one of several awarded to study methane gas emissions.

“It was $2 million worth of awards that we announced in support of the Methane to Markets partnership,” Gunning said.

According to its Web site, the Methane to Markets partnership is an international group of government and private sector entities that work in methane recovery to reduce damage to the environment.

“The Methane to Markets partnership was something the administration launched with, at the time, 13 other countries in November of 2004,” Gunning said. “The purpose of the partnership is to advance methane recovery and utilization projects in the coal mining area, in the landfill gas area, in oil and gas area and in agriculture.”

Harpalani said he will travel to India with a researcher and the Indian co-partner would bring two other people. The five researchers would study the mines over a three-day period to measure the amount of gas emitted from the mine.

“I will do it only once,” Harpalani said. “It’s a researcher and the mine owner would bring two other people. The five researchers would study the mines over a three-day period to measure the amount of gas emitted from the mine.”

Harpalani said he would be doing the fieldwork at the mine in Jharia. After the second mine is measured the chief of the Indian researcher would come to SIU to finish compiling the data. Harpalani said the findings would be presented to the EPA in April.

“EPA is doing this to reduce the amount of methane that is emitted into the atmosphere because methane is a greenhouse gas, highly greenhouse gas, much more than carbon dioxide,” Harpalani said.

Harpalani said although methane is dangerous for the environment it is also a source of energy. The program is beneficial for the mines because they can use methane recovery to lower operation costs, he said.

“It’s kind of a situation where they’re trying to protect the environment, but with a value added benefit, for the mine or the company that they will get enough energy to heat the water for the mine or something like that,” Harpalani said.

Mines in Australia and China have used methane recovery for a while, Harpalani said.

Gunning said encouraging methane recovery projects reaches several goals.

“Once it addresses climate change by reducing methane emissions,” he said. “Two, it creates a source of energy that could help fuel local communities energy needs.”

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Americans miss the big picture again

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Americans have a knack for being able to complicate the easiest of solutions. For example, consider the early years of our space program. The best and brightest at NASA spent millions of dollars trying to develop a pen that could write in space. The Russians, however, supposedly came up with a much simpler solution. They used a pencil.

It kind of makes you wonder how we meandered our way into winning the Cold War, doesn’t it? But the lesson to be learned from this story isn’t that Americans are stupid or incompetent – though there’s a strong case to the contrary – it’s that we have a hard time “connecting the dots.” The big picture remains incomplete because we are, all too often, trapped within our limited zones of experience.

Major television networks may air commercials that show images of starving children looking for sponsorship into our living rooms, but they are just that – images. Empathy cannot be achieved with pictures on a screen that fleetingly enter our world between the latest installment of “CSI” or “Big Brother,” no matter how heart-rending they may be.

Something has to hit home. Only when an event that transcends our ocular and cultural wall occurs do we glimpse into another’s life. Unfortunately, the event that should have awakened the American consciousness has only served to narrow it. Six years after Sept. 11, we still haven’t made the connection between our actions abroad and why Islamic extremists hate us. We haven’t done so correctly, at least.

The good news is that this is not entirely our fault, nor is it accidental. For example, Republican hardliners have preached from their bully pulpits that being in Iraq is essential to the war on terror. This may be a true statement, but only because we made it so. In fact, the U.S. military has helped create al-Qaeda cells in Saddam’s old stomping ground.

This is not a conspiracy theory but a well-documented fact. The majority of insurgents fighting against American troops were, during its early stages, a group of nationalist Sunnis who wanted their country back. Because the term “tribal freedom fighter” doesn’t sound as good as “terrorist,” the Bush administration needed someone to demonize to convince us staying in Iraq was necessary to national security.

That’s how we found Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi. He is more commonly referred to as AMZ. This Jordanian was portrayed as a prominent and dangerous al-Qaeda operative when, according to journalist Patrick Graham, insurgents “would laugh at what U.S. spokesmen were saying about the insurgency and Zarqawi’s prominence.”

However, the plan backfired. As airtime devoted to AMZ increased, so did his legitimacy. He gained followers and money, but his arm of al-Qaeda was (and remains) a very cheap and disposable arm of the terrorist organization.

And this, of course, has only made a bad situation worse. As if trying to juggle between three major factions in Iraq wasn’t enough – Sunni, Shites and the Kurds – the United States has helped unleash a criminal gang that kills anyone who gets in its way.

This isn’t the first time America has pulled a stunt like this, and it likely won’t be the last. Keeping this in mind, imagine how years of U.S. intervention in middle eastern politics – even going so far as to help orchestrate an Iranian coup in 1953 – has tainted our image in the region.

So, perhaps even when someone as antagonistic as President Ahmadinejad says America should scrutinize “why it [Sept. 11] happened, what caused it, [and] what were the conditions that led to it,” we should take the opportunity to look beyond ourselves instead of labeling him as a “petty and cruel dictator,” like Columbia University president Lee Bollinger recently did, when we are partly responsible for his rise to power.

Now that’s the big picture.

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Academic success: Talk to your professors

Counseling Center

One of the keys to academic success that many students fail to take advantage of is their professors.

For a variety of reasons, sometimes students make the assumption that their professors do not care about their success or feel intimidated to approach them at all. However, this is not usually the case. Students can benefit from getting to know their professors and communicating with them.

In fact, according to Dr. Ann Fischer, associate professor of psychology, students should, “Remember that your professors really want you to do well, and we would love if everyone walked away from our classes having earned A grades. You and your professor are on the same team!”

This is especially true if you are having difficulties in the course. Despite myths to the contrary, your professors are human beings and it is important to approach them with the same courtesy and respect that you would want in a social interaction. According to Dr. Yu-Won Wang, assistant professor of psychology, and Dr. Stacia Robertson, assistant professor of the Rehabilitation Institute, there are some dos and don’ts to keep in mind when approaching your professors.

What to do:
Communicate early. If personal troubles (a death in the family) arise that may interfere with class, or if you have difficulties in the beginning understanding material, communicate with your professor as soon as possible. If you are failing and wait until two weeks before the final exam to ask, “How can I pass this class?” it is already too late. Ask faculty how they prefer to being contacted (e.g., making appointments via e-mail or dropping by during office hours).
Be professional and courteous when contacting and interacting with faculty. In other words, treated to basic etiquette and also remember professors are potential references for future job searches or grad school applications!
Be conscious of faculty’s time because they usually have many students whom they need to attend to in addition to other research or administrative tasks.
Be prepared when you meet with faculty (e.g., reading the syllabus carefully and knowing the requirements for the class). This will save you both time and demonstrate you are taking responsibility for your own learning and behavior.
Be open to faculty’s recommendations. Sometimes students may not realize the commitment a three-credit hour class requires and it is essential to study/study/reading outside of class) and that you may have to make some changes in how you approach the class.

What not to do:
Don’t hesitate to ask for help when problems arise.
Don’t wait until it is too late (such as missing most of the classes or not turning in most of the assignments)! Also, if you wait until it is an “emergency” for you, you can not expect the professor will be available right then.
Don’t ignore faculty’s or TA’s e-mails or phone calls when they contact you for issues related to class.
Finally, it may be best of all to not wait for warning signs or trouble before approaching your professor. Most professors teach because they have a passion for the subject, and it is nice to hear from students about their interests in the class, not just when they are having difficulties. Dr. Fischer recommends students try to create positive encounters with professors inside and outside of class time.

Having a relationship foundation before a problem arises will make it much easier to problem-solve constructively and feel comfortable approaching your professor.

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InSight

An uncertain path

Photo column by DuVal Riley — DAILY EGYPTIAN

In life, we choose many paths: some paved and some bumpy, some straight and some winding. It can be a difficult task to choose which path to take, but we all have to find one.

This photo was taken in New York on my way back from visiting Lake Placid, N.Y. After viewing it, I thought about what I have and will continue to encounter on my own road.

Four years ago, I had to decide which college to attend. It was a decision that caused a lot of concern in my family. Concerns arose from money to whether I would be able to face the challenges university environments had to offer.

Ultimately, it was my decision, and I chose SIUC.

As a soon-to-be graduate, I will have to choose yet another path. It is a bittersweet feeling to say that this is my last year as a student at SIUC, but the feeling to move on urges me to do so.

The uncertainty of not knowing where I will be or whom I will work for does scare me. I can only hope that the education and experience that I have gained here will be adequate in this competitive world. But I know I cannot rely on that alone.

Anyone will tell you that life is tough. Whatever path chosen, I will make sure that I confront any challenges on the way. I have to want to succeed, even in the face of adversity.

Choose your own path, because anyone will also tell you that life is too short.

Poshscare should not stop external inquiry

Dear Editor:

President Poshard in Monday’s WSUI interview warned us all that a tsunami of plagiarism allegations could swiftly engulf the campus, he himself being potentially only its very first target. If, he stated, the special review committee went to off-campus evaluators in his case, where would it all end?

This sounded precisely close to a presidential instruction to the committee evaluating his case. Or a little bit of a scare story.

The central issue is that the SIU system president has had evidence, not just “allegations,” noted in the Chronicle of Higher Education, the national college education weekly read all across America and beyond, of unauthorized segments of his thesis and dissertation.

If a committee of distinguished academics from outside the state judged the evidence not to be significant, then President Poshard can hold his head high as he represents all of us and the quality of SIU’s degrees. For the rest of the world beyond this little region, an insider evaluation will not do the trick. But once his case is unprospectively settled, any other allegations forthcoming about other individuals can certainly be handled on this campus. And then, a tonnage of them, if it actually materialized, could be treated with the appropriate public skepticism.

But how President Poshard’s case is handled is the linchpin.

I write in my individual capacity.

John Downing

harnessed radio-television professor

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Calling all majors

Students who may constantly look for a reason to dress their best and talk to people they don’t know will have that opportunity today. Although he said he did not intend to attend the job fair, Roy Romano, a junior from Frankfort studying plant biology, said several kinds of events are a good way to start networking and putting yourself out there.

The job fair for all majors is set to take place today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms.

After a little thought, Romano changed his mind and decided he should maybe think about attending.

“I’m a junior now, I guess I should probably go and see what’s out there for me,” he said.

Career Services Specialist Michelle Garrett said there would be many employers looking for students to give jobs and internships to.

“One hundred and two employers are the equivalent of several hundred positions that are open for students,” Garrett said.

Garrett also said employers are looking for a student that is put together and prepared.

“Participants have indicated that the first thing they look at is how an individual who approaches them is dressed,” Garrett said.

She said this means if a student is seeking a job or internship, he or she should not arrive dressed in jeans, T-shirts or flip-flops.

Tim Weinacht, employment administrator for Basler Electric, one of the businesses to be featured at the fair, said his company looks for more than just a well-dressed student — he looks for well-prepared ones as well.

“I look for someone who took the time to put a resume together, someone who presents well and takes the initiative to inquire a little bit about our company,” Weinacht said.

Garrett also said if a student has one prepared, he or she should bring several copies of a resume and reference list.

Romano said even though he knew internships were a good idea, he was a little weary about how much money it would cost to spend all summer working for little to no wage.

“Although I would really like to get an internship, it seems to me like you have to have money to afford it,” Romano said.

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Park, specifically the area between Allen Hall and Boomer Hall.

Tucker said six officers typically patrol the east side of campus and student residential areas from 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday. On Thursdays, the patrol extends its hours until midnight, while Friday and Saturday patrols continue until 3 a.m.

Wes McCallmon, a senior from Breese studying administration of justice, said he has lived on campus for the past four years and believes more protection would benefit SIUC students. 

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Strong lyrics carry the Foo

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Foo Fighters
"Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace"
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"Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace” draws upon the Foo Fighters’ aptitude for mature, developed lyrics and their powerful, repetitive riffs to deliver an album that stands in line with their previous successes.

The rock band’s sixth album opens on a heavier note with “The Pretender,” a track very similar to other Foo hits that serve as a strong introduction capable of pulling listeners into the album. Throughout the CD, the mood gradually shifts from rock to softer elements, ultimately ending with “Home,” a song featuring lead singer Dave Grohl on the piano—a first for a Foo album.

Strong lyrics are evidence of the Foo Fighters’ success as musicians. In “Home,” Grohl seems to be pleading: “Wish I were with you, I couldn’t stay. Every direction leads me away. Pray for today, all I want is to be home.” Listeners may empathize with him and desire the same things.

Yet, even considering this, “Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace” is still a versatile album that showcases the Foo Fighters’ many abilities, from Grohl’s smooth transitions from singing to screaming, to the shift in the instrumental from hard rock to acoustic and back.

One track that adds a dramatic change of pace with it’s moving acoustic is “Ballad of the Beaconsfield Miners,” an instrumental song Grohl wrote for two miners who were trapped in a Tasmanian gold mine earlier this year. The album also features some throwbacks to the band’s rock influences. “Statues” opens with an introduction reminiscent of Skyfied, and other Foo riffs make up for the overused cookie-cutter song formula.

Strong lyrics can say a lot about your career is going and on what it will be based. First impressions are over a lot when it comes to the music industry. Your first single can say a lot about where your career is going and on what it will be based.

Some artists, such as Chaminillionaire, should be seen beyond their first major single — his was “Turn It Up!” to find their real worth.

Chambring brings a melodic delivery and a conscious flow in his second album, “Ultimate Victory,” covering a wide yet thematic range of topics, from the media’s perversion of hip-hop to gun violence. Right off the jump, Chaminillionaire shows thought-provoking rhymes on the opening track, “The Morning News,” where he muses on current issues in the hip-hop world. He even debates Cam’ron’s “Stop Snitching” campaign: “They tell me I sold out for executing the snitching rule, sounded like a good idea, until the murder happened to you.”

The lyricism shines particularly on “Industry Groupie,” where he digs into fake women who try to sleep their way up the ladder of fame.

The major beef with this album is the appearance of Lil’ Wayne’s favorable rapper — Lil’ Wayne — who contributes to a growing commercial play-list of rock star-themed tracks, this one aptly titled “Rock Star.”

It listeners feel the game needs more conscious rappers and restrict their interests to the neo-soul movement, then turn to a more shallow focus and see that even in the mainstream there is some substance.

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Basketball

SIU's Matt Ellis and Todd Obergoenner scored 134 and 14 points respectively, and 37.6 percent of three-point field goals made last season.

Junior guard Bryan Mullins, the only returning starter for the backcourt, said the coaches have told him to shoot the ball whenever he's open, but he isn't looking to overcome the scoring burden by himself.

"I really don't go to force the issue," Mullins said. "The guards just got to come to you. The shots should be there. Mullins said, because of the inside presence of returning starters Matt Szawaluk and Ryan Shaw. The 6-foot-8-inch, 235-pound senior should both garner double-teams and he and the other guards need to be prepared to take shots they wouldn't have had the opportunity to take last season.

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"Blake beat me by a shot or two and he played real consistent and good iron shots," Mullins said. "I played pretty steady, but Collier was able to improve off their first 18 holes with marks of 70 and nine more than his second round, 136. Geoff Mead of South Dakota State was the tournament with a score of even par while University of Cincinnati took the team title with a score of 885.

Scotland top performer was Matthew Driskell who had marks of 77-73-75 throughout the tournament to finish 136. Ellis said it was nice to see consistency out of Driskell to help the team chemistry. "Blake beat me by a shot or two and he played real consistent and good, he played pretty steady," Ellis said. "John (Danzinger) and Phillip (Collier) there in a good round, and I came down today and Todd (Obergoenner) he got out the doldrums to help the team chemistry."

Collier led the first round with a score of 72. He said he is also looking to take

"The Salukis top performer was Senior Nick Evans, a 6-foot-11-inch center from Carbondale High School who played for Mullins' father in the AAL, said he has never been pushed nearly as hard as the beginning of summer and fall training.

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“It’s hard to choose just one, but I really enjoyed Dennis Green’s tirade after losing to the Bears last season on Monday Night Football. It came after a great game, too. But if you don’t agree with my response, don’t hesitate to call me out on it. I can handle it. I’m a man! I’m 40!”

“Just Bobby Knight in general. The man is a legend, he can throw chairs and curse at his players and still be regarded as one of the greatest coaches in the history of college basketball.”

“Shootout at the Pineapple — the MVC Conference tournament — is one of those things where I’m going to put a positive spin on it because I’m positive and we’re going to learn from it.”

Zoerlein said the team would help them in their most important tournament of the season — the MVC Conference Championship in April. Zoelein said the team would work this week during practice on being better focused and mentally prepared when they step onto the course.

The Salukis will return to the course Oct. 8 at the Shootout at the Legends in Indianapolis.

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Saluki basketball players, from left, senior forward Matt Shaw, freshman center Nick Entian, junior guard Bryan Mullins and senior forward Tyrone Green lift weights during strength and conditioning training accounted for 39.9 percent of the team's scoring, 36.3 percent of steals, 38.3 percent of assists and 57.6 percent of three-point field goals.

Salukis drive into the rough

Senior Kelly Gerlach tees off Sept. 18 during practice at Hickory Ridge golf course. Gerlach finished 30th overall in Myrtle Beach Golf Classic on Sept. 25.

Men finish sixth at ranked course

Jeff Engelhardt

As if missing the reigning Missouri Valley Conference Golfer of the Week title wasn’t tough enough, the SIU men’s golf team had to compete on a course ranked as the 53rd toughest in the nation.

The Salukis ended the two-day Cleveland State Invitational Tuesday in sixth place out of 11 teams. The Salukis shot a final round of 308, which dropped them from the fifth position.

The tournament was held on the 7,062 yard, par-71 Sand Ridge Golf Club in Chardon, Ohio. Coach Lenny Newton said the course was much tougher than last year’s course.

Women finish 13th out of 15 teams

Megan Kramer

While it’s still early in the season, the SIU women’s golf team isn’t making any excuses.

The Salukis shot a team total 634 to finish 13th out of 15 teams Tuesday at the Myrtle Beach Golf Classic in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Senior Kelly Gerlach was the top finisher on the team, tying for 30th place with an overall score of 152.

After round one, Gerlach was tied for 18th with a 74 but couldn’t hold the position after a second round score of 78, which dropped her into a tie for 30th.

Saluki basketball players run through the gauntlet and Salukis drive into the rough

Men’s Basketball

Same old rock, new hands

Salukis look to build upon success despite stars’ departures

Sean McGahan

For the first time since 2005, there is a vacancy in the SIU men’s basketball team’s starting lineup.

Entering the 2007-08 season, the Salukis are looking to make up for the loss of senior guards Jamar Tatum and Tony Young — whose combined production accounted for 39.9 percent of the team’s scoring, 36.3 percent of steals, 38.3 percent of assists and 57.6 percent of three-point field goals.

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Fantasy Football

Finding a replacement

Scott Mieszala

The good news for fantasy owners of Deuce McAllister is they no longer have to play the guessing game of when he will get more carries.

No longer will his owners be searching for headlines such as “McAllister to get more carries,” or “McAllister to Saints.” If you keep handing off to Reggie Bush half the time, we’ll keep losing games three yards at a time.”

The bad news is he probably has a torn ACL, is likely out for the season, leaving all his fantasy owners down a running back.

Now, the problem becomes replacing him if you don’t have a solid No. 3 running back already in the bank.

A short-term fix could be Brian Leon, who will start in place of Steven Jackson this week. This would also be suggested for owners of Jackson as well.

Giants’ head coach Tom Coughlin said Reuben Droughns will have a continued role in the offense, and he did have two touchdowns on three carries Sunday.

The problem remains, though, that Leonard will only start a week or two, and Giants No. 1 back Brandon Jacobs should return soon and diminish Droughns’ role.

Coming to terms with the need to trade your best player might be the next logical step, if you don’t already have that quality backup.

Which brings me to Tip No. 2: Pick up receivers who face the Lions.

When Detroit traded Drew Bly to the Broncos during the off-season, the Lions were left with Fernando Bryant and Stanley Wilson as their top two corners. Heading into the season, they had a combined 10 years of experience and just five career interceptions — all Bryant’s, and he hasn’t intercepted a pass since Week 4 of 2003.

Last week when I needed a free agent after losing out on a waiver claim for Cadillac Williams, I picked up Kevin Curtis of the Eagles. He hadn’t done much to that point, but he had been Donovan McNabb’s favorite target through two weeks.

The result: 221 receiving yards and three touchdowns, although no one could have predicted that big of a performance.

This week, the Bears play the Lions. Muhsin Muhammad and Bernard Berrian could be available as free agents, so if you can pick them up, do it, and if you own them, start them.

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