Student loan interest rates could double

MITCH SCAFPER
Daily Egyptian

Unless Congress acts to prevent an increase, subsidized loan interest rates may double.

President Obama has proposed moving student loan interest rates to a more flexible policy rather than the present system of interest rates fixed by law, according to an April 9 Chronicle of Higher Education article. However, subsidized student loan interest rates will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent if Congress does not act by the time existing legislation expires July 1.

According to the article, the increase could cause the university to experience an enrollment decrease.

"Students at the margin who … believe they can barely afford the loans of the lower interest rate will look at the higher interest rate and conclude they can't make the loan and can't go to school," Mitchell said.

Zsolt Becsi, associate professor of economics, agreed the university would feel the effects of the increase, and it will be through enrollment. People will continue to take out loans while the rate is lower, but interest rates could negatively affect university enrollment negatively in the next five years, he said.

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Future educators drop in enrollment

ELIZABETH ZINCHUK
Daily Egyptian

Several state universities have seen teaching program enrollment declines, and officials say the economy, as well as elements of the profession, may be to blame.

Illinois State University has seen a nearly 13 percent decline in new teacher education students, according to an article in The Republic. ISU's College of Education had 681 new students in summer and fall 2008, and that number fell to 594 at the same time in 2012, according to the article. SU has similarly seen a decline in its College of Education and Human Services enrollment, and administrators and students studying to be teachers differed in opinions on why the decline exists.

Amer Adkins, ISU College of Education associate dean, said the drop is a statewide trend.

"I can say that ISU is not the only one seeing this decline," she said. When I talk to my colleagues in other colleges of teacher education, I am hearing very similar stories."

The university's College of Education and Human Services has decreased 14.2 percent from 2,868 enrolled in 2008 to 2,459 in 2012, according to SIU's institutional research fact book.

Adkins said the decline started in 2008, and she believes it is tied with the economic downturn.

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Higher tax could bring new revenue to area wineries

TREY BRAUNECKER
Daily Egyptian

A state representative is backing legislation that could help promote Illinois' wine industry.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, is sponsoring a bill that would add a two-cent increase on every gallon of wine imported and exported to Illinois. The tax revenue could be used to help vineyards hire professionals to improve their wine's quality, Bost said. It would also help showcase local wineries and advertise Illinois winemakers to neighboring states and showcase local wineries.

However, Bost said the wine tax is not new legislation.

Indiana and Missouri passed similar bills in 1997, he said, that helped both states grow their respective wine industries. When Illinois attempted to pass a similar bill in 1997, Bost said, California lobbyists removed the Illinois wine tax from the bill to avoid profits for California's wine industry.

"The California winemakers came in and lobbied against the bill and got several legislators to get the tax taken off so it would just be a line item (in other legislation)," he said. "That line item was in place until Rod Blagojevich, who did not support the Illinois wine industry, took it out."

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Growing season has begun for many southern Illinois wineries, but this season may include some new laws. Illinois State Representative Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, is proposing a bill that would raise the Illinois wine tax by 2 cents. The increase would go toward hiring professionals in the field and helping the industry's statewide expansion.

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Correction
In Tuesday's edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story "Medical simulators provide nursing majors experience" should have said Susan Winters, director of the SIUE Regional Nursing Program, said both SIU campuses pooled their resources to bring nursing education to southern Illinois as there was no bachelors nursing program below U.S. Interstate 64 before the collaboration. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

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Security beefed up worldwide after Boston blasts

COLLEEN LONG Associated Press

From the World Trade Center and Times Square in New York to the White House and sports venues across the country, police patrolled in packs and deployed counterterrorism teams Monday as security was stepped up after explosions at the Boston Marathon.

Worries also reverberated across the Atlantic, where an already robust security operation was being beefed up for Wednesday’s ceremonial funeral for former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The event at St. Paul’s Cathedral, to be attended by Queen Elizabeth II and other dignitaries, calls for a procession through the streets of London, with Thatcher’s flag-draped coffin carried on a horse-drawn carriage.

British police were also reviewing security plans for Sunday’s London Marathon — the next major international race — because of the bombs that killed three people and injured more than 140 in Boston.

Across the U.S., security was tightened at landmarks, government buildings, transit hubs and sporting events. Law enforcement agencies also urged the public via Twitter and Facebook to report suspicious activity to the police.

In New York, authorities deployed so-called critical response teams — highly visible patrol units that move in packs with lights and sirens — along with more than 1,000 counterterrorism officers. Highly trafficked areas like the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the United Nations and the World Trade Center site were being especially monitored.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the police department was fully prepared to protect the city.

“Some of the security steps we are taking may be noticeable,” Bloomberg said. “And others will not be.”

In Washington, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano urged the American public “to be vigilant and to listen to directions from state and local officials.”

“At the president’s direction, the Department of Homeland Security is providing any support necessary in this ongoing investigation,” Napolitano said.

At the White House, the Secret Service expanded its security perimeter after the attacks, shutting down Pennsylvania Avenue and cordoning off the area with yellow police tape. Several Secret Service patrol cars blocked off entry points, although the White House was not on lockdown and tourists and other onlookers were still allowed in the park across the street.

Speaking late Wednesday from the White House, President Barack Obama declared that those responsible would “feel the full weight of justice,” though he urged a nervous nation not to jump to conclusions and pointedly avoided using the words “terrorist” or “terrorism.”

However, top lawmakers declared the deadly incident an act of terrorism, and a White House official said it was being treated that way.

Police in Los Angeles, Washington, San Diego, Las Vegas, Detroit, Atlanta and other major cities were monitoring events closely and assessing increases in security measures.

In California, emergency management officials activated their statewide threat assessment system, which was established after the Sept. 11 attacks. And officials in multiple cities and counties throughout the state were reviewing information from federal authorities for possible threats.

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“We are still seeing the numbers, so that tells us it is something bigger,” she said. “I think it is probably the combination of factors.”

The economy, negative student opinion on teaching salaries, conversations within state legislature regarding education reform and endangered teacher pensions are all factors that contribute to the decline, Adkins said.

Teachers also face increasing responsibility to show student success through standardized testing, she said, but the economy has not made the profession any easier.

“I don’t think it is harder to be a teacher because of the economy, but it might be because of the accountability pressures,” she said. “The testing requirements and showing impact on student learning through those tests can be challenging.”

While Adkins said the trend runs statewide, Jerry Becker, a curriculum and instruction professor who instructs math education students, disagreed. Becker said he has seen other teacher education programs besides ISU and SIU that have seen increases.

“This last week I was up at Eastern Illinois University and people there in the math education (division) of the teacher education program said the university already has 5,000 applications for the fall and they won’t (admit) 5,000,” Becker said. “Enrollment there seems to be up considerably.”

However, Becker said high tuition can often interfere with student desire to pursue teaching. Dealing with entitled students doesn’t make the job any easier, either, he said.

“They have to put up with students that maybe aren’t so serious about studying and parents who think that their students are right about everything,” Becker said. “Sometimes the parents more or less consider teachers as babysitters, which doesn’t fit with what teachers are there for.”

Besides issues with students and parents, teacher salaries are not always the most desirable, Becker said, which makes students question their attraction to the profession.

Adkins said there might be an overall decline in interest, but parents may be more positively about the rewards and the opportunities so they follow that,” she said.

Student opinion on the profession echoed the concerns officials raised.

“Teachers also face increasing responsibility to show student success through standardized testing, she said, but the economy has not made the profession any easier either, he said.

“I think everyone thinks teachers don’t make a lot of money,” Gary said. “A lot of people think, ‘Why would I want to be a teacher?’”

Antrea Lumpkin, a junior from Chicago studying education, said she worries about the amount of jobs available for teachers.

However, she said she finds the profession rewarding.

“I like children, and I think I could inspire them by being a teacher and promote education in what is important,” Lumpkin said.

Gary said teaching’s pros outweigh the cons.

“Despite the money problem, I feel like the best job for me to help people is to be a teacher,” he said.

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Inmates, orchestra members perform behind bars

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Associated Press

CHICAGO — Strains of classical music echoed on Sunday — not inside an august concert hall — but in a bleak Chicago jail where the mostly teenage boys await trial on charges ranging from dope dealing to murder.

The concert was part of a unique outreach that’s the brainchild of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra’s musical director, the Italian-born Riccardo Muti, who attended the event at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center on Chicago’s West Side.

The concert included half a dozen of the orchestra’s members. But the center-stage performers were some 10 inmates who participated in a weekend musical workshop at the lockup. It culminated in the Sunday concert featuring compositions the inmates wrote in collaboration with the professionals.

“This is a wonderful beginning for you and for us,” Muti, 71, told the group after the 45-minute performance ended. “You will join society with the sense of harmony you learned here.”

One composition began with a double bass playing a Bach cello suite. It changed direction jarringly a minute later as the teen inmates joined in rapping. One sang about his legal plight: “I hope the judge says I served my time. ... I’m praying God gets me out of this jam.”

Some of the boys’ parents sat in the audience, several with tears in their eyes.

When one of the organizers announced the inmates and their families will receive CD recordings of the concert, one mother buried her head in her hands.

“Oh my God, this is so special,” she said aloud.

The goal of the outreach, which has included other jail visits, is to impart a wider appreciation for music and to inspire at-risk youth. It seemed to work for at least some of the teens.

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Boast said legislators put $500,000 a year to help start the industry until Blagojevich’s first year in office. During that time, he said, every dollar invested in the industry made nearly 17 dollars in profit.

“We made a great return from this growing industry, and you can see how it has really taken off,” he said. “Where we only used to have four wineries, we have over 130 wineries today.”

Jim Ewers, Blue Sky Vineyard part owner and general manager, said the tax increase could be huge for the wine industry, but it will face tough opposition if it is to pass.

“Honestly, I hope the bill goes through, but I won’t make any student decide not to attend college,” he said. “When loan rates go up, more people are going to go do their first two years in community college and then move to a university,” he said.

However, college is still very beneficial for a student even with the potentially trim interest rate, he said. Students should recognize the risk involved with taking out a loan, but they should still do it because of the ultimate payoff — a good career, he said.

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The carnage at the close of Monday’s Boston Marathon tripped Americans’ natural psychic reflexes: Are there any more bombs? Any more cities? And, wasn’t Uncle Pat running that race again this year?

These reactions were more thoughtful, more muted, more knowledgeable than they were 20 years ago, when this nation began its own, most recent marathon of terror assaults on U.S. soil.

The tactic then: a truck bomb beneath the World Trade Center that failed to topple the north tower into the south.

Two years later, a yellow Ryder truck-turned-fertilizer bomb ripped one face off the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City. And in 2001 the 9/11 attacks on New York and Washington suddenly stood a strong and dutybound resolve: Who did this, and with what frequency and ferocity of terror attacks has hardened many citizens against fear.

This is not yet Israel or Britain, lands against which the relative frequency and ferocity of terror attacks has hardened many citizens to the point of helplessness. This is, though, a nation whose people cannot be rattled as easily as was the case in earlier decades.

Americans never will take these dreadful events with anything less than initial shock and dutybound resolve: Who did this, and how should our leaders react? But there was more than symbolism at work Monday in the video from the first blast: more people running toward this ground zero than running away.

For the most generous or other-oriented among us, that may be a natural response, but it wasn’t a necessarily rational one: None of those leaping into the smoke knew whether the explosion they had just witnessed would prove to be the only one at that site, or merely the first in a concussive cascade.

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We cite these earlier incidents not to diminish Monday’s horror but to acknowledge a growing resilience in the American people.

The U.S. military tries to build that resilience program, developed at the University of Pennsylvania, stresses the notion of “post-traumatic growth.”

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In the days after 9/11, fear tore at the American mind — often irrational frights that what had happened in New York and Washington suddenly stood a strong chance of happening in Chicago or other communities across the country.

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Familiarity with terror is a miserable way to attain that growth. But we are here and surviving, a more resilient America.

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Cultural cuisine

ABOVE: Suleman Abdiah, a doctoral student in economics from Pakistan, addresses the judges and audience via a webcam on the laptop held by Ivan Ni, a junior from Pinckneyville studying accounting, Saturday during the ninth annual Iron Chef competition in Quigley Hall. Abdiah was the leader of team Pakistan as they competed to represent their country for the first time in the competition’s history.

RIGHT: Shahid Karim, a graduate student in economics from Pakistan, and Suleman Abdiah, a doctoral student in economics from Pakistan, work together to cook Pakistani dishes Saturday in Quigley Hall as part of the Iron Chef competition. “Our food is complex and takes a lot of time,” Karim said. “It’s a great opportunity to represent our country, even if we don’t win. People have a lot of stereotypes about our country, so we wanted to bring something positive.”
ABOVE: Shahid Karim, a graduate student in economics from Pakistan, adds Coca-Cola to a dish Saturday during the Iron Chef competition, which was organized by the United Asian American Council. Teams were required to use Coca-Cola in their dishes as a secret ingredient. UAAC president Linh Tran, a graduate student in teaching English as a second language from Vietnam, said the event is organized to introduce teams to each other and other cultures. The Iron Chef competition was part of Asian American heritage month.

Right: Zeeshan Bashir, a graduate student in economics from Pakistan, presents food to the judges Saturday during the Iron Chef competition in Quigley Hall. The team created traditional Pakistani dishes from scratch and presented them to a three-judge panel. The remainder of the food was made available to the public who cast votes to determine audience-choice winners. “Our food is delicious,” Abdiah said. “We cook like kings.”

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The tragic Boston Marathon bombing reverberated through the entire country. People from the West Coast have also voiced concern and sympathy. The gravity of the bombing has even traveled internationally, as London Marathon officials announced it will increase its security. Do you feel that bigger sporting events should expand security measures in light of the Boston's situation?

I believe in whatever is necessary to protect innocent fans from harm. A child should not be injured at a playground or football game. When a fan enters the confines of a sporting arena or field, the last thing they are concerned with is their safety because of how well sports facilities have protected people in the past. Safety is something we take for granted at sports games, but the Boston Marathon should be viewed as a learning tool. We have to be even more secure with fans.

Although there is no such thing as 100 percent safe, increased measures should be taken for obvious reasons. On a deeper note, they should be taken so they can make a vulnerable audience feel safer. Attacks such as the Boston bombing spread fear, so any action taken to alleviate that fear is a step in the right direction. Increased safety is especially important for sports venues that rely heavily on fan attendance, yet offer a potential target of attack. Fan security should always be the No. 1 priority.

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Drust said he couldn’t get in the groove of throwing strikes until the first inning was behind him. “After the first inning, I kind of found my stride,” he said. “I wasn’t hitting my spots in the first inning, so I wasn’t getting rewarded with borderline strikes. They were close, but they weren’t there.”

The Salukis responded in the bottom of the first when senior outfielder Austin Montgomery hit a single to right field, and junior infielder Jake Welch scored to decrease UTM’s lead to one run.

The Salukis’ Tuesday win moved their season record to 18-18. Their next series is a Missouri Valley Conference matchup against Creighton University from Friday-Sunday at the CU Sports Complex in Omaha, Neb.

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Gemini — Today is a 9 — Money does buy power, but it’s not the only way. Recharge your batteries by focusing on what you love and are passionate about. Achieving the impossible just takes longer.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — Your hotness is contagious. Don’t take yourself too seriously, and you’ll advance to the next level. A sense of humor is key. Take regular breaks to stay healthy.

Leo — Today is an 8 — Grow your mind through meditation. New data threatens old assumptions. Call home if you run a hike. Don’t get a loved one stirred up. Clean up messes immediately.

Virgo — Today is an 8 — New responsibilities lead to a lot of changes at home. Save opinions and advice until solicited. Simplify matters, and reassess priorities. Clear out the superfluous.

Libra — Today is an 8 — Don’t waste a cent. A change in plans is required, as conditions are unstable. Don’t be stopped by past failures or take things personally. You can replace what you leave behind.

Scorpio — Today is an 8 — Expect change on the financial front. The best things are still free. Stick to basics. Entertaining doesn’t have to be expensive. It can be a collaborative effort.

Sagittarius — Today is a 9 — Feelings run very deep. Adopting another perspective increases your authority. Learn from an adversary. Show you understand. Verify the bottom line.

Capricorn — Today is an 8 — Make quiet inroads. Find out what’s really going on. Streamline your business procedures. Don’t leave before you’re sure the job is done right. Keep a loved one secret.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Gather information and schedule carefully. Practice with your tools. Try not to provoke jealousies, and watch for hidden dangers. Avoid somebody else’s argument.

Pisces — Today is an 8 — Cool down a scandal. Listen to all sides, and reassess priorities. There’s a disagreement about the story. See what the fuss is about.

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Sagittarius — Today is a 9 — Money does buy power, but it’s not the only way. Recharge your batteries by focusing on what you love and are passionate about. Achieving the impossible just takes longer.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — Your hotness is contagious. Don’t take yourself too seriously, and you’ll advance to the next level. A sense of humor is key. Take regular breaks to stay healthy.

Leo — Today is an 8 — Grow your mind through meditation. New data threatens old assumptions. Call home if you run a hike. Don’t get a loved one stirred up. Clean up messes immediately.

Virgo — Today is an 8 — New responsibilities lead to a lot of changes at home. Save opinions and advice until solicited. Simplify matters, and reassess priorities. Clear out the superfluous.

Libra — Today is an 8 — Don’t waste a cent. A change in plans is required, as conditions are unstable. Don’t be stopped by past failures or take things personally. You can replace what you leave behind.

Scorpio — Today is an 8 — Expect change on the financial front. The best things are still free. Stick to basics. Entertaining doesn’t have to be expensive. It can be a collaborative effort.

Sagittarius — Today is a 9 — Feelings run very deep. Adopting another perspective increases your authority. Learn from an adversary. Show you understand. Verify the bottom line.

Capricorn — Today is an 8 — Make quiet inroads. Find out what’s really going on. Streamline your business procedures. Don’t leave before you’re sure the job is done right. Keep a loved one secret.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Gather information and schedule carefully. Practice with your tools. Try not to provoke jealousies, and watch for hidden dangers. Avoid somebody else’s argument.

Pisces — Today is an 8 — Cool down a scandal. Listen to all sides, and reassess priorities. There’s a disagreement about the story. See what the fuss is about. There’s a disagreement about priorities. Turn down the heat.
SIU hits stride against Skyhawks

JACK ROBINSON
Daily Egyptian

Senior outfielder Austin Montgomery tallied three RBIs off of four hits in the Salukis’ 7-6 win Tuesday against the University of Tennessee at Martin. SIU hosted UTM at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis previously faced the Skyhawks in Tennessee February 19 and won the game 8-4. The win Tuesday moves the Salukis’ all-time series record to 26-8.

Junior pitcher Brad Drust started the game and gained his third win of the season as he allowed three runs in five hits and struck out three batters in 5.1 innings. Skyhawks sophomore pitcher Cody Miller started the game and pitched a no-decision after he walking two batters and allowing two runs in less than one inning. The two teams didn’t wait long before they found their way onto the scoreboard. The Skyhawks started with a three-run first inning, and the Salukis followed with five-straight unanswered runs to take the lead 5-3.

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