Budget cuts force out lenders

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students counting on private loans to pay for their education might need to look elsewhere before the start of fall semester. Cuts in federal subsidies have caused many private lenders to drop out of the student loan program, leaving many students to wonder if they will really get the money they were promised.

Financial Aid Director Billie Jo Hamilton said colleges and universities generally offer one of two types of loans: direct loans, which come directly from the government, or loans from private lending institutions, which are supported by federal subsidies.

“SBU is a direct loan school,” Hamilton said. “We are not in jeopardy because of that.”

But students who are looking outside the university to private lenders for fall semester could be left with no way to pay their bills.

The federal government, in order to attract more lenders to federal student loan programs, provided a guaranteed rate to financial firms. That subsidy guaranteed the lenders a profit. Hamilton said Congress cut the amount of financial assistance given to lenders in October. The cutback caused many lenders to get out of the loan business because operating costs increased, she said.

Smaller loan companies were driven out of the business by the cutbacks. But more factors contributed to the crash of larger lenders, she said.

Heavy losses in the real estate market and decreasing profits in the loan business caused investors to back away from federally guaranteed student loans.

“The economy just is really bad right now,” Hamilton said. “Congress is starting to freak out about this.”

CNN reported Friday that more than 55 lenders have left the federal student loan program since the cutback. That number includes major lenders such as Sallie Mae, which was once the largest lender in the marketplace but has now left the consolidated loan business.

Students face problems finding financial aid

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jessica Weiner sits in the lobby of DCI Biologicals waiting to sell her plasma for roughly $25.

Weiner, a sophomore from Harvard who works at Steve and Barry’s and is looking for a second job, says she worries about money every day. “I think about next year,” she says. “Am I going to be able to come back, am I going to be able to afford it?”

Weiner is not alone. SIUC distributed $288 million in financial aid last year, said Billie Jo Hamilton, director of the Financial Aid department. Frantic students and confused parents flood the office with roughly 8,000 phone calls during the months of June and July, generally about two weeks after exam results are mailed.

Sometimes, Hamilton said, the 28 full-time staffers in the office simply can’t help as much as they would like.

“We may want to help a student, we may understand the issues with the student, but we can’t,” Hamilton said. “We can’t change the system.”

Federal loans are capped at $3,500 for freshmen, $4,500 for sophomores and $5,500 for juniors and seniors. But Hamilton said those awards are nowhere near the amount most students need. Plus, she said, instability in the student loan business has created even more problems.

“This is such a fluctuating market right now — we can’t keep up,” Hamilton said.

These circumstances could lead to desperate students seeking desperate measures, Hamilton said. A troubling new phenomenon has emerged on the lending scene in the past year, Hamilton said. Lenders such as Amerite promise large amounts of money and market themselves directly to students through commercials, meaning financial aid staff members are deprived of the opportunity to warn students about the high interest rates they could face with these businesses.

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Tips for student loan shopping

Source: Billie Jo Hamilton, director of SBU’s financial aid

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Police said 15-year-old Justin Doyle broke into the home with 14-year-old Cody White. Doyle kicked in a door, police said.

Seth’s mother, who was at the home, shot Justin in the head.

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A Daily Egyptian journalist was killed in a four-vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon on Illinois Route 127 south of Nashville.

Ryan Rendleman, a senior from Batavia studying journalism, was stopped for road construction when a tractor-trailer rear-ended his Honda Accord, according to a release from the Illinois State Police. The initial collision caused a four-vehicle pile-up: Rendleman’s car and three semitrailers.

The accident was reported at 1:27 p.m., and Rendleman was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the release. State police identified the driver of the semitrailer that struck Rendleman’s car as Kevin Morrison of Beecher City.

No one else was injured in the accident. Police said charges are pending in the accident investigation.

Rendleman held positions as a photographer, reporter and copy editor during his term at the Daily Egyptian. Rendleman was scheduled to graduate in August and he recently accepted a summer internship as a photographer with the Southern Illinoisan.

Rendleman worked for the student newspaper from January 2006 to Tuesday afternoon, when he was traveling to O’Fallon on a photo assignment for the paper.

In his stint as a reporter, he painted the picture of wet plunges into dunk tanks, relayed the tale of a janitor who jumped to save the life of a suffocating 17-month-old.

As a "visual journalist," as he would refer to his position, he combined his literary and photographic skills in several photo columns published on the Voices page. He shared his more personal viewpoints in this medium, often sharing his passions for Christianity.

Erik Fedler, faculty managing editor for the Daily Egyptian, said he couldn’t recall the first time he met Rendleman — perhaps because it seemed Rendleman had always been a part of the newsroom.

"He was just so damn much fun to have around," Fedler said. "He had found his true calling (in photojournalism) ... and that was exciting to see."

Wendy Weinhold, a doctoral student who works as the writing coach for the Daily Egyptian, said she would remember Rendleman for thoughtful gestures such as leaving homemade Bob Dylan CDs on her desk or text messaging her to ask if she could break into her office and steal candy.

"Ryan was just so easy to like. He was the kind of person you wanted to see happy," Weinhold said, pausing. "And I just can’t believe he’s gone."

Photojournalism professor Phil Greer said he would remember Rendleman as the student who sat in the front row, continually asked questions and always challenged himself to do better.

"Ryan always looked at ... I think he looked at the world through clear eyes, unclouded eyes," Greer said. "If you look at the world the way Ryan looked at it and you have the passion that Ryan had, you can change things in this world for the better."

Pablo Tobon, a freshman from Colombia studying cinema and photography, remembers Rendleman as the first person in the Daily Egyptian newsroom to remember his name. Tobon extended extra effort to be friendly and help Tobon adjust to a new culture, he said.

"Everything he didn’t mean to teach me, I learned. He wouldn’t say, ‘Hey, this is how you’re nice or this is how you respect people or this is how you’re patient or you’re open-minded,’ but I would learn that with him," Tobon said.

Greer said he believed Rendleman’s influence on those around him would continue.

"I think that everyone who knew Ryan Rendleman is going to have a piece of Ryan Rendleman for as long as they live," Greer said.

Will Miller, one of Rendleman’s roommates, said Rendleman was funny, personal and genuine. He loved to play guitar and listen to music, particularly Bob Dylan.

"He was a person who within five minutes could capture your heart," Miller said.

Steve Dame, Rendleman’s pastor at the church, said he would rendleman grow as a Christian over the past couple years.

"God changed him," Dame said. 

Dame said he broke the news of Rendleman’s death to a group of his fellow churchgoers during an event at the church Tuesday night. Members of the group were devastated, which Dame said was a reflection of Rendleman’s attachment to his fellow Christians.

"People loved him," he said.

Miller said he met Rendleman two years ago at the Vine Community Church where they both worshipped.

Jason Johnson — Daily Egyptian

Photo column by Ryan Rendleman — Daily Egyptian

The San Damiano Retreat Center is located on the West Ohio River about nine miles east of Golconda.

I was there over the weekend with my church for a Christian retreat. The beautiful scenery and isolated location makes connection with God easy.

The above image was taken in a light-hearted manner as friends play guitar. The center is chock-full of similar statues and paintings. Most of them represent Jesus as a blue-eyed, blonde haired Westerner.

Apparently, we’ve all forgotten that he was not a product of the 1960s. Height: Ashbury district, the old hippie-laden area of San Francisco.

The statues, however, are symbolic of an even larger problem for Western Christians than the misrepresentation of Jesus Christ. Too often, Christians who face no persecution or trials such as those living in most democratic, Western nations remain as sterile and lifeless as these statues.

Their relationship with God is a matter of attending Sunday service and then living their own lives the rest of the week. Their hearts are far from God.

The Pharisians were similar in this regard, and Jesus called them hypocrites. He wants a lifetime commitment to His church.

"If they knew their lives were at stake, Would they stand? I pray I would."

Would there be as many people in the West claiming Christ if they knew their lives were at stake? Would they stand? I pray I would.

This type of persecution exists in the world today. Christians face real persecution in such places as Egypt, China, Cuba, Saudi Arabia and Iran. Western Christians, however, see themselves shielded from this.

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A woman recalls life in polygamist sect

David Perlmutt

McClatchy Tribune

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — She was raised by her father and her three sisters, surrounded by 12 siblings.

There was no TV, no radio. At school, she was taught that man never landed on the moon. She and other girls in the polygamist Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints were required to "keep free, true of jealousy or anger, or risk beatings or harsh training.

And by the time Kathy Jo Nicholson turned 14, she was writing her autobiography, knowing that any day she could be thrown into marriage before her second or third time around her age.

Kathy, who finished that dress. Instead, she began to gather, party, focused girls with husbands in no-breed rituals and "sacred marriages." It was a way they felt they could get in on a wagon train. If students disobeyed, they were beaten, physically or emotionally.

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Kathy Jo Nicholson wears part of the dress she was making when she was 14 in Utah, where her father was a polygamist. At 18, she left the sect.

She was 3 when her father, John Nicholson, moved his four daughters, a sister and brother, from Texas to Utah to live among other polygamists. They joined the FLDS, a breakaway group that practices "the principle" — the idea that there should be three wives to each man.

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Remembering Ryan

Ryan Rendleman was the first student I met after becoming interim director of the School of Journalism. The DE had sent him over to interview me. Ryan didn’t just ask questions. He wanted me to put him in touch with associates he could interview. I made the mistake of giving him the name of Kevin Horrigan, a former colleague with a sardonic wit. Horrigan told Ryan I had spent a decade fighting over a $63 cable bill. This was true, but I was shocked — just like other interviewees often are shocked — when the anecdote about the cable bill turned up in the first graph.

At first I wasn’t pleased. But as the day wore on, Ryan’s story looked better and better as people stopped me in the hall to comment admiringly about how I had taken on the cable industry. Ryan had an eye for a good anecdote even if I didn’t.

Over the ensuing two years, I had the good fortune to have Ryan in a number of classes, in addition to seeing him at the DE. Ryan was a wonderful young man. He was smart but not pretentious. He was quick with the irreverent comment, but he wasn’t cynical. He could write and shoot and put his work on the Internet. He was so good I suggested this month that my wife hire him for her new news site in St. Louis.

If Ryan thought a course wasn’t teaching him much, he’d say so. In fact, he did say so just last week when I met with graduating seniors. I say these nice things about him not because he is dead, but because they are true.

Most recently Ryan was working on a story on the Ozark General Store in the Shawnee Forest. He’d come to class remarking about the store’s tasty hot ham and cheese sandwiches. I kept telling him he had to get me one. A couple of weeks ago he showed up in my office, hot ham and cheese sandwich in hand and his characteristic grin on his face.

By a stroke of fate, I was driving down Highway 127 Tuesday on my way to Carbondale. A flagger stopped me at a construction site. Over the hill I saw smoke. Then the ambulances, police cars and a fire engine arrived. I didn’t know my friend had died just over the horizon. When I found out at a party of the journalism school, professors cried and came to the DE to be with the students. We stood outside in a circle remembering, through tears and laughs, how much we loved the way he took pizza out of the trash or grabbed someone’s piece of cake — and how much he loved the craft we all share.

While the students at the DE remembered Ryan, the congregants at the Vine Community Church on Wall Street were at their regular prayer night. They were told about Ryan’s death by their pastor. Professors at the School of Journalism had noticed how religious Ryan was. One of them, J. Bruce Baumann, reached in his pocket and pulled out an angel he was going to give Ryan at his graduation. He wanted to recognize an extraordinary young man’s faith and his desire to change things.

William H. Freivogel
director of the School of Journalism

For more, see page three for the story.
Catch the Cache

Photo column by Emily Sunblade – DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sunday morning I woke up early — for me anyway — to take the roughly 45-minute trip south to the Cache River State Natural Area to check out the Southernmost Illinois Birding Fest.

The weekend-long event held a variety of activities based around outdoor education for the young and old alike. I went with the intention to take pictures of people doing outdoorsy-type things, which I did find.

But as I photographed, I also realized the Cache River itself is unique.

In the area just south of Vienna, the Cache River becomes a swampland that slowly flows for miles. It is a globally recognized wetland of international importance. Thousand-year-old cypress and tupelo trees are found in this area, rich with migratory birds, frogs and other amphibians and plants not typical of southern Illinois.

I paid $5 (what a steal) to take a guided canoe tour into the Buttonland swamp. Curt Carter, the tour guide and founder of the Land for Learning Institute, surprised the group along the way when he pulled out a travel guitar and played the group a song he wrote about the Cache. We listened while we sat under the 1,200-year-old state champion bald cypress tree.

As the semester comes to an end, take some time, put off that studying just a little bit longer and cough up the gas money to get out into southern Illinois. There is an endless number of places to see. If you are lucky, you might get out there before those darn mosquitoes do.
Poshard, Blagojevich to convene for capital construction money

Cigarette tax, license plate fees deemed possible revenue sources

Barton Lorimor  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Gov. Rod Blagojevich is set to meet with Illinois legislative leaders and a construction coalition led by SIU President Glenn Poshard Thursday as their search for $9 billion continues.

Dave Gross, Poshard’s spokesman in Springfield, said the meeting was scheduled as the Illinois Works Coalition, which Poshard co-directs, prepares recommendations for a passable Capital Construction Plan.

The state legislature has not approved a capital plan in nine years. For SIU, a capital plan is deemed possible revenue sources for construction of a passable Capital Center at Morris Library.

Blagojevich appointed Poshard and former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert to lead the coalition made up of state transportation and labor officials. The coalition was formed to recommend a capital plan the state’s House and Senate could approve.

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A song parody is a bit of a one-trick pony. The first listen may bring a few chuckles, but, later, the results can be far less amusing — for once the novelty is gone, there usually isn’t a lot of interesting music to fill the gap. (I’m sure more than a few of us still have a couple Weird Al records lying around somewhere unloved). So what does this mean for “New Zealand’s Fourth Most Popular Folk Parody Duo”?

The Flight of the Conchords’ self-titled debut album is a collection of songs taken primarily from the first season of their half-hour HBO series. Though unlikely to cause much excitement, the Conchords’ have enough subtle wit and nuance to craft a comedy album worth more than just one listen.

Among its best, “Inner City Pressure,” a homage to 1980s synthpop, succeeds in being funny in both its stereotypic synthesized backdrop and its self-mocking lyrics, “You don’t measure up to the expectation. When you’re unemployed, there’s no vacation. No one cares. No one sympathizes. You just stay home and play synthesizers.”

Later, “Hip hopopotamus Vs. Rhymercero” and “Mutha’uckas” showcase the hard-hitting world of New Zealand rap, featuring rhymes about drinking tea, racist grocers and frustrating experiences with ATMs.

And any David Bowie fan is sure to love “Bowie,” a “freaky” journey through the musical shapeshifter’s personas in the 1970s and 1980s that dares to ask Ziggy Stardust the question “Do you have one really funky sequined space suit or do you have several ch-ch-changes?”

Inevitably, the album is missing a few gems from the HBO series, like “Bret, You Got It Going On,” “If You’re Into It” and “Cheer Up, Murray,” but what it really needs is new material. The first season of the series aired close to a year ago, so releasing what amounts to a soundtrack now seems a bit anti-climactic. The Conchords’ debut will best serve existing fans as a companion piece to the DVDs of the HBO series.

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Equally worrying, Hamilton said, is the ability and inclination of some students to finance education with credit cards. The monthly fees and high interest rates could rapidly turn manageable debt into a messy situation, she said.

Weiner said her experience with the Financial Aid department was not a positive one. She said she went to the office after learning she would receive $600 less than the previous semester, but was only met with a repeated direction to visit a Web site she didn’t understand.

When a financial aid worker responded to her questions by giving her paperwork to apply for another loan, Weiner said she left the office and hasn’t returned since.

Weiner said she turns to her mother, a bank teller who went back to school for her GED, when she needs help. “(My mom) pretty much lives paycheck to paycheck anyway, so she struggles just as much as I do. That’s why this financial aid thing is kind of sucking, because,” she pauses, “we need it.”

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he remembers a time when there was more federal aid to go around. “I predicted a long time ago that there’s going to be reckoning day on student loans,” said Dietz, who worked in the Financial Aid department at a previous institution.

The playing field may be different now, Dietz said, but the goal remains the same. “The thing that pushes all this is the American dream,” Dietz said. “And I think that dream is still a worthwhile dream, no question about it.”

Weiner agrees. She said she loves SIUC and wants to return next year. “I think in the end it will be worth it,” she said.

But she added that she expects to spend quite a bit of time paying off the loans.

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By Linda C. Black

Today’s Birthday — You’ll achieve a new level of success this year through study and couragousness. Once you get there, you’ll meet a lot of new friends who share your interests. It’s a great new beginning.

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 6 — There’s something you need to get for yourself to pay off an old debt. You promised yourself a special treat, and you never followed through. Do it now, privately.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — The difficult part’s almost over. Soon, you can relax with your team. Discuss the specifics, what worked and what didn’t. You’re gaining expertise.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You’re about to discover several practical applications for the information you’ve been gathering. It gives you the advantage. Either know or know where to find out.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You need to get away for a while. Do something different. Go with collegial companions and share a fun experience. Music is recommended.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You need to get away for a while. Do something different. Go with collegial companions and share a fun experience. Music is recommended.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Your plans are starting to take shape. Just the way you thought they would. Proceed boldly forward, just as if you never had doubts. The others will never know.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — There’s more work to be done, and you’re glad you have it. This is how you’ll fill up your bank account, so you can buy some really big items. Dig in with enthusiasm.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Persistence pays off again. Send your plant roots and ideas沿途卫矛 are growing more acceptance, too. You’re doing better than you thought.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You’re charming, that’s true, and undoubtedly cute. That isn’t going to save you from doing a chore you can’t delegate. Get it over with quickly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — The race is on! And you win! You’re very happy, and that helps everything go smoothly.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You’re on a tight budget, but you can still get something for your family. A bouquet of flowers, for example, adds a touch of beauty. Cookies work, too.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Once you’ve made up your mind, the rest will be easy. This is especially true in romance. Decide and then make your move.

THAT SCRABBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Anglin and Jeff Knurek

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

A: HE

Yesterday’s Jumble: ELEGY DECAY ORPHAN LOCATE

Answer: Some homemakers preserve summer vegetables because — THEY “CAN”

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN HIS GRIP WAS LOST.

News Delivered To You...
Salukis look to keep Big Ten streak

SIU faces Illinois in doubleheader today

Megan Kramper
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Success against Big Ten conference opponents has been common for the SIU softball team in recent years.

The Salukis will look to continue that winning tradition today as they face Illinois in Champaign with a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

In the past two seasons, the Salukis are 4-1 against Big Ten schools with two wins coming this season against Minnesota in the Jacksonville University Tournament Feb. 9.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said she needs the Salukis (26-22, 12-8 MVC) to remain focused going into today's game and final Missouri Valley Conference series, especially because of the chaos that surrounds the week before final exams.

"They've got a lot of things with finals going on, not just a midweek (game). It's a pride factor, too," Blaylock said.

The Salukis, however, don't take their exams lightly as they were ranked second in the country in overall grade point average among the National Fastpitch Coaches Association last season.

Blaylock said there is a bit of an in-state rivalry with the two teams and the Salukis will look to gather some momentum from the match.

Coming off an MVC series win against Missouri State that put them third in the MVC standings, the Salukis will look to extend their win streak going into their final weekend of regular season play.

Senior center fielder Krystal Stein said the competitiveness between the two teams makes the match enjoyable and something to look forward to before the final stretch of conference play.

"We don't really have anything to lose, we can go out there just like we've been playing and we'll be fine this week," Stein said. "We don't really have anything to lose," Stein said. "We can go out there just like we've been playing and we'll be fine this week."

Blaylock said momentum from winning a non-conference doubleheader is key, and if their pitching and defense stay consistent, the Salukis will get the edge.

Even though Blaylock said she expected the influx of youth to cause road bumps throughout the season, injuries led to inconsistencies and more losses than expected.

The team hasn't had 22 losses since 2000 when it didn't make the NCAA Tournament and finished sixth in the MVC.

Blaylock said the team talked about eight games it let slip away and how those potential wins could have made them contenders for an at-large bid in the NCAA Tournament.

"It could be a totally different year, and that's the sad fact of it," Blaylock said. "But you can't get back the past. You can only work on the future."

After today's doubleheader, the Salukis will travel to Peoria to take on Bradley in their final regular season MVC series. They will open play with a doubleheader at noon and 2 p.m. and close the series with a single game Sunday at noon.

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Saluki Insider

The Atlanta Hawks and Boston Celtics will face off today tied 2-2 in the best-of-seven series. Do you think the Hawks have a shot at beating the Celtics?

"Boston is the better team without a doubt," said Muccia. "I would hope they would be one way to continue them to attend SIU even if they don't play on one of the teams."

Former SIU golfer Samantha Sambursky said the event is also fun for the athletes.

Sambursky, now an assistant coach with the women's golf team, was one of the students to go to Tommy's Sports Bar and Grill last year for the caravan and said it got a great reception from the alumni.

"We had it at Saramyl's, which I've been to many times since it's where I watched all the Saluki games when I was home for Christmas," Sambursky said. "It was fun to have all my family and friends come out."

The caravan will also make stops at Morgan Street Brewery in St. Louis Tuesday, The Cubby Bear in Lincolnshire Wednesday and Harry Caray's Restaurant in Chicago May 8.

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Celtics

The rest of the bullpen did its job as well. While senior starting pitcher Shawn Joy departed after allowing a pair of runs through his four innings of work, Adam Curysynski and Tyler Choute combined to throw five scoreless innings in relief.

Illini sophomore receiver Mike Steck was dealt his first loss of the season. Steck tossed two innings and allowed the unearned game-winning run in the top half of the 11th.

"I'd give them a shot if the next two games were in Atlanta, but they're not. The Hawks have the potential to be great down the line, but this is the Celtics' time, especially because they have home court advantage throughout the playoffs," Sambursky said.

Sambursky said it was an honor to be the first assistant coach in the program's history, and Daugherty said it was important to keep someone of Sambursky's caliber as close to the program as possible. Sambursky, who was a member of the Salukis' 2007 Missouri Valley Conference Championship team, said she wants to pick up another unearned game-winning highlight.

"I'm excited about this year. We're going to go all the way," Sambursky said. "Once you get to the next level, that can be my coaching career highlight.

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Outfielder Dean Cademartori reacts from the dugout to a team's hit against Murray State April 7. James Dillin Daily Egyptian

Salukis take down I-57 rival

Matt Hartwig Daily Egyptian

Illinois gave the SIU baseball team every chance it could to win Tuesday’s game.

The sixth error of the game by the Illini proved to be the most costly when junior second baseman Scott Callahan came to the plate and started a double by short-stop Brandon Wilicki’s throwing error in the Salukis (24-18) upended Illinois (25-17) in the 11th inning.

Sambursky, formerly Samantha Laibowitz, married former Saluki quarterback Joel Daugherty in January. She began working under long-time head coach Diane Daugherty as a full-time assistant coach at the beginning of the year.

**Assistant adjusting to a different point of view**

**Luis C. Medina Daily Egyptian**

One year ago, one of the SIU women’s golf team members was not ready to let go of the game she loved. She doesn’t have to.

Samantha Sambursky officially became the first women’s assistant golf coach in the program history April 10. Sambursky, formerly Samantha Sutner, married former Saluki quarterback Joel Sambursky in January after graduating in December.

She began working under long-time head coach Diane Daugherty as a full-time assistant coach at the beginning of the year.

Sambursky made a name for herself by being one of the team’s best golfers. She recorded 38 rounds in the ’05s in her career as a Saluki, including a 78.4 stroke average in her final year.

Sambursky said Daugherty was one of the main reasons she came to SIU in 2003.

“I had a gut feeling about Diane and SIU so I thought ‘Oh, let’s go with it,” Sambursky said. “It turned out to be the best thing I ever did.”

The transition from player to coach will likely be one of the most difficult parts of the job, but Sambursky said it would get easier when her former teammates graduate. Even though she still takes swings with the team, she said she looks forward to guiding the freshmen and helping them make adjustments in life on and off the golf course.

Daugherty said she thought it was hard to find the kind of person who cared about SIU women’s golf as much as she did — until she met Sambursky. She said the former student could be the one to follow in her footsteps and take over the team.

“I put my whole life into this program and I’m not going to just retire one day and turn it over to just somebody right off the street that doesn’t care,” Daugherty said.

Sambursky, whose salary will be paid by fundraising done by Daugherty, said some of the particulars in her job include things that all coaches do such as looking at recruits and watching summer tournaments. In addition to that, Sambursky said she would also be able to do some of the things she did as a student-athlete such as hosting recruiting and taking them on campus tours.

Daugherty said she approached Sambursky about the job and mentioned she learned a lot about her character from Sambursky’s reaction to playing one bad hole.

After failing to qualify to go with her teammates to Hawaii during her senior year, Sambursky left practice that day devastated.

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**SIU women’s golf head coach Diane Daugherty, right, discusses Saluki golf with her new assistant coach Samantha Sambursky Tuesday at Hickory Ridge Golf Course. Sambursky was a member of the SIU golf team from 2003-07. Stephen Reidar Daily Egyptian**

**Caravan crusades for SIU**

Athletes reach out to alumni

Jeff Engelhardt Daily Egyptian

Saluki athletes and coaches are set to hit the road — and then the bars.

The second annual Saluki Caravan departs Thursday for the first stop at Sammy’s Sports Bar and Grill in Springfield. The traveling event is a partnership between the SIU Alumni Association and Athletics Department where coaches and athletes reach out to alumni who live outside southern Illinois.

Coaches on the caravan include basketball coach Sambursky, women’s basketball coach Dana Eisenberg, and football coach Dak Lennon. Athletes scheduled to appear include basketball players Bryan Mullins, Tony Boyle and Erica Smith, with new tennis coach and 1995 SIU alumnus Scott Elkin, among others.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia, who will also travel with the caravan, said it is important for the athletes and coaches to keep the fans who are unable to drive to Carbondale.

“We can only do so much sitting behind our desks,” Moccia said. “The mountain can’t go to Muhammad, so Muhammad has to go to the mountain.”

Moccia said there was a caravan that started the year before he arrived in 2006, but it visited the towns surrounding Carbondale as opposed to St. Louis and Chicago as it does now.

The caravan will start at a total of four bars in three cities. Attending fans can socialize with the athletes and coaches before a formal address concludes the two-hour event.

“I wanted it to be a good turn out last year, so we added a second location in Chicago,” Moccia said.

The Salukis will also help from alumni in the events, ESPN radio personality and SIUC radio-tele- vision alumna Marc Silverman will host the events in Chicago.

Moccia said it is increasingly important to keep alumni involved with SIU because of major fundraising projects such as Saluki Walk, which includes the construction of a new Alumni and renovations to the SIU Arena.

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