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# The lending Squeeze

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 studying early childhood, is the first in her family to attend college. She beams when she talks about the pride her parents take in her achievements.

But her smile disappears when she talks about the cost of those achievements. Weiner, 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 \$208 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 bursar bills 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 Astrive 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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## 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 actually receive 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.

"SIU 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, provides 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.

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Tips for student loan shopping

- Beware of lenders who market themselves with commercials promising huge amounts of money. Those are generally businesses, not banks, and they could make an unreasonable profit off you.
- When you call loan companies, write down the phone number you dialed and name of the person to whom you spoke. That way, you can find the same person if you have problems later.
- Do not finance your education on a credit card or series of credit cards. This is one of the surest ways to slide into deep debt quickly.
- Pay attention to interest rates — especially if you've been rejected by a series of lenders and one suddenly accepts you.
- If you are at all confused about the terms of a loan, visit the SIUC financial aid office before you sign and ask someone to help you.

Source: Billie Jo Hamilton, director of SIUC financial aid

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# Journalism student killed in four-vehicle wreck

DAILY EGYPTIAN photographer remembered as dedicated journalist, devout Christian

## Staff Report DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 gruff cab driver turned lunch lady and shared the story of a janitor who jumped to save the life of a suffocating 17-month-old.

Rendleman shared a weekly "Professor Profiles" series every Wednesday during the spring 2007 semester, taking pride in his ability to translate the seemingly unscholarly yet inspirational elements of the lives of faculty and staff at the university.

In his voyage to the more visual side of the newsroom, he pushed himself to find the perfect visual moment, whether it was on his own assignments or while helping others with theirs as photo editor during the fall 2007 semester.

As one of the most veteran members of the newsroom, he supported younger staff with words of advice or a welcoming smile.

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 passion for Christianity.

Eric Fidler, 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," Fidler 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 he 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, unpolluted 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. Rendleman 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.

**"I think he looked at the world through clear eyes, unpolluted eyes."**

— Phil Greer  
photojournalism professor



JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

Steve Dame, Rendleman's pastor at the church, said he watched 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.



*Standing like statues*

## Photo column by Ryan Rendleman ~ Daily Egyptian

The San Damiano Retreat Center is located on the 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 concentration on God easy.

The above image was taken in a light-hearted manner as friends played spoons. 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 Haight-Ashbury district, the old hippie-laden area of San Francisco.

The statues, however, are symbolic of an even larger problem for Western Christianity 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 Pharisees were similar in this regard, and Jesus called them hypocrites. He wants a lifetime of whole-hearted devotion to Himself.

The church grows through leaps and bounds when faced with hardship as a result of its faith. An early Christian, Justin Martyr, said, "Though beheaded, and crucified, and thrown to wild beasts, and chains, and fire and all other kinds of torture, we do not give up our confession; but, the more such things happen, the more do others in larger numbers become faithful."

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, are shielded from this.

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.

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.



# Woman recalls life in polygamist sect

David Perlmutter  
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — She was raised by her father and his three wives, 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 sweet,” free of jealousy or anger, or risk beatings or humiliation.

And by the time Kathy Jo Nicholson turned 14, she was sewing her wedding dress, knowing that any day she could be thrown into marriage with a man three times her age.

Nicholson never finished that dress. Instead, she began to question her faith and, at 18, walked out on it.

All those memories flooded back after authorities removed more than 500 women and children — she knows many — from a Texas compound run by the men who once controlled her life.

“I am happy for the children, though I know they’re terrified,” said Nicholson, 37, who has lived in Charlotte with her husband and two sons since 2004. “But, now, they have a chance.

“Their mothers, too, have a chance if they’ll just grab onto the hands that are reaching out. I know they’re conflicted. I know the mind control.”

She was 3 when her father, John Nicholson, moved his four daughters, a son and two wives from California to Utah to live among other polygamists. They joined the FLDS, a breakaway sect of Mormons that practices “the principle” — the idea that men must have three wives to reach heaven.

At the church, the leader, or prophet, placed young girls with husbands in nonbinding but sacred “spiritual marriages.” If a wife served her husband faithfully, he’d take her to heaven.

The Nicholsons didn’t live in a compound like the followers in

Texas, but in a middle-class neighborhood outside Salt Lake City. They were near the church run first by Leroy Johnson — Uncle Roy — then Rulon Jeffs and later his son, Warren.

Their neighbors were traditional Mormons, who’d rejected polygamy long ago.

“I was always aware of being different and I really hated it,” Nicholson said. “When we were little, we had friends in the neighborhood. As we got older, they rejected us. They threw bricks through the window. They egged us. They called us names, four-letter words, and ‘polygs.’”

John Nicholson worked for church-run companies. Sundays were spent at the temple, where Uncle Roy told followers he would live forever. Kathy Jo believed him. He died when she was 15. She began to see her faith as “a big lie.”

She grew rebellious at the church-run Alta Academy, where Warren Jeffs was headmaster. He forbade students from watching TV. “Hard metallic music,” he’d preach, “is the devil.”

Jeffs made girls wear “prairie dresses” of the same fabric — “we looked like we were on a wagon train.” If students disobeyed, they were beaten, physically or emotionally.

“We had to pray Warren’s way,” Nicholson said. “We got to sing songs that Warren approved. He just systematically ripped us of every individual thought, or action or unique trait you could possibly have.”

Caught passing a note to a boy, Kathy Jo was expelled and sent to work at a church-run factory. There, she fell in love with a man named Matt. He was seven years her senior, worldly, but also questioning the faith.

They eloped, married by a justice of the peace. The church refused to sanction the union. Their families shunned them.

They grew unhappy and began to drink.

“We felt we were a constant disappointment,” Kathy Jo said. “I just wanted to be alive — so we left.”

“He just systematically ripped us of every individual thought, or action or unique trait you could possibly have.”

— Kathy Jo Nicholson  
former polygamist



T. ORTEGA GAINES~McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

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

They moved to California. Suddenly, there were friends from different cultures and “provocative” clothes and makeup. Just as suddenly, their lives spiraled out of control.

“We didn’t know how to make decisions. We were wrapped in this no-boundaries lifestyle.”

They hit the clubs, and their drinking and drug use rose. Soon, their marriage fell apart. Divorced, Nicholson met a man named Tim. They had a son together. At 26, she knew she “had to clean up.” Tim didn’t, and they drifted apart.

“I was a single mother, and I had hit rock bottom,” she said.

By then, she had met Brian. At first, she hid her past. But as they

grew closer, bits of it came out. She was surprised that he didn’t seem to mind.

The newlyweds lived in California, Maine, then suburban Charlotte. Along the way, Nicholson got years of counseling. She has also tried to keep up with family and her former church.

Rulon Jeffs died in 2002, and Warren Jeffs became its leader.

A year later, her mother and a brother left the church and came to live with her.

Now she watches the Texas scene unfold and grieves for her family. She and her mother have lost touch with relatives. She learned from a reporter that her father died in January.

# Army recruits promoted faster despite bad behavior

Lolita C. Baldor  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Soldiers who need special waivers to get into the Army because of bad behavior go absent without leave more often and face more courts-martial. But they also get promoted faster and re-enlist at a higher rate, according to an internal military study obtained by The Associated Press.

The Army study late last year concluded that taking a chance on a well-screened applicant with a criminal, bad driving or drug record usually pays off. And both the Army and the Marines have been bringing in more recruits with blemished records. Still, senior leaders have called for additional studies, to help determine the impact of the waivers on the Army.

“We believe that so far the return outweighs the risk,” said Army Col. Kent M. Miller, who headed the team that conducted the study.

The information has not been released to the public, but the AP obtained a copy of the study.

The statistics show that recruits with criminal records or other drug and alcohol issues have more discipline problems than those without records. Those recruits also are a bit

more likely to drop out of the Army because of alcohol.

On the brighter side, those with waivers earn more medals for valor and tend to stay in the Army longer.

In a key finding, the study said that nearly one in five — or 19.5 percent — of the soldiers who needed waivers to join the Army failed to complete the initial term of enlistment, which could be from two to six years. That percentage is just a bit higher than the 17 percent washout rate for those who didn’t need a waiver to get in.

About 1 percent of those with waivers appeared before courts-martial, compared with about 0.7 percent of those without waivers.

Overall, soldiers with waivers appear more committed to their service once they get in. Statistics show they tend to stay in the Army longer and re-enlist at higher rates. Also, infantry soldiers with waivers were promoted to sergeant in an average of about 35 months, compared with 39 months for those without waivers.

The Army study compared the performance of soldiers who came in with conduct waivers against those who did not during the years 2003-06.

In that time, 276,231 recruits enlisted in the Army with no prior military service. Of those 6.5 percent, or nearly 18,000 had waivers.

Waivers have been a controversial issue for the military in recent months, with the news that the Army and Marine Corps have increased their use of the exemptions to bring in more recruits with criminal records than ever before.

The Army and the Marine Corps are under pressure to attract recruits as they struggle to increase their size in order to meet the combat needs of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The last time the active-duty Army missed its recruiting goal was 2005. Last year it set a target of 80,000 recruits and signed up 80,410. It is shooting for another 80,000 this year.

Some critics outside the Defense Department say the military is lowering its standards in order to fill its ranks. And lower-level officers have raised concerns with their leaders that the trend may trigger an increase in disciplinary problems within their units.

Rep. Henry Waxman, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, asked the Pentagon recently for more

## Soldiers who had received waivers for bad behavior ...

- Had a higher desertion rate (4.26 percent vs. 3.23 percent).
- Had a higher misconduct rate (5.95 percent vs. 3.55 percent).
- Had a higher rate of appearances before courts-martial (1 percent vs. 0.71 percent).
- Had a higher dropout rate for alcohol rehabilitation failure (0.27 percent vs. 0.12 percent).

## But they also ...

- Were more likely to re-enlist (28.48 percent vs. 26.76 percent).
- Got promoted faster to sergeant (after 34.7 months vs. 39 months).
- Had a lower rate of dismissal for personality disorders (0.93 percent vs. 1.12 percent).
- Had a lower rate of dismissal for unsatisfactory performance (0.26 percent vs. 0.48 percent).

data on troops who receive conduct waivers.

He said he recognizes “the importance of providing opportunities to individuals who have served their sentences and rehabilitated themselves.” But he also noted concerns that the practice could be undermining military readiness.

## WIRE REPORTS

### WASHINGTON

## Bush says lawmakers aren’t moving aggressively

### on economic woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, hoping to inoculate his party and his presidential legacy from election-year anger over the economy, heaped criticism on the Democratic-led Congress on Tuesday for “letting the American people down.”

He said he’d consider a summer suspension of federal gasoline taxes. But he offered no new ideas for a range of economic worries now facing the country, from record gas prices and soaring food costs to rising inflation, layoffs and home foreclosures, and a credit crunch that even has sparked fears of a college student loan squeeze.

He rejected a new economic stimulus package, saying the tax rebate checks that began going out this week from a \$168 billion economic aid plan adopted in February must first be given time to work. He also rejected bipartisan suggestions that the government stop filling the nation’s Strategic Petroleum Reserve while oil costs so much, saying it involves such a tiny amount of supply that doing so wouldn’t push prices down.

Instead, the president tried to shift the focus to Congress, saying he long ago sent lawmakers proposals to deal with many of the nation’s economic problems, only to see them sit or be replaced with approaches that he deems unacceptable.

### NORTH CAROLINA

## Obama says he’s outraged by former pastor’s comments, saddened by spectacle

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Barack Obama angrily denounced his former pastor for “divisive and destructive” remarks on race, seeking to divorce himself from the incendiary speaker and a fury that threatens to engulf his front-running Democratic presidential campaign.

Obama is trying to tamp down the uproar over the Rev. Jeremiah Wright at a tough time in his campaign. The Illinois senator is coming off a loss in Pennsylvania to rival Hillary Rodham Clinton and trying to win over white working-class voters in Indiana and North Carolina in Tuesday’s primaries.

“I am outraged by the comments that were made and saddened over the spectacle that we saw yesterday,” Obama told reporters at a news conference Tuesday.

His strong words come just six weeks after Obama delivered a sweeping speech on race in which he sharply condemned Wright’s remarks but did not leave the church or repudiate the minister himself, who he said was like a family member. After weeks of staying out of the public eye while critics lambasted his sermons, the former pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago made three public appearances in four days to defend himself.

On Monday, Wright criticized the U.S. government as imperialist and stood by his suggestion that the United States invented the HIV virus as a means of genocide against minorities. “Based on this Tuskegee experiment and based on what has happened to Africans in this country, I believe our government is capable of doing anything,” he said.

### AUSTRIA

## Officials say Austrian family terrorized by decades of incest and imprisonment reunite

AMSTETTEN, Austria (AP) — In an “astonishing” scene, members of an Austrian family terrorized by decades of incest and imprisonment met for the first time at a clinic where psychiatrists are helping them recover, authorities said Tuesday.

Details of the emotional gathering emerged as police said DNA tests confirmed Josef Fritzl is the biological father of his daughter’s six children.

The retired electrician confessed Monday to imprisoning his daughter Elisabeth for 24 years in a warren of sound-proofed cellar rooms, sexually abusing her, fathering seven children with her and discarding the body of one, who died in infancy, in a furnace.

Three of the children were locked in the underground labyrinth with their mother for years and had never met their other siblings or grandmother, who lived upstairs.

Hospital officials said Elisabeth, five of the children and Fritzl’s wife Rosemarie spent their first moments together Sunday.




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## Remembering Ryan

**R**yan 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.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I was ... a pathfinder, an original settler.”

**F. Scott Fitzgerald**  
author  
in “The Great Gatsby”



# INSIGHT



## 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

It is a globally  
recognized wetland  
of international  
importance.

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.

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# 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 capital plan is projected to provide billions of state and federal tax dollars to state construction projects and create thousands of new jobs. The state legislature has not approved a capital plan in nine years.

For SIU, a capital plan would provide money for construction of the Transportation and Education Center at Southern Illinois Airport, new science labs in Edwardsville, a regional clinic in Springfield and the final \$21 million for the renovation of 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.

A debate about how the state should raise \$9 billion has been ongoing. The state must raise the money if it wants the federal government to match it with another \$9 billion, Gross said.

The Illinois Senate approved a capital plan in September, which was valued at \$25 billion. But the same plan did not make it out of the House because it called for the largest gambling expansion in state history.

But Gross said a gambling expansion was a recurring recommendation brought to the coalition by the public during statewide open forums.

The coalition is also reviewing

**Those expected to attend**

- Gov. Rod Blagojevich
- SIU President Glenn Poshard, Co-Director Illinois Works Coalition
- Dennis Hastert, Co-Director Illinois Works Coalition
- Senate President Emil Jones
- State Rep. Barbara Curry, House Majority Leader, representing House Speaker Michael Madigan
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- State Sen. Frank Watson, Senate Minority Leader

**“But dearly if Illinois doesn't use its money, there will be other states in line requesting it.”**

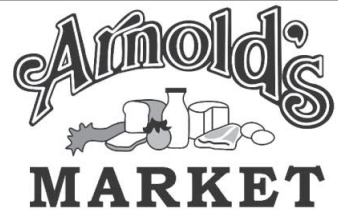
— Patty Shuh, spokeswoman for state Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenville

the possibilities of raising the state's annual fee for license plates by \$20 or increasing the cigarette tax, Gross said.

Though there is no deadline for the federal dollars, Patty Shuh, spokeswoman for state Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenville, said other states might express their own interests.

“There's not a magic evaporation date,” Shuh said. “But clearly, if Illinois doesn't use its money, there will be other states in line requesting it.”

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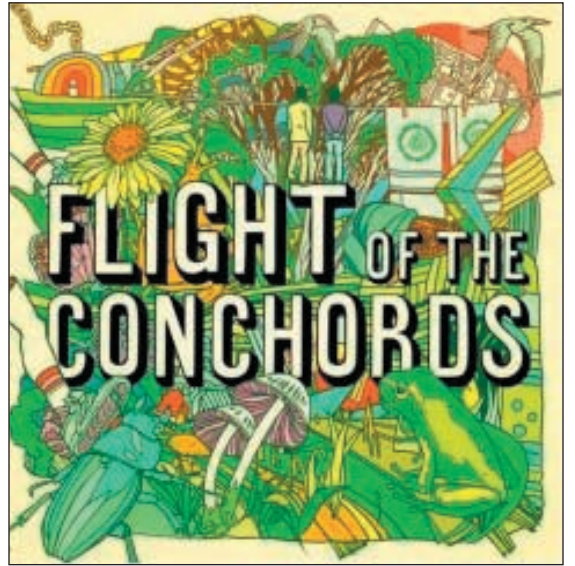
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# Conchords take flight with debut album

**Devin Vaughn**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Release Date: April 22  
Record label: Sub Pop  
<http://conchords.co.nz>



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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 stereotypical 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, "Hiphopotamus Vs. Rhymnceros" 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 pre-existing fans as a companion piece to the DVDs of the HBO series.

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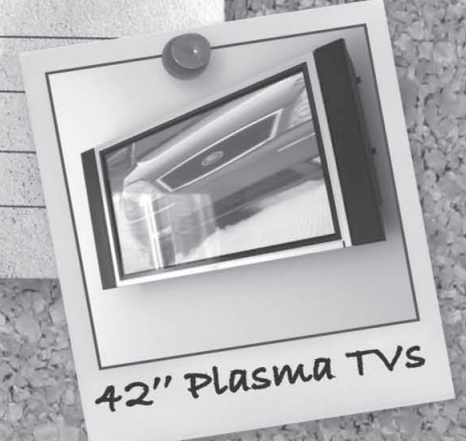
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Equally worrying, Hamilton said, is the ability and inclination of some students to finance education with credit cards. The monthly fees and high interest rates could rapidly turn manageable debt into a messy situation, she said.

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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JPMorgan Chase and Old National Bancorp have also dropped from the student loan program.

Kathy Schoettlin, director of public relations for Old National Bancorp, said the bank stopped offering federal student loans three weeks ago because of the crisis.

"The federal student loan program is going through tremendous changes," Schoettlin said. "It's not feasible for us and we're not competitive in terms of the program anymore."

Schoettlin said Old National is evaluating its existing loan programs, but there is no plan to offer federal student loans again.

"It's vague for all of us," Schoettlin said. "This really came down the pipes in the last couple of weeks."

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008 April 17. The bill would increase annual loan limits on federal unsubsidized student loans. It would also allow parents more time to begin paying off loans, excuse homeowners who have not paid their mortgages for up to six months and provide the U.S. secretary of education additional tools to safeguard access to student loans.

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# 'Rising Down' a dark political journey for The Roots

Serious, unyielding release from Philly hip-hop group

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**The Roots: 'Rising Down'**  
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It's hard to beat The Roots when it comes to serious, straightforward hip-hop. Much like the tone of 2006's "Game Theory,"



4 out of 5 stars

"Rising Down" is full of punchy sound beats, fantastic lyrics and several guest emcees — a complete release that exposes problems from media stereotypes and racism to the war on drugs.

Unlike their last album, "Rising Down" is considerably darker — minus the poppy "Birthday Girl," featuring Fall Out Boy's Patrick Stump, which was left out of the U.S. release. It isn't hard to get into "Rising Down," but it's harder to have a good time while contemplating such deep and dark lyricism.

The first half of the album is considerably different from the second, more focused on the lyricism than the novelties. Questlove's drumming is a steady backbone for each song, but he definitely takes up most of the work keeping the music going as much as the emcees rhymes, much more so than additional electronics — some synth and scratching on "Get Busy," some

deep, brassy bass on "75 Bars (Black's Reconstruction)." On the title track, Mos Def and Styles P tear into the government fighting the war on drugs in the street while prescription companies are legally sedating society, among tackling global warming and rampage shootings.

"Look at technology, they call it downloading, I call it downsizing. Somebody follow me. Does a computer chip have an astrology, and when it f--- up can it give you an apology?" is just one of the arguments Styles P presents in the title track. The angst-ridden, fed up tone follows through the whole album, keeping it in a somber, morose and serious tone. After all, there's no reason not to

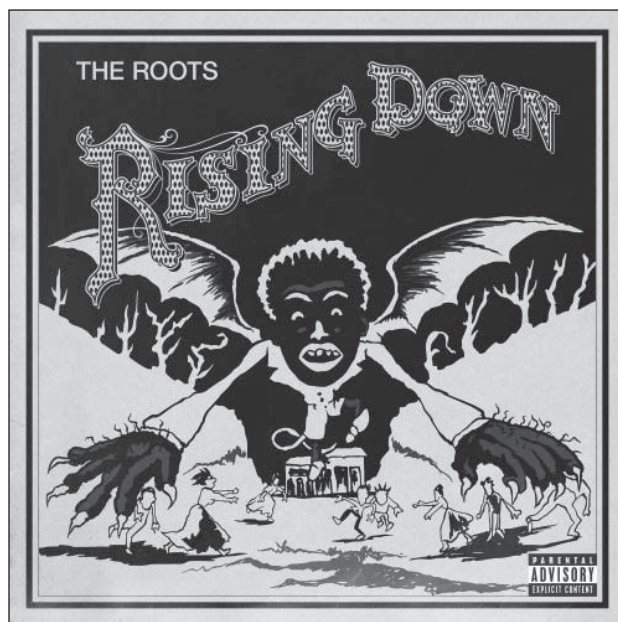
be: The Roots find flaws and expose them accordingly, never attempting to make light of something that others shove off daily.

After "Becoming Unwritten," a spacey, sort of interlude track, "Rising Down" gets a little more musical and mellow, with more instrumental sound, synth, bass and even vocals.

The guitar throughout "Criminal" is soothing, even if the lyrics exposing racial injustice aren't. The synth and lyrics of "I Can't Help It" are intricately dark with a repetitive chorus and heavily distorted beat. MercedesMartinez adds a little R&B soul to the short "Unwritten."

"Rising Down" is a true experience, from bare boned hip-hop to more rhythmic,

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musically-sound tracks and even a few impressive, fast-flowing freestyle raps ("@15"). The album fails to surpass "Game Theory" when it comes to pure enjoyment, but

its sense of urgency is not to be ignored.

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Sophomore Alicia Garza attempts to tag out a Creighton player at second base during the second game of a doubleheader April 19. The Salukis visit University of Illinois today in a doubleheader for their last non-conference games of the season.

## 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," Stein said. "We can go out there just like we've been playing

and we'll be fine this week."

Stein said momentum from winning a non-conference doubleheader is key, and if their pitching and offense 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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"This game is going to get heated after K.G.'s little run-in with the official and would-be brawl that took place in Game 4. But I think the Celtics have the edge here. They have the better all-around team and will be hard to stop."

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"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."

**SALUKI TRACKER**

Alan Turner



Former Saluki wide receiver Alan Turner was invited to the New York Jets' minicamp, which starts Friday. Turner led the Salukis with seven touchdowns to go with 46 receptions for 672 yards. Turner is competing for one of nine open roster spots.

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**CARAVAN**

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"I've gotten e-mails from parents of prospective student-athletes interested in SIU and attending the event," Moccia said. "I would hope this event would be one way to convince 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 Sammy's Sports Bar and Grill last year for the caravan and said it got a great reception from the alumni.

"We had it at Sammy'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.

**COACH**

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Down the line, Sambursky said becoming a head coach was one of her goals because of the impact golf has played in her life. Sambursky said she wanted to involve golf in her career because it was something she was passionate about.

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 one soon.

"Winning the conference championship was the highlight of my career, by far," Sambursky said. "Once you get to the next level, that can be my coaching career highlight."

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**BASEBALL**

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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 Curynski and Tyler Choate combined to throw five scoreless innings in relief.

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

SIU only had four hits to Illinois' nine, but junior Mark Kelly made his hits count.

Kelly went 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles and the Salukis' only RBI.

SIU returns to action at 3 p.m. today against Murray State to cap its nine-game road trip.

The Salukis pounded the Racers 17-4 in Carbondale April 7.

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# Salukis take down I-57 rival



**Outfielder Dean Cademartori reacts** from the dugout to a teammate's hit against Murray State April 7. **JAMES DURBIN** DAILY EGYPTIAN

## SIU defeats Illinois 3-2 in 11 innings

**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 Elmendorf scored on sophomore short-stop Brandon Wikoff's throwing error as the Salukis (24-18) upended Illinois 3-2 in 11 innings in Champaign.

Elmendorf hit a double to right field with the bases empty before short-stop Owen Mackedon drove him in after reaching on the throwing error. SIU proceeded to defeat the Illini for the first time in nine years.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan said the team has been playing with the most

confidence they have had all season.

"Offensively, we didn't swing it that well but the confidence was certainly a deciding factor," Callahan said. "We kind of got lucky that inning."

Junior reliever Daniel Wells locked down Illinois (25-17) in the bottom half of the 11th inning to earn his third win of the season.

Wells struck out the side, and fanned four batters total in his two scoreless innings of work. He dropped his earned run average down to 2.66

with the performance.

Wells said he was focused on throwing strikes and getting ahead of hitters.

"Pretty much the mindset of the entire team is different now because we're playing well," he said. "It's the general mindset of the team that this is coming together and we're beating teams we know we're capable of beating."

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## Caravan crusades for SIU

Athletics reaches 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 Athletic Department where coaches and athletes reach out to alumni who live outside southern Illinois.

Coaches on the caravan include men's basketball coach Chris Lowery, women's basketball coach Dana Eikenberg and new football coach Dale Lennon. Athletes scheduled to appear include basketball players Bryan Mullins, Tony Boyle and Erica Smith, with track and field star Brittany Riley, among others.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia, who will also travel with the caravan, said it is important for the athletes and coaches to keep in touch with 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 stop 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.

Argus Tong, director of off-campus programs for the Alumni Association, said he tries to put student-athletes in the cities closest to their hometowns.

Mullins and Riley, who are from suburbs Downers Grove and Flossmoor, respectively, will visit the Chicago bars. Boyle and Smith hail from De Soto, Mo., and Florissant, Mo., respectively, and will attend the St. Louis stop.

"The alums are very appreciative that the coaches sacrifice their time and they can see the local athletes who went on to SIU," Tong said. "We had such a good turnout last year that we added a second location in Chicago."

The Salukis will also have help from alumni in the events. ESPN radio personality and SIUC radio-television alumnus 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 Way, which includes the construction of a new football stadium and renovations to the SIU Arena.

The caravan is not only focused on alumni but prospective students as well. With the university facing decreased enrollment figures, Moccia and Tong said this is a great way to show the quality education available at SIU through the student-athletes' academic successes.

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# From teeing off to teaching golf

Assistant adjusting to a different point of view

**Luis C. Medina**  
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One year ago, one of the SIU women's golf team's best golfers wasn't ready to let go of the game she loved.

Now she doesn't have to.

Samantha Sambursky officially became the first women's assistant golf coach in the program's history April 10. Sambursky, formerly Samantha Sutzer, 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 36 rounds in the 70s 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,



**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.

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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 recruits 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. She came back the next day with a supportive attitude toward her teammates, Daugherty said.

"Anybody can handle success, but how you handle adversity is your character, and that's the kind of person I wanted to fill my shoes someday," Daugherty said.

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