Thursday

Chancellor addresses image issues

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Chancellor Rita Cheng said misconceptions about the university are hindering recruitment efforts.

In her State of the University Address Wednesday, Cheng said myths about the institution have negatively impacted SIU by affecting the university’s top priority to enhance student recruitment and enrollment. By dispelling those ideas, she said, the university may improve its image and enrollment.

“If there is no factual information out there, people will make up whatever they choose to fill the void,” she said.

Some of the most prevalent myths about the university, Cheng said, are it’s reputation, student qualifications, expense, safety and alumni dissatisfaction.

The fictitious information surrounding SIU’s reputation are based on prospective student’s responses on how they perceive the university, Cheng said. She said interviews with current and prospective students show the party school reputation remains strong.

She also said some students stated they think the university has a bad reputation, while others claimed the curriculum was laid-back.

“This couldn’t be farther from the truth, but that myth is out there,” she said.

Another myth, Cheng said, is that SIU admits unqualified students. She said the university’s average ACT score is higher than the state average.

The idea that SIU is too expensive is also untrue, Cheng said. She said tuition and fees are the lowest among the five public research universities in Illinois.

The chancellor credited a common misconception of the university being unsafe as another leading factor for the lack of success with recruitment and retention.

She said SIU’s crime statistics are similar to averages for similar-sized universities across the country.

She said initiatives have been made in the past year to improve the campus’ safety, from training 1,200 university staff members to be campus security authorities to forming a committee to suggest recommendations on how to improve campus safety.

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Swimmers in the Saluki Swim Club interact Tuesday during the first swim lessons at the Recreation Center after relocating from Pulliam Pool, which closed August 8. Laura Herzog, of Pomona, said she was skeptical about bringing her two children to the center for lessons at first because the larger locker room is a bigger challenge with kids. “The relocation has actually become a benefit, ” Herzog said.

Another myth, Cheng said, is that SIU is too cold.

“The idea that SIU is too cold is also untrue, Cheng said. “The school has 53,072 students enrolled this semester, which is a decrease of 1.2% from last year. The university may improve its image and enrollment by a lot of positive things that come with it,” she said.

The closure left the pool’s users searching for a new place to swim, and the transition hasn’t been easy for some.

The Saluki Swim Club, a year-round club for young swimmers, used the Pulliam pool for its swim practices. When Pulliam closed, the team was forced to relocate to the Recreation Center.

Saluki Swim Club head coach Jay Newton said his team liked Pulliam because it had two pools, and one was smaller and good for his team’s younger swimmers to learn in. The Recreation Center, however, only features one Olympic-sized pool that is much deeper.

Newton said one challenge will be to find a comfort level for the younger swimmers at the Recreation Center.

“It’s obviously a much bigger, more intimidating place than what Pulliam was for them,” he said.

Newton also said the pool at the Recreation Center is much colder than the one at Pulliam, and the team has to adjust to sharing the Recreation Center’s pool with all of the other groups that use it.

“Adjusting to the new conditions at the rec center will be our biggest hardship to overcome,” he said. “We are all sharing a big pool now and it definitely gets a little more crowded, and we have a few less lanes than we used to. But we will make do with it.”

Before the move, Newton said only one of the Saluki Swim Club’s five groups met at the Recreation Center. All other events and lessons took place in the Pulliam pool.

He said he was disappointed when he found out Pulliam pool was going to be closed because it had some unique things that can’t be replaced.

However, he said the decision to close the pool wasn’t a total shock.

“I’ve been here since 2008, and we’ve known that the pool was very old and difficult to fix,” he said. “We knew it would close one day. We just didn’t know when. When it finally got here, we were like everybody else. ‘Wow, it is finally going to happen’?”

The move was initially faced with some uncertainty and concern, but the club began using its new pool Tuesday and Newton said the move has gone well so far. He said the kids are adjusting to the new pool, and the Recreation Center has helped the transition go smoothly.

“This is a wonderful facility,” he said. “It’s a beautiful pool and there are a lot of positive things that come with us using the rec center. In the end, we hated to see Pulliam go, but we are all making the best out of it.”

Lily Boruszkowski, a retired professor in the cinema and photography department, said she used the Pulliam pool regularly, which indicates to her that it has performed an important service for people.

Shepherd said he would have rather spent money to save the Pulliam pool.

“It is a shame that, given all the brain power there is at this university, we could not find a more equitable, win-win solution to this problem,” Shepherd said. “I maintain that destroying Pulliam Pool is a mistake, and the university will come to regret it in the future.”
The Salukis, and right halfback Linda Brown, may have been down during the first half, but they came back to tie it up when Brown scored on an assist from Cindy Davis.

Editors note: The field hockey program was cut from SIU in December 1988 to allow more money to go to the men's basketball program.

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The final myth that Cheng said is hindering the university’s efforts is the idea that many alumni are dissatisfied with the university. She said a survey by the SIU Alumni Association showed 89 percent of alumni would choose the university again, and 95 percent would recommend it to prospective students. Cheng said the university’s top goal is recruitment and enrollment. Tuesday’s release of enrollment numbers from the university showed a 970-student decline from fall 2011.

“No surprise here,” she said. “We anticipated that based on the smaller junior and senior classes that reflect past enrollment decline, and the dramatic drop in transfers.”

Some good news Cheng shared with the filled Student Center ballroom was that the university’s budget is fiscally sound. However, there will have to be adjustments made to the budget because of the enrollment decline, she said.

“This is where we stand,” she said. “This fall’s lower overall enrollment created a projected decrease in tuition revenue of $3.8 million, effectively eliminating the gain we might have experienced from the tuition increase approved for this year.”

She said departments and fee-funded areas will have to adjust their budgets to accommodate the reduced revenue. Adjustments will also have to be made within academic units because of the enrollment decline, she said.

Cheng listed some of the factors that will impact the budget: a 1 percent salary increase that went into effect Jan. 1, regular faculty promotions, a 1 percent salary increase for Board of Trustees members, salary increases for the School of Medicine, the allocation of $750,000 to increase financial aid to students, and a reduction of $2.5 million in regular state appropriations.

“These are the budget issues we know or anticipate, and we continue to look for new revenues,” she said.

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While students can experience stress and anxiety, some may not know the two are different conditions. Almost 30 percent of students cited stress as a major academic difficulty, according to the Student Health Center. Although stress is a temporary condition, letting it go untreated can lead to an anxiety disorder, which has more long-term effects.

Christy Hamilton, mental health coordinator in the Student Health Center, said it's possible to misdiagnose a person with an anxiety disorder, but it's not common because the staff are trained with clear-cut guidelines when testing for the condition. She said all of the licensed personnel in the Student Health Center abide by a manual that guides their decisions to make diagnoses.

Ashley Cain, a senior from Joliet studying psychology, said anxiety is the body's physical response to stress. Anxiety is the more serious of the two, but both can cause physical damage if they are not treated properly, she said.

Darvin Robinson, a junior from Chicago studying psychology, said a majority of his stress comes from school-related issues, but he understands that it's not anxiety because he makes it a priority to get things done regardless of how he feels. "I wasn't meeting the standards that I set forth for myself or living up to my priorities, and the result of that was me not receiving acceptable grades in the classroom," Robinson said. "The way I dealt with it was by focusing on what matters most, which is me, because at the end of the day you are the only one who determines your future."
John Edwards and the issue of poverty

JAMES RAINEY
 McClatchy-Tribune

If one figure looms large in absentia this week at the Democratic National Convention, it is John Edwards.

The former U.S. senator plummeted in a seeming instant from his party's golden young man to a tortured tabloid cliche. Edwards famously cheated on his cancer-stricken wife, Elizabeth, and fathered a child with a campaign worker, then tried to cover up the mess.

So the North Carolinian with the perfect hair and the sweet-tea voice is nowhere to be seen this week. His Chapel Hill home sits just 2 hours up Interstate 85, but as the Democrats open their convention Tuesday, Edwards is not invited and barely spoken about.

The loss of another narcissistic, self-destructive politician might not amount to much in some ways. But along with Edwards went a moment in Democratic Party politics when national figures talked about an issue that has all but disappeared from the agenda — poverty.

“...this is a tough time to bring out issues like that. ”
— John Edwards
Former U.S. Senator

for talking about others' problems. Is this is America's problem. And let me tell you, as long as I am alive and breathing I'm going to do something about it!”

Edwards had a knack for drawing crowds in. On that tour and others, he had people calling out affirmation of his outrage.

It was the candidate's bad fortune, though, that another candidate in the 2008 race, an upstart named Barack Obama, personified the issue of racial equality. And even on the question of poverty, polls showed Democrats preferred the senator from Illinois over the North Carolinian who talked about the issue every day.

Six months after his poverty tour, Edwards finished a distant second to Obama in the Iowa caucuses. His presidential hopes had finished a distant second to Obama in the Iowa caucuses. His presidential hopes had...
After years of educational experience and a love for many different forms of art, one Murphysboro woman will open a school geared toward the betterment of both young and old artisans. Rachel Malcolm-Ensor came into the art game later than most others. After a stroke at the age of 40, Ensor decided it was a good time to pursue a degree in commercial design, which ultimately led her to fine art and eventually a master's degree in art history and a Ph.D. She said she has given back as best she could ever since then.

Ensor said she created the Burton School for the Visual Arts near downtown Murphysboro because of that need to give back. “I’ve taught art history and I’ve taught history and I’ve taught in West Africa,” she said. “I just have this compass of knowledge that I think I can share with people.”

The school’s mission, Ensor said, is to dedicate itself to offering high-quality, non-degree art instruction for every level learning to provide the community with opportunities to explore the world of visual arts through practice, instruction and discussion with established artists. This sort of instruction may be crucial to children who look to pursue art in Murphysboro because of the amount of kindness and guidance she was given in her school. “I’m just really happy that Rachel chose Murphysboro as the location to establish her school, and I’m glad she decided to move there when she did and teach at SIU,” Roth said.

She also said she knows Rachel has wanted to start a school like this for a while, and she is more than prepared to teach both young and old artists. “When she takes on a project, she gets extremely serious about it. she doesn’t do anything halfway,” Roth said. “I think that Rachel will be one of those people who help younger students, such as middle school and high school students, gain confidence and learn fundamental skills.”

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Indy roars back to the silver screen

KARSTEN BURGSTAHLER

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Rusted Root @ Rustle Hill Winery - 5 p.m.
Whistle Pigs @ Hangar 9 - 7:30 p.m.
Hobo Knife @ PK’s - 10 p.m.
Mudills @ Tres Hombres - 10 p.m.

Friday, September 7
Open Mic Night @ Gaia House - 5 p.m.
Swamp Tigers @ Rustle Hill Winery - 6 p.m.
Lynn Dray @ Varsity Center for the Arts - 7 p.m.
The Natives @ Ellis Lodge - 8:30 p.m.
Soul Glo @ Tres Hombres - 9:30 p.m.
Mike Dillon Band @ Varsity Center for the Arts - 10 p.m.
Raw Flesh Eaters @ PK’s - Midnight

Saturday, September 8
Boondock Billies @ DayShift - 5 p.m.
Casey Hicks @ Practice Pad - 5 p.m.
Alison Floyd @ Rustle Hill Winery - 6 p.m.
Swamp Tigers @ Tres Hombres - 7 p.m.
V2T2 @ Varsity Center for the Arts - 7 p.m.
Bob Streit @ Fat Parties - 8 p.m.
Phil Stendeck @ Tres Hombres - 9:30 p.m.
Jackhead @ PK’s - 10 p.m.

FILM, THEATER & OTHER

Sunday, September 9
Soil Chorus @ Gaia House - 3 p.m.
Sunyata Center Meditation @ Gaia House - 5 p.m.

Friday, September 7
‘Avengers’ @ SIU Student Center - 7 p.m.

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Jonesboro Fire Dep. Fundraiser @ Alto Pass - 3 p.m.

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contain every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve: Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Aries — Today is a 5 — For about five weeks, you're even luckier than usual, and your artistic creativity increases. Keep concentrating on your studies. Make a romantic promise that you'll enjoy liberating your loving side.

Taurus — Today is a 7 — You should be able to see clearly what needs to be done — no need to be overwhelmed. Now is a good time for making money, so brainstorm ideas. Maintain objectivity, if possible.

Gemini — Today is a 5 — Conditions are excellent for expansion now in a loving context. For about four weeks, your curiosity will be more insatiable than usual. Trust your heart to lead you.

Cancer — Today is a 6 — Gather up the harvest as quickly as possible, with some help. It'll be easier to make money for the next few weeks, but don't buy toys yet. It's not a good time to travel.

Leo — Today is a 6 — Romance awaits and you're especially good-looking during this period. Answer the call of the void. You have willing helpers nearby; rely on them. Listen for feedback.

Virgo — Today is a 6 — You'll have sweet dreams for the next few weeks. Fantasies abound and are achievable. Don't reveal your secrets all at once. There's beauty in anticipation. Get into action.

Libra — Today is a 5 — You're very popular, but your social life could cause a problem at home. Your career could benefit from the new contacts you make. Balance.

Scorpio — Today is a 6 — New opportunities arise over the next three weeks. Take a few days to stay away provisions, as many as you can. Then go rejuvenate an old bond.

Sagittarius — Today is a 5 — For the next month, it's easier to get away. All is not as it appears, however. Negotiate a trade. New possibilities develop while this lasts.

Capricorn — Today is a 7 — Work is more fun and gets easier for the next few weeks, You're very attractive now. You don't have to know everything yet. Your past work speaks well for you.
Women’s tennis team gives back

DEMARIE PHIPPS-SMITH
Daily Egyptian

The women’s tennis team members thought they would be teaching kids at their annual junior clinics, but the kids taught them some lessons as well.

As senior Melanie Delsart told junior clinic participants to hit volley and backhand shots, she said she built on her fundamentals as well.

“We need to do the basics … back to the fundamentals,” said Delsart, senior from Buenos Aires, Argentina, teaching young players the essentials of tennis. “Mel is always giving me great advice.”

Melanie Delsart, left, senior tennis player, and Stacey Strickland, right, mother of a child in the clinics, test out a tennis ball at the SIU tennis courts on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012.

“Sometimes when I'm playing bad, I have to remember to just go back to the fundamentals,” Delsart said. “I'm probably not where I'm supposed to be on the court or I'm not placing my shots in the right places.”

The entire team is involved with the clinics this year, coach Andrea Nothwehr said. “The clinics are taught by quality instructors and Nothwehr is doing an incredible job with the SIU women’s tennis team.”

“Mel is always giving me great feedback on things I should improve on, she really knows the game,” Lee said. “Patience is key,” Lee said. “I love being out here just playing tennis, but I've already learned how to serve the right way,” he said. “I just started playing, but I'm learning a lot and having fun.”

Adrian Martin, a parent of two children participating in the clinics, said the girls of the tennis team are excellent instructors and Nothwehr is forming a tennis community here in Carbondale, Martin said.

“By putting on events like these, Audra is bringing more tennis fans to the games and she's helping form a tennis community here in Carbondale,” Martin said.

“It is something we can all enjoy together,” he said.

Lee said she enjoys her chance to teach the clinics and wants to leave her students with valuable lessons.

“Patience is key,” Lee said. “On the court when you are having a tough time, and in life.”

Freshman attacker Steven Ta, from Algonquin studying accounting, and goalie Joey “Snakes” Pappas, a first-year law student from Detroit, Mich., race after the ball during a lacrosse club scrimmage at the SIU practice fields. Ta said he has been playing for five years, but this is his first semester playing at SIU. “These guys are experienced and know what they are doing,” he said.