Retention, recruitment among topics during address

Cheng: We build upon a solid foundation

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Daily Egyptian

As the university experiences its lowest enrollment in more than 40 years while simultaneously experiencing the highest freshman enrollment since 2005, retention was a focus of Chancellor Rita Cheng’s State of the University Address Monday.

Cheng said the university specifically selected students who are well prepared for college and is working to fix the financial aid system, which saw an average debt of $6,500 in Fall 2013 for students who leave the university. Basur holds have also nearly doubled in recent years, she said.

“We did not try to artificially see higher enrollment of students who were not historically retained,” Cheng said.

“We also are committed to a financial aid and scholarship model that supports students who wish to stay at SIU,” And while the nearly 13 percent increase in freshmen was not enough to offset the drop in enrollment elsewhere, Cheng said there is hope on the horizon.

“As the 2010 class graduates and another strong freshman class enters next fall, we’ll start to see improvements in our overall enrollment figures,” she said.

“Push building a strong freshman class,” Cheng said the university has expanded recruitment efforts by mailing more than 1.6 million printed pieces during the last recruiting cycle.

“Often, SIU was the first university these students heard from, making it hard for SIU to stand out in the crowded marketplace,” Cheng said. Cheng also labeled University of Illinois Springfield and Western Illinois University as critical to improving retention. Starting last year, freshmen were required to enroll in math courses at some point during their first year, she said the requirement helped student success rates in math increase by 21 percent.

“Often, SIU was the first university these students heard from, making it hard for SIU to stand out in the crowded marketplace,” Cheng said. Cheng also explained the university’s fiscal year 2014 budget and how changes have been made because of outside influences. The state did not decrease the budget from fiscal year 2013, a positive because the state told the university to expect a 5 percent drop, she said. State appropriations provide 47 percent of funds for academic programs, while tuition funds the other 53 percent.

Bike registration for fall cycle

Michelle Hartke, left, a graduate student from Teutopolis studying public health, assists Azadeh Omrani Kermani, a graduate student from Kerman, Iran, studying business administration, find the serial number on her bicycle Friday in front of the Student Center. Hartke said registering a bicycle helps locate lost and stolen bicycles on campus, and is a theft deterrent.

Simon Institute to feature Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist

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David Shribman will be the first guest of the school year for the Pizza and Politics speaking events organized by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Tuesday, Shribman will speak in Ballroom B of the Student Center beginning at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, he will be in the Communications Building’s Dean’s Conference Room beginning at 11:30 a.m. for the Pizza and Politics lunch. Both events are free and open to the public.

Shribman has been the executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette since 2003. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1995 while with the Boston Globe for a distinguished example of beat reporting while covering American politics.

He has several connections to SIU, including current staff members who are SIU graduates.

“I have great fondness for all things Saluki and am looking forward to seeing the campus for the first time myself,” Shribman said.

Charles Leonard, a visiting professor teaching policy analysis, said having Shribman for the Pizza and Politics program affords students the opportunity to meet some of the nation’s top political minds in a casual setting, including previous speakers such as Cornell West, Lilly Ledbetter, Gov. Christine Todd Whitman and then State Senator Barack Obama.

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Chicago aldermen agree to eliminate some gun sales

By DON BABWIN
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CHICAGO — Faced with a new state law on concealed weapons, Chicago aldermen are getting ready to do away with some of its strict handgun regulations, including a requirement that residents obtained — and pay for — a city permit.

The City Council’s public safety committee’s on Monday voted to recommend that the city scrap some of the provisions in Chicago’s gun ordinance that angered gun-rights advocates and ignored recommendations that residents obtained — and pay for — a city permit.

The city’s current handgun ordinance has not been approved by aldermen before the full City Council on Wednesday, and that is widely expected to be approved.

Chicago aldermen have some of the nation’s toughest gun regulations, and it can and can’t do, ” said Alderman Robert Fioretti, who attended Monday’s meeting. “The state Legislature has control over this and has tied the hands of city councils across the state.”

Former Mayor Richard Daley pushed through the city’s current handgun ordinance after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Chicago’s outright ban on handguns in 2010.

Terence Peacock, a National Rifle Association lobbyist, praised the proposed changes to the ordinance.

”Mayor Daley’s pinnacle handgun ordinance . . . . is now for all intents and purposes gutted, and I think that’s a great day for gun owners in the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois,” Vandermyde said. The city is also doing away with a requirement that gun owners make all but one of their firearms inseparable or keep them locked up in some way.

However, the city will keep intact some restrictions that gun-right advocates are vowing to fight.

For example, Vandermyde suggested there might be a legal challenge of the city’s continued ban on laser sites of weapons. While a city attorney told the council that Chicago can ban the sites because they are accessories and not part of firearms, Vandermyde said it is ridiculous to ban something that would help people shoot at what they are aiming.

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Looking to the future, President Barack Obama's plan to provide financial aid based on university performance in key areas like retention and time-to-degree could affect the university down the road, Cheng said.

“It is unclear how the ratings will be applied and whether they will be harmful or helpful to SIU,” she said. “However, they serve as a reminder that as a national university, we work within a larger context.”

After Speaking on retention, Cheng shifted to new academic programs and university departments soon to come to fruition. A new Center for Fermenation Science could help enhance relationships with the community and help build enrollment, she said.

“The center will also take advantage of the growing trend of Southern Illinois' start-up vineyards, micro-breweries and distilleries,” she said.

Construction on campus buildings will allow additional space for existing programs, she said. Work on the sixth and seventh floors of Morris Library will be complete for the spring semester, and the Pulliam renovation for the School of Art and Design is 30 percent complete — the renovation is expected to be complete by fall 2014, Cheng said.

The university will also look to expand the Center for Inclusive Excellence by adding a Women's Resource Center to address women's issues and gender-related concerns, Cheng said.

The chancellor also took the time to recognize University staff, in particular, she pointed out Department of Public Safety Director Todd Sigler, who will retire Oct. 15 after 30 years of service to the university.

“Todd started with the department as a member of the Saluki patrol in 1983 and became an officer in 1985,” Cheng said. “Todd, you'll be missed.”

To wrap up her speech, Cheng noted that while improvements can still be made, the accomplishments of the last year are nothing to be taken lightly.

“We have much work to do, but we build on a solid foundation,” she said.

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David Croteau, a junior from Carbondale studying communication design, battles Abby Sell, a senior from Carbondale studying forestry, during the Medieval Combat Society of Southern Illinois’ practice Sunday at Evergreen Park. Sell said it is a great stress reliever and also good exercise. Sell and Croteau are a part of the SIU campus group that practices every Thursday at Sam Rinella Field from 4 to 8 pm.

Described as “paintball with swords,” the SIU medieval combat sports club is a full contact sports club with a medieval theme.

Jesse Sell, an emergency medical technician from Carbondale, the previous president and founder of SIU Medieval Combat Club, said the club is part of a national organization called Belegarth Medieval Combat Society.

Jesse Sell described the weapons as a rigid core covered in different types of foam. Weapons are made to be sturdy, but soft enough to hit other players with, she said.

Abby Sell, a senior from Carbondale studying forestry, the current president of the sports club, said the members of SIUMC make and buy their own weapons and garb.

“There are places where we can go online and buy from a store, or we can find somebody who makes kits which we will use to build the weapons. Though the quality of gear you get out of those varies,” Sell said. “You can still make very good equipment by just purchasing the stuff yourself and making the gear.”

David Croteau, a junior from Carbondale studying communication design, is the club’s secretary and treasurer. He said the club does not wear any padding for protection.

“We pad the weapons so we do not have to pad the players,” Croteau said.

Abby Sell said safety equipment, like wrist supports, gloves, and kneepads are still encouraged.

“That is what I suggest for basic gear. Kneepads, mouth guards, gloves, and a padded bra for a woman or a cup for a boy,” she said.

Jesse Sell said some people do wear armor, but there are specific guidelines in the Belegarth rulebook considering those forms of protection.

SIUMC encourages players to choose a fighting name and engage in slight characterization, but it is not a must. It is simply a way to get into the combat mind frame and to distinguish oneself on the field, Abby Sell said.

“You will find it associated often with live action role playing, which LARPing is live action role-play. It is in the same vein but, it is really on the low end scale of it,” Jesse Sell said.

“Those are not any classes, there is no magic, and you do not have health or hit points. It is fantasy inspired, but not fantasy based.”

Croteau said fighting names are used so that players run more efficiently and players can be easily identified.

“My name is Dave. So, if anybody says ‘hey Dave!’ or ‘Dave, go that way!’ you have like, three people running. It’s just a lot easier to have specific fighting names,” he said.

Both Abby Sell and Croteau said people tend to label the group as role-players, however, they technically are not.

“People argue that yes, it is a role playing game because you guys put on a costume and have a name. That is about as far as it goes,” Croteau said.

Jesse Sell said that most people only assume a name and wear garb, as they cannot walk out onto the field in street clothes. The style of fighting, weapons, and garb are the medieval elements. The focus of the club is full contact fighting.

Sell said SIUMC is a great form of exercise and stress relief and encourages students to stop by and check it out. SIUMC holds open practices every Thursday at 4 p.m. at Rinella Field.

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Assorted dinosaur and animal bones, various geological rocks, and endless varieties of jewels are stacked and scattered across the counters of a small Makanda shop. A cat can be seen prowling in and out of the front door, sometimes sleeping on large cases of luminescent stones during the day.

But this messy building is where creativity flows, producing jewelry that some of the most famous individuals in the country have worn. Allan Stuck is a jeweler who creates his pieces from an assortment of materials. Rubies, topaz and moonstones are used in creating some of his pieces along with extravagant silver and gold designs. At times, fossilized dragonflies, ivory from elephant tusks, or even rattlesnake fangs are used.

Stuck said he started to use bones and fossils for his works after meeting a paleontologist almost 30 years ago when he visited the western United States.

“There’s such a variety of patterns and colors in the bones that it gives me a pallet to work with,” he said.

Stuck said his work has been worn by famous individuals such as Angelina Jolie, Miley Cyrus, and Pink. Yet, the former SIU student never imagined he would end up creating his prehistoric pieces when he was in college.

He switched his major multiple times during his nine years at the university, the longest of which was pre-med for three years and zoology as a minor in case he did not become a doctor. He said he became interested in bones while studying zoology and working at a local rock shop where people would bring in fossils, eventually causing him to switch to sculpting.

Stuck then dropped out of SIU and pursued jewelry making, which he had been doing on the side while in school.

Allan Stuck, of Makanda, holds a polished slice of a dinosaur bone Sunday at his studio near the Makanda Boardwalk. Stuck said depending on the environmental circumstances during the petrification process, the bones can take on different hues that can be seen through the pores of the spongy bone tissue.
Before the advent of the Internet, it made sense for schools to discipline students only for what they said and did when they were on school property. But it’s now possible for a student to disrupt the learning environment by pecking out threats on his home computer or on the telephone he carries on the school bus.

Should administrators be able to hold students accountable for misbehavior on this virtual campus? We think so, and so does the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The court ruled last week that public schools may punish conduct that poses a risk of substantial disruption even if the conduct takes place off school property.

The ruling upheld the 90-day expulsion imposed on a high school student in Minden, Nev., who used MySpace to send instant messages that threatened classmates and mentioned the 2007 massacre at Virginia Tech.

Landon Wynar argued that his temporary expulsion from Douglas High School violated both his free-speech rights and his constitutional right to due process.

In a landmark 1969 case, the Supreme Court rightly ruled that students don’t “shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate.” But that same decision allowed administrators to sanction student expression that was reasonably likely to create “substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities” or violate “the rights of other students to be secure and to be let alone.”

It’s an understatement to say that Wynar’s messages satisfied that legal test.

He wrote that “it’s pretty simple / I have a sweet gun / my neighbor is giving me 500 rounds ... I’ve watched these kinds of movies so I know how NOT to go wrong.” He indicated that he would “only kill the people I hate” including “the blacks / and mexicans / halfbreeds / atheists / french / gays / liberals.” (Wynar told school officials the messages were jokes.)

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Acknowledging that some federal judges have expressed a different opinion, Judge M. Margaret McKeown concluded that “when faced with an identifiable threat of school violence, schools may take disciplinary action in response to off-campus speech expression’ consistent with rules announced by the Supreme Court.”

That’s a sensible conclusion. Students do have free-speech rights, even in the classroom, and the courts are right to intervene when administrators overreact to a student’s exercise of that right, whether it’s an antiwar black armband, a T-shirt opposing gay marriage or a “boobie braider” worn to express solidarity with breast cancer patients.

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Allan Stuck, a Makanda-based jeweler, holds a piece of a Tyrannosaurus Rex bone Sunday at his studio while explaining the process of making bone into jewelry. Stuck, who has been creating original jewelry since 1964, works with various materials along with dinosaur bones, including gold, silver, diamonds and harvested stones and gems such as turquoise, opals and rubies.

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After opening his store in Makanda, a customer suggested he send his work to Los Angeles, saying the unique designs would be a hit in Hollywood.

Stuck said he is fortunate to have accomplished what he has over the years and is lucky to have famous individuals wear his creations he sends to the West Hollywood gallery, which advertises and sells his work.

While his jewelry is still in high demand in Hollywood, Stuck said moving to California is the last thing he would do.

“It’s just ridiculous out there. It’s a rat race,” he said. “I’m originally from Chicago and I came (to southern Illinois) to go to school in 1960 and I stayed. I just love the hills and the critters you see running around. … I just really like our beautiful area here.”

Coming up with new designs, especially after 50 years, is no easy feat.

“I’ve had many different times where you reach a plateau and nothing would happen and then you’re wondering ‘ah man, it’s all over. I don’t have any more ideas.’ And then after a little while, things start leaking back in,” he said. “Then over the years, it seems like you just keep building on all the nuances of things that you worked with and these things build on other things so you can keep lunging forward.”

Stuck said his inspiration for works comes from a multitude of different places, such as the Maori culture of New Zealand, and even from work accidents that lead to new opportunities. One such opportunity came from cutting part of rock away and the pieces that fell off were shaped like a butterly, now Stuck said he plans on creating something from it.

Though he is proud of all his works, Stuck said there was one piece he worked on harder than the others. He said he created a three pound belt buckle made of an elaborate sterling silver design and a large stone placed in the center that took him over 3,200 hours to create.

Working on each piece is not always a treat, but it generates a feeling of self-accomplishment, Stuck said.

“I hear people talking about having fun doing their stuff,” he said. “It’s not fun for me. It’s a lot of hard work, but the satisfaction that comes from finishing a piece is (rewarding). It’s something that exists that never existed before and that’s the whole thing.”

The level of satisfaction completing any piece of jewelry he is working on is tremendous and worth the hard work, he said.

“All my carvings, I like my carvings that I do because they are really hard to do but once they are finished, phew,” he said. “It’s such an elation to have finished such a precise thing because there are so many things that can go right or can go wrong.”

The future is unknown, but as long as he is able to make jewelry he will, Stuck said.

“As long as my ideas keep going, as long as I can see what I’m doing, as long as my hands can function right, I’ll just keep doing that,” he said.

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Universities continue to adopt competency-based learning into their curriculums

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As technology improves and more people attend college, U.S. Department of Education and the Carnegie Institute are working to metamorphose the credit-based system that has been the standard for higher education.

The Department of Education sent letters in March to universities nationwide informing them that financial aid could now be offered to students enrolled in competency-based programs. Schools must be able to provide detailed guidelines to the department outlining how their programs work, and so far three universities have been approved: Southern New Hampshire, Northern Arizona and Capella Universities.

"Examples of direct measures include projects, papers, examinations, presentations, performances, and portfolios," said competency-based learning, also called personalized learning, is a system that allows students to be evaluated by individual skills rather than receiving credit hours for their work. It is a self-paced system that in some circumstances allows students to skip classes or courses if they can prove skill competence.

The credit hour has been the standard for measuring achievements in high school and college learning since 1906. The Carnegie Unit, established credits, known as the Carnegie Unit, sole to determine eligibility for faculty pensions. According to the institutions, the Carnegie Unit is defined by one hour of student-teacher time and two hours of outside work in a 15-week semester. Since the advancement of technology over the past decade has made learning more resourceful and effective, many are beginning creating the time-based system wants to restructure it, calling for a more competency-based structure.

The new regulations open doors for public universities such as SIU, which might consider restructuring its credit-based programs to meet students' needs. Students can then receive credit for what they already know, said the letter sent by the Board of Education.

The dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Mickey A. Latour, has been working to bring an open access online program to SIU. The plan, called "Access SIU," is a way to offer classes to people worldwide who wish to enroll in subjects without having to attend college, he said. "I think the beauty of this is you can greatly expand your footprint worldwide."

However, Richard Bortz, a specialist in competency-based learning and a professor at SIU's School of Workforce Education Development, argues that competency programs could only be to repair an automobile engine. "You're teaching them how to apply that knowledge," he said. "If you critique it, then when your kids leave you, I think they're better."

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NEW YORK — Another estimable opponent of the highest ranking, another major-tournament championship test, another dare to put his chronically troublesome knees through two weeks of hard court punishment merely served as accelerator for second-seed Rafael Nadal.

The man is on fire. With his 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 victory over top-seeded Novak Djokovic in Monday night’s U.S. Open championship match, Nadal won his second Grand Slam event and 10th of 13 tournaments he entered this year. He ran his 2013 match won-lose record to 60-3, 22-0 on hard courts, once considered his least-kindly surface.

“Reality is probably the most emotional one in my career,” Nadal said. “I felt like I did everything right to have my chance here. You play one match against one of the best players, No. 1 in the world, so I know I have to be almost perfect to win.”

In claiming his latest Big Door Prize of tennis, Nadal had to trade punches with Djokovic — winner of this year’s Australian Open and champion in five of the previous 11 majors — for more than three hours. A single point late in the second set required a dizzying, exhausting 54 minutes.

Djokovic hit 46 winners to Nadal’s 27. Nadal won the trade-off on unforced errors, making only 28 compared with Djokovic’s 53.

though it could be argued that many of the unforced errors by both men felt forced by the other’s persistence in their countless rallies of attrition.

It was not until late in the fourth set that Djokovic began to crack, and only after Nadal barely extricated himself from a possible two-sets-to-one deficit. After splitting the first two sets, Nadal was facing a triple break point at 4-4, 0-40.

“Novak was playing amazing,” Nadal said. “when Novak plays that level, I’m not sure if anybody can stop him. I know that it was really important to stay only one break behind.”

He hit a forehand winner, outlasted Djokovic in a 21-stroke point, cracked a 125 mile-per-hour ace — his first and only one of the match — and chased Djokovic into the corner to set up an overhead winner for a 5-4 lead.

“Disappointing,” Djokovic said. “I felt like, in the first four, five games of the set, I was the one dictating the play. He started playing really good. I didn’t do anything wrong on those few points, but he didn’t make a mistake. Next thing you know, all of a sudden, it’s two sets to one for him.”

Then, having hijacked Djokovic’s golden opportunity, Nadal immediately produced his own service break to close out the set. He burned Djokovic again in the second game of the fourth set with another service break.

Only minutes later, Nadal was rolling on the court in a combination of celebration and relief.

It was the 37th career duel between the best that Spain and Serbia have to offer the sport — a men’s record since the dawn of open tennis in 1968. The two played for 4 hours, 37 minutes before Nadal prevailed in this year’s French Open semifinal and for 5:53 before Djokovic won the 2012 Australian Open final.

Nadal called their confrontations “special, and when you have the chance to win against the most difficult players, it’s true that the victory is more special. Most important is to win the tournament, not the opponent.”

By claiming his 13th career major-tournament title, Nadal trails only Roger Federer (17) and Pete Sampras (14) in Grand Slam trophies — even as he seems to be getting better.

“Thirteen Grand Slams for a guy who is 27 years old is incredible,” said Djokovic, himself 26 with six major championships.

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Stem has played soccer since he was 4 years old. He said he was interested in getting involved in what he loved to do, so he decided to join club soccer.

He said he performs better academically when he stays active.

Jose Martinez, a senior from Charleston studying Computer Engineering, also said campus involvement is important.

“It helps you stay busy,” Martinez said. “You just don’t want to sit around, you have to get out and do something active.”

Since there are many new members of the soccer club, the team tries new ways to keep them connected.

“Every once in a while, we hang out off the field,” Lee said. “The chemistry is getting there, but we have definitely been trying to connect outside of the field so it will show on the field.”

Once everyone is comfortable playing as a team, the soccer club members think they will be hard to beat.

“We have so many talented individuals, and we just have to find a way to make it work for our team,” Martinez said. “We just have to get the chemistry together.”

The next game will be at home Oct. 12 as the club competes against the University of Chicago and DePaul University.

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The Saluki team finished the first 36-holes with 16 birdies. Yang finished the first day with four birdies. Casanova with two and Lindner with one. 


"Obviously I wish I played better. I know what I need to work on two weeks from now."

— Cassie Rushing  
Senior women’s golfer

Senior golfer Cassie Rushing practices Aug. 16 at Crab Orchard Golf Club. Rushing tied for seventh place overall at the Redbird Invitational held this weekend at Illinois State University. Rushing shot 75 in her final round, marking her 59th career round in the 70s at SIU.

Soccer club works to blend with team’s incoming players

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This season, the men’s soccer club will add a substantial number of members who look forward to consistent wins and unity. The Salukis competed in their first home tournament Sunday afternoon at the Lew Hartzog Track and Field Complex where they faced two Indiana schools. The soccer club came up short against Indiana University 4-2 but defeated Indiana State with a 7-0 shutout win. This year, there are 12 new members and 28 total club members. The team is working to blend the chemistry between newcomers and returning teammates. As the season progresses, the soccer club will compete against schools in locations such as Chicago, Champaign, Iowa and Indiana.

First year president, Brian Koebel, a senior from Naperville studying Electrical Engineering, said the soccer club is capable of making it to regionals, and even nationals. “Once we get going, I think our team will go far,” Koebel said.

Gordon Lee, a senior from Herrin studying Zoology said this year’s team could be one of the best thus far.

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Maicon Marcon duels with a player from the University of Indiana Sunday during the SIU men’s club soccer team’s first match. Team President Brian Koebel, said he is optimistic about how well the team will play this year. “We have high hopes for the team because we have a great freshman base and overall talent,” Koebel said.

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