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Cheng approved as chancellor

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Rita Cheng was officially approved as the next chancellor for SIUC, but not without some discussion as to whether it was fiscally sound.

At the SIU Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, Cheng was approved almost unanimously as the next chancellor for the Carbondale campus, the only disapproving vote coming from trustee member Bill Bonan II. Bonan said though Cheng is a good candidate for the chancellor position,

"We are not taking serious the cash-flow problem that we now have and will continue to have in the future."

— Bill Bonan II
Board of Trustee member

he is opposed to any new hire with such a large salary attached.

The proposed new hire of a chancellor, and the salary that goes along with it, shows that we are not taking serious the cash-flow problem that we now have and will continue to have in the future," Bonan said. "The idea of

spending yourself out of a problem is simply not going to work."

SIU President Glenn Poshard said Cheng would begin her duties June 1 and receive a salary of \$341,000 with a housing allowance of \$27,500 per year and a company car.

Other trustee members were quick

to point out Cheng's financial background and leadership abilities to show their support of the new chancellor.

"I, for one, am happy to have someone with an accounting and a finance background at the top of this place," said trustee member John Simmons.

Trustee member Keith Sanders said Cheng's salary is nothing more than the average wage for people in similar positions, and the university needs to pay a competitive rate for good leadership.

"We are doing exactly what a big university does when it looks for

leadership," Sanders said. "It does a thorough national search, hires the best person available and pays a competitive wage."

Tom Britton, co-chairman of the chancellor search committee, said the committee researched average salaries paid to administrators in research institutions and the median salary is \$344,000. He said the median compensation, which includes salary, for a chancellor is \$429,000.

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Krystal Brown, a junior from Chicago studying art education, works on her final project for introduction to small metals. Students have had eight weeks to design and build a cylinder out of metal. "I think I've slept eight hours this whole week," Brown said. Brown said her cylinder is a dedication to raise awareness about teen violence. "My niece was a victim of a drive-by. She was only 10 and shot in the leg," Brown said. Brown's cylinder will be filled with letters from her friends and family who have suffered because of violence.

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University housing funds not affected by spending freeze

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University Housing funds have not yet been affected by the spending freeze, but officials say they are slowing down spending and carefully considering each improvement project.

Julie Payne Kirchmeier, director of University Housing, said the money for projects include some state money but mostly private funds, contracts, student fees and some revenue from retail establishments. She said while housing isn't directly affected by the spending freeze, it is affected by enrollment

"We live and die from what we bring in the door," Kirchmeier said. Kirchmeier said housing projects that involve student safety concerns are still a priority and would not be postponed, such as the roof replacements to the Brush Towers and new sprinkler systems in Thompson Point.

Lori Stettler, director of the Student Center, said while the prospective number of students on campus is down as well as revenue brought in by campus businesses, making utilities more efficient is saving money. Stettler said commission from Student Center businesses, such as McDonald's and the

"You can't lose your head about this. There are always difficult choices to make."

— Julie Payne Kirchmeier,
director of University Housing

University Bookstore, go right back into the facility, so when enrollment drops so does revenue.

However, Stettler said a self-regulating heating and cooling system was installed in the Student Center ballroom last year as well as sensors on the water pumps, so the appropriate temperature can be automatically determined.

"We are currently about 20

percent below what we budgeted for all utilities this fiscal year," Stettler said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz said he hopes by keeping student fees from increasing, enrollment would go up, which in turn would help level out the spending freeze. Dietz said while some cuts are inevitable, officials will continue to review all

spending closely and cut corners wherever they can.

"We want to continue making (the university) a vibrant place," Dietz said. "Can we stop dead in our tracks on everything? Probably not."

Kirchmeier said when students return from winter break, they can expect the Schneider Hall lobby renovation progressing as well as the roof repairs to the Brush Towers, but other projects will be carefully reviewed before any other changes are made.

"You can't lose your head about this," Kirchmeier said. "There are always difficult choices to make."

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Valle highlights goals to increase enrollment, retention

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Victoria Valle, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, said there are still steps the university needs to make to improve enrollment and retention at SIUC.

Valle said retention begins with the first recruitment attempts toward a student.

"Retention and recruitment are different sides of the same coin," Valle said. "You begin retention when you begin recruitment."

Valle said the department is always looking at bringing in a larger recruitment class to ensure better retention.

Valle said the university would never be one that has a 95 percent retention rate.

"The higher the selectivity, the higher the retention rate," Valle said. "If you're looking at students coming in that have an average ACT of 28, you're going to have a very high retention rate. That's not what our freshman class looks like, and it's very unlikely that our freshman class will ever look like that."

But Valle said the university needs to do a better job with the

"We make choices in our lives, we do things in our lives, and they have consequences. That's what I think we need to start talking to students about in orientation."

—Victoria Valle
assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management

students it has. Interim Provost Don Rice said retention for the spring semester is looking positive at this point.

"The rate is high," Rice said. "We are doing much better. And despite budget issues, the application rate right now is very good."

Nearly 98 percent of freshmen and almost 92 percent of sophomores have already registered for next semester. That number drops at the junior and senior levels, where more than 85 percent of juniors have registered and almost 63 percent of seniors have registered.

Valle said the administration should talk to students in orientation about the proper path to take in order to be successful at the university.

"We make choices in our lives, we do things in our lives, and they have consequences," Valle said. "That's what I think we need to

start talking to students about in orientation."

Valle said, at least in the short term, the university's selectivity would not change.

"We have a demographic trend that's going to make it difficult for us to do that," Valle said. "I think we have some tools in place that we can start to attract stronger students, but we need a little more time to do that. I think we can do that and we're a good enough university to do that."

Valle said the university should get the word out to high school students earlier in their schooling to make them attracted to SIUC.

Chancellor Sam Goldman said unless something unusual occurs, retention would be high in the spring.

"Barring anything unforeseen, I'm very optimistic about where we will be in the spring," Goldman said.

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Bonan said the issue was all about timing: at a time when the university can barely make payroll, Bonan said it didn't seem "kosher" to make a new hire. He also expressed disappointment in the amount of cuts the university has made so far to help ease the cash-flow problem.

"The efficiencies that have been done by this administration, in my mind, have not been sufficient to make any differences," Bonan said.

Pohard said between the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses, the university was able to exact roughly \$13 million in efficiencies, something several other trustee members called positive attention to.

Sanders said trustee members received a 50 or 60-page document detailing the cuts and efficiencies exacted in each department of the university, and the administration was following the right procedures.

"If one took the time to read that (document) in detail, one would have noticed that there are positions being held vacant all across the university," Sanders said. "There are scores of efficiencies that have been (implemented) for a long time and continue to be implemented as we enter this period of budgetary difficulty and we are being efficient."

Pohard said the university has made all possible cuts outside of personnel, something he said would only be a last resort. He said he is absolutely confident the comptroller's office will make some form of an appropriation payment in order to make Jan. 1 payroll, but is still concerned about next semester.

While tuition payments and



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Duane Stucky, left, the vice president for Financial and Administrative Affairs, talks with Bill Bonan II, right, a trustee member, during the Board of Trustees meeting in the Student Center Thursday. "I am very concerned about the direction at SIU during these terrible economic times. In my opinion, things are going to get a lot worse before any improvement is made," Bonan said.

financial aid reimbursements coming in the beginning of January will help the university get through February, Pohard said he is extremely concerned about March, when the university would begin to run out of any useable money.

Pohard said the worst-case scenario would be receiving no state

appropriation payments by March and possibly shutting down the university or laying off large amounts of people.

"We don't anticipate that happening, we think that's unimaginable," Pohard said. "But ... the worst case scenario has to be considered. This isn't a panic situation; nobody's panicking here."

At the executive session of the BOT Wednesday, Pohard said several university presidents, at a meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, stated closure as a possibility in March if no funds come through. Pohard said two of those institutions were Illinois State University and Northern Illinois University.

Cheng said the university needs to focus both on cutting costs and increasing revenues coming into the institution in order to begin addressing the cash-flow problem.

Also discussed at the BOT meeting were drafts of a furlough policy and a debt policy to be looked at in the next meeting in February.

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SIUC attends national moonbuggy race

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66 The first moonbuggy race I saw, there were 15 moonbuggies. Four finished.

—Tsuchin Chu
 professor in mechanical engineering

Sitting under a giant space shuttle at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, two passengers wait while their moonbuggy is inspected.

They get the signal and start peddling. The team pedals its moonbuggy over two ridges and head up a hill. Soon they are traveling downhill and must make a sharp left turn.

"You go downhill, you hit those bumps," Dustin Kurtz said. "Then they have sharp turns, and you're rolling over."

This is how the NASA Great Moonbuggy Race begins, which is held annually in Huntsville, Ala., said Kurtz, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering and vice president of the SIUC Moonbuggy Club. The club has participated in the race since 1998.

Kurtz said a moonbuggy consists of several bicycle parts. It usually has four wheels and seats two passengers. Moonbuggies are similar to NASA's lunar rover used in Apollo missions, but Kurtz said they have to be human-powered.

"There can't be any inertia force," Kurtz said. "You can orientate them any way you want. Some people face back-to-back, some are side-by-side."

Tsuchin Chu, a professor in mechanical engineering and adviser for the club, founded the club in 1997. Chu said he worked with NASA while the company was designing

and constructing moonbuggies and decided to bring the project to Carbondale.

"I thought it would be interesting and a good project for the students to work on," Chu said.

Chu said he started the club as a project for engineering students. He decided to turn the club into a registered student organization to attract new members and improve the machines, he said.

The national competition features college and high school teams from all over the country, but Chu said there are also teams from other countries, such as India, Germany and Puerto Rico. The winners of the race are rewarded, but there are also design and mechanical awards, he said.

Kurtz said the racetrack is filled with many obstacles, including half-buried tires and moon-sized craters.

While the moonbuggies are fun to ride, Chu said they are also dangerous. He said many teams do not finish the race, although teams gain experience and improve their machines each year.

"You would think a bicycle is pretty sturdy, right? They get damaged. The wheels get folded over," Chu said. "The first moonbuggy

race I saw, there were 15 moonbuggies. Four finished."

Chu said SIUC is the only college from Illinois in the competition, and it creates great exposure for the university. He said it takes a lot of time and money to run a moonbuggy club, so the club relies on funding and parts donated from local industries and bicycle shops. It is also expensive to travel; Chu said the club requires a trailer to carry moonbuggies to competitions.

Phillip Orman, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering and the club's chief engineer, said it costs about \$2,200 to design and construct the machines. He said it takes three months to design a moonbuggy and three months to build one. The club usually builds one moonbuggy per year, which he said it uses at the competition.

"Starting out with a set of rules and regulations, moving into the design, taking the design on paper and making a model that works and functions," Orman said. "There's just a whole range of things to make it work."

Kurtz said members gain hands-on experience and learn to work as a team, which is an important skill in the mechanical engineering field.

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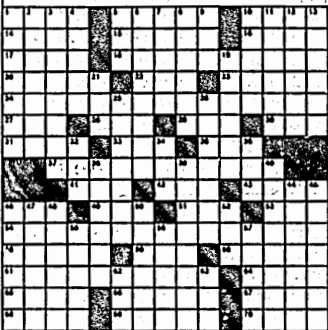
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 15 'Alas'
 16 Musical twin
 17 Check out
 18 Sarcily came out on top
 21 No longer gray, say
 22 John abroad
 23 Head
 24 Overly toady
 27 Some dashes
 28 Farm cry
 29 Group with a lot of hits?
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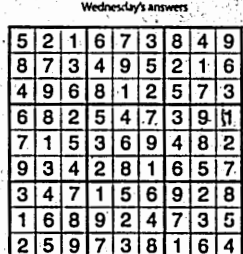
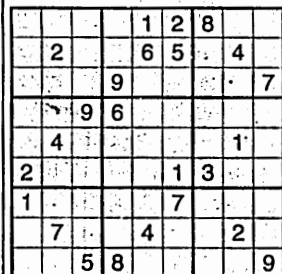
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Wednesday's answers

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- Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 7 — Imagine a station that plays only your tunes. Everything you touch today is golden.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is an 8 — Pay attention to the undercurrent of energy around you. Folks may not say what they really mean. Read between the lines.

- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Start out in the morning as if you know exactly where you're going. You discover opportunity beyond you in a mutual direction. Don't let others cast doubt on your vision.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Choose to say "No, no, no!" if it nags. Too many cooks definitely spoil the broth.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Plan to get through in the day under your own power. You have plenty for yourself, but maybe not enough for everyone.
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Wednesday's answers | Jumbles: SYLPH IDIOT FINISH STRAGIC
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TRACK & FIELD



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Coch John Smith congratulates junior Miracle Thompson after she beat the school record for pole vault during the first meet of the season on Dec. 4. Thompson

beat her old record and vaulted 13-feet, 1.5 inches. The track and field team will have almost one month off before it competes again. The athletes go back home or on vacation,

but they don't plan on slowing down in training. One will go to the Bahamas while one is looking forward to spending time with his newborn daughter.

To see what the rest of the team has planned for winter break, check out siuDE.com for the full story.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis search for first win

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The SIU women's basketball team is tired of seeing a zero in the left column.

The Salukis will travel to Cookeville, Tenn., this weekend searching for their first win on the season, as well as their first road victory since Dec. 16, 2008.

SIU (0-6) will look to finally put everything together as it takes on the Tennessee Tech University Golden Eagles at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Eblen Center.

After matchups against two of the nation's top-20 teams — No. 20 Vanderbilt and No. 7 Texas A&M — head coach Missy Tiber said the Salukis' record does not necessarily depict the caliber of team she has.

"We played really intense against A&M and had them up against the ropes many times. We've showed a true passion for the game, which is something I really like about this team," Tiber said.

Although Tennessee Tech (3-4) has already found the win column three times this season, the Golden Eagles have gone through a similar experience to SIU, as they are also adjusting to a new head coach.

Tennessee Tech brought in Sytza Messer this season to lead the team after she spent the last five years on the Georgia Tech University coaching staff.

While this will be SIU's first opponent with a record below .500 since the Nov. 25 82-77 loss to Western Michigan University, Tennessee Tech is riding a two-game winning streak coming into Saturday.

SIU freshman guard Teri Oliver, who leads the team with 14.3 points per game, said the team cannot afford to get fixated on records. She said every game from here on out is crucial after starting the season the way they have.

"We needed that 'must-win' mindset from the very beginning, but now every game has that kind of urgency," Oliver said. "This won't be our first favorable matchup of the year. We just need to

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— Missy Tiber
women's basketball head coach

come out, play up to our potential and keep a high level of energy in both halves.

Even though the team has shown an improvement in its ability to take care of the ball compared to the start of the season, the team still averages 21.8 turnovers per game.

Senior point guard Stephany Neptune, who averages 11.8 points, 9.0 rebounds and 5.3 assists a game, said the team's struggles are on both sides of the ball.

"Coach Tiber has really been emphasizing how we need to increase our effort level for all 40 minutes," Neptune said. "Also, teams at this level usually have at least some experience playing with each other as a unit, but for a lot of us, this is the first year we've been playing together."

With exception to the first game of the season, the Salukis have been in a position to be victorious in each of their following games, Tiber said.

"She said rather than being defeated by the opposing team, her squad has squandered its chances of winning by making unacceptable mental mistakes.

"You can't just go out there and win games; it takes the right mentality," Tiber said. "When we've gotten our leads, it's almost like we've gotten scared or complacent — we should be sitting here at 3-3 instead of 0-6. It all comes down to one thing, and that's just knowing how to win."

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JULIA RENDLEMAN | DAILY EGYPTIAN
Freshman center Gene Tzague attempts a basket during the Nov. 14 91-63 home win against Tennessee-Martin. The Salukis play Alabama State University at 3:05 p.m. Saturday at SIU Arena.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis return home to face Alabama State

“We have a good offensive team where it seems like we relax too much once we get out ahead. We have to stop doing that; that's our biggest problem right now.”

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After their first road win of the season Wednesday, the Salukis are hoping they will not suffer their first home loss.

SIU (4-2) will return to SIU Arena for the first time in two weeks at 3:05 p.m. Saturday against Alabama State. The Salukis are coming off their first road victory of the season with an 86-65 win at Southeast Missouri State Wednesday.

The win also saw the Salukis debut a new starting lineup with the first starts of the season for forward Carlton Gray and guard John Freeman. Head coach Chris Lowery said he liked what he saw out of his new starting lineup and what it did for former starter Anthony Booker.

“This is going to be our lineup for awhile,” Lowery said. “Because it allows Booker freedom to play and he played with no pressure. He was a different person — his athleticism was phenomenal. He hadn't done that in the starting lineup.”

Booker had only averaged 5.6 points and 2.6 rebounds per game in the five games he started, but off the bench Wednesday, the sophomore finished with 10 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks.

Booker said he thinks the team can continue the up-tempo play it has shown this season.

“I think this year's team has more athletes than SIU has ever had on one team,” Booker said. “With the ability we have, I think we can keep up the things we're doing, just naturally run out there on defense and get the transition baskets.”

Alabama State (1-5) is coming off eight days rest; its last game was a 61-57 loss against SIU's conference rival Evansville on Dec. 4. The Hornets have stumbled in the early season, as they have played almost every game on the road — five of their first six games.

The offense has struggled early on for Alabama State. It has no players averaging more than 9.7 points per game. Only four players average more than seven points per game.

Lowery said the biggest concern for the team coming into Saturday's game is holding onto the second half lead.

“Our second half, people are shooting 57 percent against us, and that has got to stop,” Lowery said. “That number has to go down. We have a good offensive team where it seems like we relax too much once we get out ahead. We have to stop doing that; that's our biggest problem right now.”

Dillard said it was just a matter of keeping focus after halftime.

“That's all going to come; we need to focus more on defense,” Dillard said. “Our offense is there. As long as we keep shutting people down on defense, we'll be fine.”

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