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## Air attack ignites war in gulf

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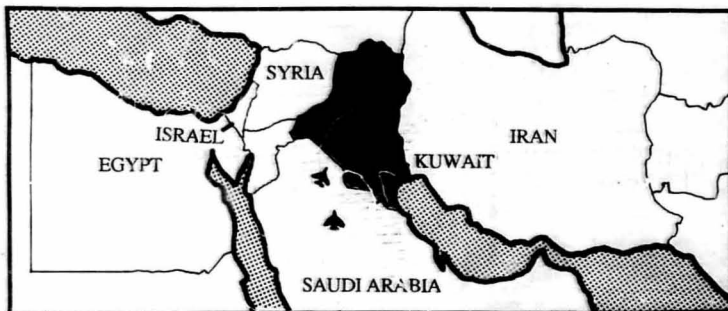
U.S.-led forces launched massive air strikes against military targets and nuclear and chemical sites in Iraq and Kuwait early Thursday, beginning the war to drive the army of Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said preliminary reports were "very, very encouraging. The operation seems to have gone very well."

There were no immediate reports of allied casualties and Cheney said he would discuss casualties while the attack was still going on.

The assault was mounted by U.S., British, Saudi and Kuwaiti fighter bombers, coupled with a deadly bombardment by long-range U.S. Tomahawk cruise missiles. U.S. officials said ground forces were not used in the attacks aimed at Iraqi military targets.

In a televised address to the nation, President Bush said he had "no choice" in launching the attack. He reiterated the months of attempts to convince Saddam that



the United States and its partners meant business.

"While the world prayed for peace, Saddam prepared for war," he said.

Chief of Staff Colin Powell said Saddam was not a target of the attack. Cheney confirmed that Iraqi plants to build nuclear and chemical weapons were among the targets.

Cheney said military response

from Iraq was "limited" and he had no reports that Iraq had fired any of its SCUD missiles, which Saddam had threatened to launch against Israel if he was attacked.

Powell put the number of air sorties "in the hundreds," but repeatedly refused to be more specific about exact targets or size of the assault.

The attack came about 19 hours after the Jan. 15 midnight deadline

set by the United Nations for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait or face military force. Iraq invaded Kuwait Aug. 2.

Following a day of anticipation around the world, the first word of a possible attack reached American television viewers around dinner time when television networks reported live from Baghdad that the air was filled with tracer and rifle fire.

Shortly after 7 p.m. EST Wednesday, White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater confirmed the attack had been launched.

"The liberation of Kuwait has begun," Fitzwater told reporters after a brief meeting with Bush in the Oval Office.

The war began with an air assault. A pool report from Saudi Arabia said U.S. Air Force F-15E fighter-bombers were involved in the attack. Pentagon officials said Navy Tomahawk cruise missiles with conventional warheads also were sent in. Tomahawks are computer-guided flying bombs that can strike deep into an opponent's territory with deadly precision.

It was believed that the missiles were launched from the two battleships — the Missouri and the Wisconsin — in the Persian Gulf. In addition, Navy jet fighters were believed to have provided air cover for the fleet of at least 37 warships in the gulf.

Iraq had vowed to attack Israel if

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## Students awaiting war news from gulf

By Jackie Spinner  
Staff Writer

Nobody at SIUC seemed to want to be alone Wednesday night—the night the war came.

University students gathered in the television lounge on the first floor of the Student Center, eyes glued to Dan Rather. They sat in groups, watching and waiting.

"We know if we go to war that some of us are going to die. Some of us are going to get hurt," said Stephan Toussaint.

Toussaint kept watch of a televised special report from the back of the darkened lounge. For him, war isn't thousands of miles

away.

The senior in finance from Chicago is a member of the 178th Infantry Division in the Illinois National Guard.

"My guard unit may well be called up," he said. "But if we can just bomb it and they surrender, I won't be going over there."

Derryl Caldwell, senior in aviation/flight management from Chicago, said most Americans don't know what the war means.

"I know the realities of chemical warfare and the realities of a real war," said Caldwell, a Navy officer candidate. "It seems like America

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Staff Photo by Heidi Diedrich

Derryl Caldwell and Thomas Jordan, two SIUC seniors, join many other concerned students Wednesday evening in the Student Center TV lounge to watch news of the war.

## Lecturer, Illinois legislators claim draft not issue yet in war with Iraq

By John Patterson  
Staff Writer

Military action came in the Persian Gulf Wednesday night, raising the conscience of an already concerned nation.

Some anti-war groups and student leaders are concerned that a draft could be used to supplement forces for the newly launched Operation Desert Storm.

But Barbara Brown, SIUC political science lecturer, said that after the draft was terminated following the Vietnam War, there has been no real need to use it since.

"It will hinge on who's right on what happens," Brown said. "If (war with Iraq) is quick, lasting days, weeks or maybe a few months, and casualties are weak, then it won't be used."

The longer U.S. troops remain in the Persian Gulf, the greater the chance gets of the draft being used, Brown said.

"If it takes six months or longer,



we'll be looking seriously at the draft being used," she said.

Glenn Poshard said he does not see any possibility of the draft being reinstated.

"Vietnam kind of settled that issue," U.S. Rep. Poshard, D-Carterville, said. "People so disliked the draft after Vietnam. With the elimination of the draft, the government began spending more on making the reserves the integral part of the military."

Poshard said the only way the draft could be used is if the situation in the Persian Gulf becomes a long, drawn-out war, encompassing several years and requiring a massive number of troops.

What would happen, he said, is that Defense Secretary Dick

Cheney would recommend President George Bush the authorization to activate 1.2 million reservists for two years. Reservists were initially called up for 180 days.

"Defense Secretary Cheney's plans would dip into the reserves as a manpower tool," Poshard said.

White House spokesman Marlin

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Gus Bode



Gus says two things students hate to see in the mail: Bursar bills and draft notices.

## Local legislators, SIUC officials surprised by war

By John Patterson  
Staff Writer

As Operation Desert Storm went into action Wednesday night, putting the United States at war with Iraq, an attitude of surprise was prevalent with Southern Illinois legislators and SIUC officials.

"After all of the hours since Aug. 2 studying and debating, it still comes as a surprise," Glenn Poshard said.

U.S. Rep. Poshard, D-Carterville, said he was amazed at how quickly the operation went into effect.

Clyde Choate, World War II veteran who won the Congressional Medal of Honor and current director of

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## Saluki women shoot for 6-0 Gateway lead

By Paul Pabst  
Staff Writer

With a Gateway Conference leading 5-0 record, a pair of home games this week and its next opponent a mediocre, 6-8 Indiana State team at the Arena tonight, all looks well for the Saluki women's basketball team.

But don't tell them that. The Salukis won't be taking the Sycamores lightly because they remember what happened in last season's SIUC-ISU game at the Arena. Last year, the highly-favored Saluki women were put to sleep by a slow-down pace that allowed the Sycamores to pull off a 38-37 upset. In that game, the Salukis shot 28 percent from the field.

Saluki head coach Cindy Scott said she knows ISU is a better squad than its paltry 1-4 conference record shows. She believes ISU will turn it on soon, but she's hoping the Sycamores' burners ignite after tonight's contest.



SALUKI BASKETBALL

"I'm surprised they are 1-4," Scott said. "They are a good team and their record isn't a very good assessment of their talent. I look for them to turn it around. I just hope they don't do it against us."

All the familiar culprits are back for ISU from last years larceny at the Arena, as the Sycamores kept all their stars from last season. But in the 1990-91 ISU lineup a young star is emerging at the point guard position. Freshman floor leader Hazel Olden is making a strong run

for Freshman of the Year honors as she is averaging 10 points a game and is tops in the conference in steals and third in assists. The Saluki point guard tandem of junior Colleen Heimstead and sophomore Anita Scott will have to be wary of the thiefy Olden.

The matchup of the evening will be the teams two frontcourts. ISU makes its living with its star center Julie Lein (19 points, eight rebounds a game), but she is flanked by the versatile forward Angi Eichhorst who gets her 15.2 points a game from both the three-point stripe and from the inside. Forward Shavonda Avenette rounds out the trio averaging more than seven boards a game.

On the other side of the ball the Salukis have a front court that is not too shabby itself. In SIUC's most recent victory over Bradley the frontcourt of senior Amy Rakers and sophomores Kelly Firth and Angie Rougeau led the way as they combined for 35 points, 28 rebounds and nine steals.

## Salukis beginning conference tour

By Eric Bugger  
Staff Writer

It's Valley time!  
The Salukis have finished their non-conference schedule and are now about to attempt what only, one other Missouri Valley Conference team has done—win consecutive conference titles.

In any sport, the conference race is important. But for the 1991 Saluki basketball team, a MVC tournament title is about the only way for them to get an NCAA berth.

The Salukis lead the MVC with a 2-0 record, but are on the road for their next two games against Tulsa (1-2, 8-6) and Wichita State (2-2, 9-7) before they come home for three more Valley games.

The Salukis have played the fewest conference games in the MVC, but are the only remaining undefeated team.

Every other MVC team has two losses.

"The MVC championship race has always been a good one, but I don't think it's ever been anything like it figures to be this year," SIUC coach Rich Herrin said. "We happy to be off to a 2-0 start, but that's all it is...just a start."

An immediate test will come at 7:30 tonight when the Salukis invade the Convention Center to battle Tulsa.

"We've got a tough road trip ahead of us," Herrin said, "but then every road trip is a tough one."

Tulsa coach J. D. Barnett, in his sixth season with the Golden Hurricane, agreed the Valley race is only just begun.

"There's been some interesting games so far this season," Barnett said. "There's been a lot of upsets, which

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## Knight spurns late-nights

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI) — College basketball games that start late at night to accommodate television undermine NCAA attempts at academic reform, Indiana Coach Bob Knight says.

The NCAA last week cut practice time in an effort to enhance studies. Knight calls those rules hypocritical because players are kept on court until almost midnight but

during weekends so schools can reap profits from television contracts.

"This is where we speak with forked tongues," Knight said in renewing his criticism of the late starts. "We talk about academics. But we'll get home at 2 a.m. after this

game and go to class the next day. Did you want to stay up until 9:30 to watch this game? I sure didn't want to wait until 10 to coach it."

Knight spoke just after his 61st birthday Tuesday morning following No. 4 Indiana's 65-62 triumph at Purdue. The game was televised on the ESPN cable network and started late so it would be shown following a Big East game.

The Hoosiers are involved in a similar late-night event next Monday when unbeaten and No. 3 Ohio State visits Indiana for a 9:30 p.m. start.

"If TV is so important, get it on another network and play it against the Big East," Knight said. "People out here aren't going to watch the Big East. They'll watch the Big Ten. If you put it on CNN or Turner, hell, you're going to get

conference play in his 20 seasons at Indiana.

"This whole scheduling thing is horse (manure)," Knight said. "There is no way, if you are interested in academics, you have an open Saturday or Sunday. When Purdue comes to play us on a Saturday, we have to wait until 8. We should play that game at 2 or 3 in the afternoon. That way the kids can have a Saturday night off. That's important to them."

Knight proposed every team taking a week off in the middle of the season, allowing for rest or non-conference play. Such a plan would reduce the number of potential Big Ten telecasts, and therefore cut TV revenue.

Several players said following the game they would play whenever asked, but agreed late starts disrupt their routine.

"I was tired," Purdue's Chuckie White said. "We're usually studying at 9:30. But once I saw the crowd, my adrenaline got going and I was ready."

—Bob Knight

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Staff Photo by Mark Busch

Saluki senior Chris Gally is one of the swimmers that hope to score an NCAA qualifying time yet this season.

## NCAA times will come for patient swimmers

By Eric Bugger  
Staff Writer

Looking at the results of the men's and women's swimming and diving teams' meets so far this season could lead to a little concern about their chances in the NCAA Championships, but Coach Doug Ingram is not at all concerned.

Last year by this time the Salukis had qualified eight athletes to compete in the Championships at the end of the season. This season SIUC is yet to record a qualifying

time or score, but plans to achieve that accomplishment near the end of the regular season and during the conference tournaments.

"Our training plan has been set for the year to purposely maximize our efforts for around the time of the conference meet and the NCAA Championships," Ingram said. "Because of that we'll qualify people later in the year instead of early like last year."

The members of the two teams

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## Anderson back in featured role

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (UPI) — Four years after he joined the New York Giants as backfield insurance, Ottis Anderson will start at tailback for them in the NFC championship game Sunday.

Anderson, who at age 33 showed signs of slowing down late in the season, rushed for 80 yards in a 31-3 playoff rout of Chicago last week. Anderson's importance to the Giants increased when rookie Rodney Hampton broke his leg.

"I don't think the burden was ever off him," Giants Coach Bill Parcells said of Anderson.

A lot of the burden was on Parcells, who spent the season juggling the two runners. Anderson entered training camp fearing for his job, and came out of it the starter.

"Everybody missed the point," Anderson said of Hampton's cutting into his playing time. "Rodney was slated to be the starting tailback. As soon as Rodney came of age,

as soon as Rodney felt comfortable with the offense, he played a lot more. As long as we were winning, I'm happy."

Anderson's reduced late-season role coincided with a Giants' slump. When the Giants were 10-0, Anderson had 621 yards. He managed just 90 over the next five games (three losses).

"I just had to deal with it mentally," Anderson said. "It always hurts when you think you

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