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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 Tomahawk cruise missiles. U.S. officials said ground forces were not used in the attacks aimed at Iraq 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 prayered for our boys, 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 strikes "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 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 war 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 and U.S. Air Force F-15E fighter-bombers were involved in the attack. Pentagon officials said Navy Tomahawks cruise missiles with conventional warheads also were sent. 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 in the Minuteman II 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.

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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 Stephen Tournier.

Tournier kept watch of a television 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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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 a draft could be used to supplement forces for the newly launched Operation Desert Storm.

But Barbara Brown, SIUC political science lec turer, 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 got 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 Posthard said he does not see any possibility of the draft being reinstated.


With the elimination of the draft, the government began spending more on making the reserves the integral part of the military.

Posthard 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 to have the authorization to activate 1.2 million reserves for two years. Reserves were initially called up for 180 days.

"Defense Secretary Cheney’s plans would dip dip the reserves as a manpower tool," Posthard said.

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Gus Bede

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 prevailed with Southern Illinois legislators and SIUC officials.

"After all of the hours since Aug. 7 studying and debating, it still comes as a surprise," Glenn Posthard said.

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

As Operation Desert Storm 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 about their chances in the MVC, all looks well for the Saluki women's basketball team.

But don't tell them that. The Salukis won't be taking thecomputer to the computer, 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 Cyclones to pull out a 38-37 upset. In that game, SIUC shot 28 percent from the field.

Saluki head coach Cindy Scott said she knows ISU is a better squad than its patry 1-4 conference record shows. She believes SIUC will turn it around soon, but she's hoping the Cyclones' burnout again after tonight's contest.

Staff Writer for patient swimmers

NCAA times will come for patient swimmers

By Eric Buggar Staff Writer

Looking at the results of the men's and women's swim 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 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 this 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 for Freshman of the Year honors as she is averaging 10 points a game and is tied with the conference in steals and third in assists. The Salukis added senior Colleen Heimbach and sophomore Annia Scott will have to be wary of the matchup.

The matchup of the evening will see the teams two frontcourt. ISU makes its living with its star center Julie Lein (19 points, eight rebounds), but is flanked by the versatile forward Aeni Eichhorst who gets her 15.2 points a game. She is outside the frontcourt of senior Amy Rakos and sophomore Kelly Firth and Angie23 to see if they can contain the point position. Freshman floor leader Hazel Olden is making a strong run to the Salukis to play Saturday afternoon.

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"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."

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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. game. The game, which is only 10-2, is not a big deal, but it will be an interesting game. The Hoosiers have played the MVC players this year, but are the only remaining undefeated team.

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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 P. obligatory because players are kept on court almost until midnight, but during weekends, so schools can reap profits from television contracts. "This is where we speak with forked tongues," Knight said, renewing his criticism of the last step in the conference's efforts for academics. "But we'll get home at 2 a.m. and go to class."

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Anderson back in featured role

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (UPI) — Four years after he joined the New York Giants as an ask for backfield insurance, Ottis Anderson will start at tailback for them again this weekend, the NFL Saturday night game Sunday.

Anderson, who at age 33 showed signs of slowing down in the late 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 starting tailbacks. Anderson entered training camp toing 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 spring backfield. As soon as Rodney came of age, as soon as Rodney felt comfortable with the offense, he Parcells said, we weren't winning. I'm happy.

Anderson's reduced late-season workload was mostly due to the NFL's new TV blackout rule. When the Giants were 10-0, Anderson had 621 yards. He managed just 90 over the next three games (three losses)."