U.S. prepares for war in Iraq

New equipment, intense training to protect troops

Kristina Herrndabler

The Pentagon may not know exactly what Saddam Hussein has up his sleeve for American troops, but it assumes the U.S. military is ready for anything.

"I don't think it'll sit still as long as Iraq might use against us. It could be anything," from Army 2nd. Pentagon spokesman Lt. Commander Donald Sewell told the DAILY EGYPTIAN Tuesday. "It is impossible to say for sure what kind of weapon it might face, but our department is highly confident in the equipment and training the troops have been through.

Sewell said he doesn't know what type of chemical or biological agent Iraq might have, but cited President Bush's "proof" that some type of those exist.

"They are well-prepared for anything they might face," Sewell said, including "biological" or "chemical warfare.

The Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology, or the JS/LST, suit, comes in shrink-wrapped package to make transportation of the suit easier for the soldiers. It is also lightweight so service members can continue to perform their duties while wearing or waiting the suit, Sewell said. The JS/LST is also available and has an extended period of wear.

The latest technology in military makes it to add a wider range of weapons. New detectors are also in play to protect against any chemical or biological warfare.

"We are able to field a number of new items that can detect both a chemical and biological agent," Sewell said. "That gives us a greatly enhanced capability over what we had in the 1990-91 gulf war time frame."

Even though the Chicago Tribune printed that the United States plans a "quick knockdown" in Iraq and CNN said Iraqi forces may have mustard and VX nerve gases, Sewell would not comment because any release of that information could give U.S. adversaries an upper hand.

"All we can say that our troops are well-prepared. We've trained. We've learned how to use our equipment and we are ready to face what may be before us," Sewell said.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, who as a state legislator has no direct influence on foreign

Council rejects war opposition

934 signatures not enough to change members' opinions

Kristina Herndabler & Brian Peach

On Friday night, the final vote for the Human Relations Commission was presented to the Carbondale City Council proposed any discussion because of a heated debate regarding a resolution opposing war with Iraq.

"The resolution was shot down by a unanimous 5-0 vote that sparked much discussion from the audience, many of which signed the resolution," said "We Shall Overcome" Dr. after the decision was announced.

"Carbondale's emotions ploy... Carbondale may not be "We Shall Overcome" to protect the Iraqis' right to live, to work or to have a peaceful existence," said.

"It is understandable and I spoke for peace," said, who is also director of the Fourcorn Center at SIUC. He completed with Dillard's request to not press the issue further.

Ana Velichkova (left) hugs friend Shannon Petrello (right) with tears of sadness at Wednesday's City Council meeting. Velichkova said she was crying because she didn't believe a democratic country could go against democracy.

The Council shot down the war resolution Tuesday night.

"Gus Bade, this just in... Bush still supports war despite 110 singing hippies who "awarded" him "City Hall" honor in a mask."
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Natural News

FIA whistle-blower supported

A government agency has upheld a whistle-blower's complaint that the Federal Aviation Administration disregarded safety problems for years before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The whistle-blower — former FAA safety expert Scott Dulaney — and his attorney say they're not convinced that airport security is better now than it was before the attacks.

Dulaney's complaint, filed just weeks before allegations about lax airport security were repeated on national television, alleged that FAA officials were "fully aware of the vulnerabilities" exposed by the 18 new airlines but took no meaningful action to correct them before the attacks happened.

The Brady Bunch of the Office of Special Counsel, an independent federal agency that has handled whistleblowers' cases, ruled that Dulaney had "substantiated his charge that the FAA failed to reduce the security threat posed by the new airlines prior to the attacks." The Transportation Department Inspector General offers a different version.

International News

Blair wins Parliament vote to support war

LONDON — Even by British Fleet Street standards, the标题's headline yesterday was a real shocker.

"Blair - The Record Breaking Leader" screamed the Evening Standard.

Surely no one expected Prime Minister Tony Blair to resign after he addressed members of Parliament on Tuesday and kicked off a month's worth of post-war debate and more resignations.

In an odd bid, Blair's argument that withdrawing from war would provide the United States' "greatest impulse toward unilateral action" was easily rejected by MPs yesterday. In a 525-to-498 victory, Blair lost his vote of confidence by voting 142-to-497 in support of a war vote.

Though a pre-war winner can easily win a pre-war battle, Blair said that a "no vote" would send the wrong message to the world and that he would not partake in such a battle.

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Tuesday's high/low: 59/51°

Corrections

In the March 6 issue of the Daily Egyptian, the front page article, "High School students stage anti-war protest," misspelled Brumner's name.

In the March 1 issue of the Daily Egyptian, the page 3 article, "The last few days have seen a growth in protest and discussion about Iraq," ran "The last few days have seen a growth in protest and discussion about Iraq." This was an error.

In the March 7 issue of the Daily Egyptian, the front page article, "Bush gives Saddam Hussein 48 hours to "get out of Iraq"" misstated between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. Monday, damage from the war.

The Daily Egyptian regrets these errors.

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.

Police Reports

University

On March 25, 2003, Austin, Texas, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and operating a vehicle at a speed of 75 mph at a location at the intersection of East Main and South West streets. He was unable to post bond and was taken to the Lincoln County Jail.

On March 24, 2003, in the above case, a 1994 Ford Taurus owned by Edward Strickland was reported stolen in the 200 block of South Main Street. It was a dark紫色 four-door sedan with a spare tire, which was not on the vehicle.

On March 23, 2003, a 2000 Ford Explorer was reported stolen in the 200 block of Main Street. It was a tan 4-door SUV with a license plate number that was not found.

On March 22, 2003, a 1995 Ford Taurus was reported stolen in the 200 block of Main Street. It was a dark purple four-door sedan with a spare tire, which was not on the vehicle.

On March 21, 2003, a 1995 Ford Explorer was reported stolen in the 200 block of Main Street. It was a tan 4-door SUV with a license plate number that was not found.

On March 20, 2003, a 1996 Ford Probe was reported stolen in the 200 block of Main Street. It was a beige 2-door hatchback with a license plate number that was not found.
Students need not fear, tickets are still here

Low number turns out to purchase tickets for Dawy's NCAA game

Jackie Keane
Daily Egyptian

The line outside the ticket office Tuesday afternoon stretched down the hall while the students purchased tickets to the upcoming SIU men's basketball NCAA game. But a total of 1,200 tickets were sold in 35 minutes.

By 5:30 p.m. less than half of the seated students who passed by were still in line.

"I was overwhelmed by the sale," said Wendler, who was leaving the ticket office Tuesday.

"It's not even enough for us to get tickets for the normals," he said. "But they're not as bad as they could be."

Wendler stressed that the ticket office only sold 1,200 tickets out of the 3,000 that were available.

Ticket prices were $70 for the normals and $80 for the student section.

"I think it's a reasonable price," said Wendler. "I think it's a good price for a NCAA tournament game.

Expecting a huge rush for 50 NCAA tournament tickets, SIU junior Darren Drake was one of the first to arrive at Lingle Hall this morning to obtain tickets and enter into the lottery drawing to win a ticket to the game.

With only 13 students entering the lottery, Wendler said it was a "small amount of tickets." He said the university had only about 15 tickets left to give away.

"We're going to be giving away about 15 tickets," he said. "We're going to be giving away as many as we can.

Time is running out for SIUC students interested in purchasing tickets for the upcoming NCAA basketball tournament.

"I think it's a good price for a NCAA tournament game," said Wendler. "I think it's a good price for a NCAA tournament game.

But students need not fear, tickets are still here. "We're going to be giving away as many as we can," said Wendler. "We're going to be giving away as many as we can.

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Getting to know Jack

Lance Jack is not a typical City Council candidate who wants to make sure
Carbondale is not a typical city

Andy Heckenlavy
Daily Egyptian

He has delivered pizzas, performed musical numbers in various clubs and restaurants, and even served a brief stint as a bouncer-foamer, but Lance Jack may have finally found his dream job.

During the day, Jack is the co-owner of Hay-Bang's Cafeteria, which opened two years ago on a family-owned plot of land in downtown Carbondale.

"I know I may not be the most traditional candidate, but I think talking for the road less traveled has made who I am today," Jack said.

Jack also plans to lead him to a four-year term when the votes are tallied April 1. Jack is one of five remaining candidates, along with Michael G. Noll, Dan Dr.; Salina Siman, Steven N. Haynes and M. Stoddard.

Jack said he thinks having a different viewpoint from most conventional candidates may be his biggest strength, rather than a hindrance.

"I have done a lot of everything in this life, which gives me the opportunity to look at situations from many different facets," Jack said. "I think it's important for a candidate to relate to the people in the community and feel I could do that because I've been able to do that in this city from day one."

Jack is also bothered by the perception that anything he helps happen in Carbondale is not exciting enough to attract potential residents and count as a candidate to be able to relate to the hood's more attracting and interesting thing in his life, which gives me the opportunity to look at situations from many different facets. "I know I may not be the most traditional candidate, but I think talking for the road less traveled has made who I am today," Jack said.

Another of Jack's main goals is to revitalize Carbondale's downtown area. He said he plans on enforcing codes to make neighborhoods more appealing and areas abandoned and dangerous property.

"A few years down the road I would really love to see empty storefronts and dilapidated areas," Jack said. "It's important that we should work on eliminating any areas that need some expansion outward." Jack is also bothered by the lack of interaction between SIUC students and faculty and the city of Carbondale. He said if elected he would work toward good will toward students and faculty in an attempt to gain, more University support.

"There are over 20,000 students and faculty with special skills to contribute to this city in many different ways, but they are not a part of the Carbondale community in the way that one would expect as a student," Jack said. "We already have some wonderful volunteers and I think it's important we try to gather as many as possible."

Another goal that he identified is to work toward a higher-education center and programs specifically for the southern Illinois area.

"We have a lot to offer as a city and I think we are failing to take advantage of that right now," Jack said. "We have the potential to be a hub of activity and I would like to see that realized someday." Jack also wants to see more new businesses come into downtown Carbondale in the future.

Some suggestions Jack made were creative shops and studio shops that he said he feels could benefit the city.

Carbondale Director, who lives in Jack's neighborhood, said she was impressed by how passionate Jack has been in his pursuit of education. "One other thing I think you can tell that's someone who really wants to do some good if elected," David said. "He doesn't think of himself as one of the people who would forget all the things they said they would do if elected once they are in office."

Jack said he hopes the goals of the council should always be to consider truth, fairness, goodwill and benefits when making a decision. It is a standard that Jack has put into his life and while he admits it may not always make for a perfect solution, it is usually the best.

"I think the council is to come up with the best decisions and that's what I want to help make happen," Jack said.

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Lance Jack talks with potential voters at Hunger 9 Saturday night. Jack is running for the four-year City Council seat in Carbondale, and says he is bothered by the perception that anything he helps happen in Carbondale is not exciting enough to attract potential residents.

Linda Renee Baker

Linda Renee Baker
to oversee education, minority reforms

Moutasta Ayed
Daily Egyptian

After leaving her position of three years as director of Illinois' largest state agency, Linda Renee Baker became the latest addition to the SIU Public Policy Institute team.

Baker, former director of the Illinois Department of Employment Security, has joined the institute in a joint effort with the School of Medicine to extend access to premium health care to uninsured minority and minority groups in the southern Illinois area as well as help minorities and people with disabilities become more involved in the health care process.

"She is a person of unusual leadership talents and abilities, including in going to be a great asset to the Public Policy Institute and to the mission of the Public Policy Institute — to increase diversity in and among the players of commerce, Mike Lettieri, John Jackson.

"I think Paul is building a basketball team over there," Bryant said, a longtime friend of Baker. "They started with Paul; they added Mike [Lettieri], John Jackson and now Linda." So I am waiting to see who the fifth member of the team will be."

Baker said several years ago to start a group of minority children between the ages of six and 12th grade, Baker, who was extremely busy at the time with her governmental position, accepted and left four months from Springfield to Carbondale.

She started her undergraduate education at SIUC and transferred two years into her academic career to the University of Illinois at Springfield. She said the role becomes the SIUC spirit is alive and well, and that there are specific needs for the southern Illinois area when it comes to health care and transition planning.

"When we look at the medical needs and the changing demographics of southern Illinois, this institution certainly has the opportunity to be a gateway to really start to understand what we see so much about: how best to live, health care to southern Illinois," Baker said.

Baker is interested in transition planning, a program that educates children with disabilities to make transition from high school to the higher-education sector. Baker plans on working on programs to implement new reforms to intensify the participation of higher education.

Baker said she would be involved with the community actively implementing her plans and trying to understand the environment in southern Illinois.

Kevin Dorsey, dean and provost of the SIU School of Medicine, said the hiring of Baker went a long way for SIUC.

"Linda Baker will do well do overlaps on one with what the medical school wants to do and stand for," he said. "She can be the catalyst and help us fulfill our mission, our vision and our aim, and I am looking forward to it."

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New member appointed to SIUC Public Policy Institute team

Librarians support book sale March 29

There will be an annual book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 29 in the southwest corner of the first floor in the Student Center. The sale will offer LPs, magazines, used books and textbooks on a variety of subjects including history, literature, fiction, the sciences and social sciences. For more information on this or volunteer opportunities, contact Library Development at 533-1633.

Regional

Park district accepts fees for adult softball leagues

The Murphysboro Park District will accept entry fees for its Riverside Park adult softball leagues April 1 through April 15. The park will offer five co-ed leagues beginning April 15 at Riverside Park. For more information, call Lloyd Nelson at 549-3194 or the Murphysboro Park District at 549-3333.

WDB applications are due Thursday

Applications for general managers, marketing manager, chief engineer and program director position at WDB radio station are due Thursday. Applications can be acquired in the Student Center. For more information call 536-2361.

University Club offers social gathering

The University Club is offering a social April 5 to 7 p.m. March 28 in Wooly Hall. Participants can meet Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz and Director of Admissions Anne Delucia. Guests can tour the Admissions Reception Center and learn how to recruit more students.

The Renaissance family will present award-winning wines from their Stills. Pass Vineyards. People can learn about the benefits of joining the University Club and eat appetizers and wheelchair.

Lindy Davis
World community worker campaigns for council seat

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

During a time when the NCAA tournament is just over the horizon, Joel Fritzler’s capade for a two-year city council seat was no less colorful. The 28-year-old student was lavish in his words when describing his place of birth.

"I’m a Hoosier by birth, but don’t hold that against me," he said. Fritzler was born in Anderson, Ind., a city about 35 miles north of Indianapolis, he left at age eight and grew up in Illinois. From there, he left to work for the Peace Corps and the United Nations in Africa and the Red Cross in Albania.

Fritzler came to Carbondale in 1996 after landing a job as the first director of the Carbondale Main Street Program. He was at Illinois State University before he was hired, and almost got another job interview because of the travel frequency. He said once he was south of Effingham, the beauty of the trees, lake and rolling hills drew him in. He said there is no other place in Illinois he would visit.

"When you look out here and see a herd of deer, what more do you want?" Fritzler said.

He said he did everything he could to avoid reading proof for conferences while living in the Peace Corps. "Central Illinois is great to raise corn, but there’s not much else to bring about," Fritzler said.

Before moving to Carbondale, Fritzler met his future wife, Julie, through a mutual friend. Though she was living in Oregon at the time, she was accepted to SIUC’s graduate school after Fritzler had been hired. The couple was married and moved into a "three-bedroom" house in about a month. Fritzler said he now works for the University as a project coordinator for the Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development.

Fritzler has been involved with other organizations such as the Carbondale Main Street, including the Carbondale United Way and "Keep Carbondale Beautiful." He said his involvement in the community combined with his determination to make sure the city stays a great place to live led him to his decision to run for City Council.

Fritzler said he does not have any grandiose plans for Carbondale, he wants to see the city maximize on recovering the older downtown area before expanding outward. He is not opposed to development, but has said the first impression to people passing through, including prospective students and their parents, comes from the heart of the city.

Fritzler said the lack of enforcement of ordinances comes from lack of "enforcement" of ordinances. He said the city needs to send out more fines instead of warnings and "absolutely" will vote for Fritzler in the upcoming race.

Joel Fritzler speaks about his time in the Peace Corps in Africa. Fritzler has many artifacts from the Peace Corps decorating the walls of his office, such as the baskets from Zimbabwe pictured on the left. Fritzler won the primary elections and is currently running for a two-year City Council seat.

Before he came to Carbondale, Fritzler joined the Peace Corps in 1990 and taught English classes for 1 1/2 years and basic business skills for another six months in Botswana, country in southern Africa. He said his mission was an obligation he felt as a Christian-American to give back to those less fortunate, his enjoyment derived from the diversity of people and the richness of learning another language. He said it was unfruitful to not have the opportunity to learn another language because variety of people, inside it necessary for English to be used as a common language.

After his work with the Peace Corps, he began working for the United Nations making sure food was delivered properly to three camps for refugees in Malawi.

His work serving people less fortunate also includes his first working for the Red Cross in Albania, where he was part of a closing food program that helped about 3,500 families.

Fritzler said his experience in other cultures helps make him qualified to work with the diverse population of neighborhoods, as well as attending numerous community events. She said he even visited with the dozen members of her quiet group for dessert and political discussion.

Billie Zimny, who lives near Fritzler, said the candidate and his wife are superb neighbors and friends. She said his visits are very active in the community and has shown he is interested in being on the City Council.

"He is particularly interested in community development and continuing to see the downtown revitalized," Zimny said.

Zimny said he has also run an outstanding campaign and has been knocking on doors in different neighborhoods, as well as attending countless community events. She said she even visited with the dozen members of her quiet group for dessert and political discussion.

She said she is registered to vote and "absolutely" will vote for Fritzler in the upcoming race.

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Show spirit for Thursday's game

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The game against Big 12 foes Missouri will begin at 1:50 p.m. Thursday. Given the average students' class schedule, we suspect that classroom areas across campus will echo with the slightest noise because many students will be absent.

And so what?

Yes, we are here to get an education, but we ask the professors of those Thursday afternoon classes to consider the fact that the SIU Salukis made it to the NCAA tournament. While most students won't actually make it to Indianapolis, many will watch the game at the local bars or in Student Center Ballroom B.

Even Chancellor Walter Wendler will be attending the game, taking the afternoon off from his administrative work to show support for the University's team. However, while his own schedule includes this break, he suggested that students who have class should attend. We think it speaks well of stepping class if the leader of campus is taking time out. We don't begrudge Wendler his right to attend, so is supporting the team, even if it's from a Carbondale bar, sum,unded by popcorn, beer and tons of students in maroon clothing.

We do believe that students are paying to get an education, and while we believe that attending class is the best way to do that, the Salukis don't make it to the NCAA every year. Last year we got into the Sweet 16 and SIU received a lot of positive coverage. Coach Bruce Weber was on ESPN. This year the Salukis were featured on MTV.

We hate to bring up image and our reputation, but all this positive stuff is a nice switch from the Halloween riots. It brings good things — not to mention good money — to the University. The more known SIUC is for its basketball program, the higher the number of students examining SIUC for college.

In addition, we're glad to hear that many local establishments, including the Student Center, are sponsoring events for the game. Support for our athletic events is a way to keep the students and the community connected.

So teachers and students break out the T-shirts, the pennants, the Dawg cheer-on gear. The Salukis made it. Show your spirit. Because we all bleed maroon.

FOT Thursday's game
Show spirit
OUR WORD

The long road back to Saluki history

Inside Shryock Auditorium, a crowd gives a standing ovation to the grand finale of a piano solo, while a family comes home from class to Southern Hills to their newborn baby.

Four hours from Carbondale, the Dawg Pound erupts while the Salukis shut down Missouri in the NCAA Tournament, and back on campus, a once-disgruntled student leaves the Engineering Building with a new appreciation for arithmetic.

The Board of Trustees approves the hiring of the Cancer Institute director, and a few months from now, a proud family sets out a whoop when their son walks across the stage — the very first in his family.

These are the stories of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

"Isn't that the rowdy Halloween school?" a parent asks an SIU recruiter.

"The case where the faculty and administration don't get along?"

And while we try to explain, a professor struggles with a faulty projector in Whain, the chancellors adjusts another stack of deferred maintenance requests piling up on his desk, and the state budget office, again, tells us that times are lean.

These also are the stories of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Imagine the myriad tales and tribulations these walls have absorbed through the years. They're not telling, but you can.

Southern at 150, the chancellor's roadmap for the year 2019, is the result of months of planning by members across this University community. It's not complete. This plan addresses the foundation of buildings, but not the foundation of our pride. It discusses facility lines, but not the lines of communication broken down through the years. It dreams of a worldwide research agenda; but does not shed light on the humble dreams students on this campus are striving to achieve right now. It sets forth many admirable goals, but it falls to address the very core of the Saluki identity.

The Daily Egyptian would like to offer a historical look at SIU and its people. We hope these stories will perhaps remind of us our roots, provide some understanding of the present, and along with reports such as Southern at 150, bring focus to the future.

In early May, the Daily Egyptian will bring these stories together in a special section, "A New Look at an Old School.

Do you have a story to tell, or an idea for our publication?

Contact the Daily Egyptian at 536-3311 ext. 252 or send comments to editor@siu.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Quote of the Day
"In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these."
— Paul Harvey

Words Overheard
"There is always a chance that Saddam Hussein would leave the country, but it is a one in 500,000 chance. In fact, there is probably a better chance that SIU will win the NCAA tournament than him leaving."
— Ron Mason, political science professor on the possibility of war with Iraq
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Working behind the bar

When the fun of nightlife for students and community members begins, local bartenders get down to business.

Jessica Yorama

Eastman Note: This is the sound of a server's smile, that faint smile on their face that only individuates who do their job in the way they and their right to work. They work late, they're often among the first to leave work. Some of the bartenders did not want to give their full names for privacy reasons.

Essay is positioned in the center of a blinding bluish light but seems to focus directly on him. People are approaching from various angles, yelling, all desperate for his attention. The pulsating rhythms of his favorite type of music are throbbing in the background.

The iridescent light also seems to highlight the shelves behind him, which contain almost every alcohol imaginable. He is trying his best to tend to every person, not using his attention.

This is not a dream. This is the life of a bartender.

By 9 p.m., about an hour before the bar rush begins, Essay is already behind the bar, one of many bartenders ready to serve 'go-go' that night.

“We pride ourselves in having different atmospheres for every type of person,” said Essay, a senior in university studies from Algonquin.

“We get the sports bar for people who like the Cheers setting, a kind of regular bar, of course, the regular club setting.”

Essay spent time as a bar back and went through a short training course before being able to move up to his position as a bartender when he was made an adult in one night.

“You have to be able to make everything they ask for,” Essay said. “I averaged about $150 a night. If someone comes up to you and describes a drink to you, but they don’t know the name, you have to figure it out. You have to know your drinks.”

A small ‘distant’ from Carboz, where Essay is sharing of his bartending skills and making winter drinks from wounded friends who can’t make it to Carboz, Essay is bar back.

In spite of being the first official day of winter, the bar is fairly packed. Not surprising, the bar area is popularly opened and the crowd is there.

A few attendants, mostly regulars, have managed to acquire bar stools, and are already seated in front of those trying to know what to order. In the bar, most attendants are forced to dodge, poke, and push in an attempt to get past those in front of them.

Heather Laudy is separated from the common body by a square wooden bar that seems to act as a barrier. Even if she did not have the wooden shield between her and the crowd, she would still feel it is a large, intimidating area.

Laudy is a senior in Fashion Design from Cunliffe. “Each college town is a little different but they’re all pretty similar. You meet great people and it’s a great way to support friends through college.”

Laudy has become rather familiar with Pinch Penny Pub during the four and a half years she has been working there, and said the diverse clientele is one reason she has stayed at the bar as long.

“We get a lot of people of course, but we also get a lot of professors and students who come here on Sundays for jazz night, and we have a great mix of community.”

While Laudy enjoys the smaller crowds, she said she also looks forward to the donné crowd that comes to the bar when the Beer Garden is open.

“I love it when the Beer Garden is open. Sometimes there are more customers and more faces,” said Laudy who enjoys the packed environment despite the fact that her face is harder than usual.

“I like to mix it up enough, so it’s impossible to have the same intimate conversation with everyone.”

Tonya Price agreed that the rush was satisfying. With price, a senior in English from Highland Park, who has been working at Pinch for two years, “I’ve already done my share of partying and drinking.”

Even at Carboz, Essay said he has learned to make bartending his weekend and has few problems during his 9 a.m. through 3 a.m. shift every Thursday through Saturday.

Essay said if someone has a fake ID, the people at the door know how to recognize it and it is usually caught. One problem he deals with more often is people not realizing their limits with alcohol consumption.

“We have to give people off occasionally,” Essay said. “Usually we just tell them we’re not going to serve that person anymore and let them know.”

If they get upset, their friends will try to calm them down, and if there’s still a problem, we’ll call the cops.”

In spite of occasionally customer, hectic atmosphere and un lucrative, the common consensus for bartenders is that bartending is worth the time and effort.

“Get here sometimes when you’ve got 50 people yelling for you,” said Tim Price, a junior in photography from Chicago. “It’s also funny how fast people learn your name.”

Somewhere students or community members may want to go everywhere, they know their names, and sometimes they just want to get together with a large or intimate group of friends and drink. For whatever reason a person close to the bar, bartenders such as Essay and Tim Price are there to tend to anyone’s bar-related needs.

“Everyone’s in college who has never worked as a bar worker,” Price said.

Reported by Jessica Yorama

Daily Egyptian
USG looks to keep credit card companies off campus

Valerie N. Donnals  Daily Egyptian

The weather has turned warm once again, and that means the return of trees, flowers and on-campus credit card solicitors. The Undergraduate Student Government will address the issue of credit-card solicitors and the dangers of debt for college students at its meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

A resolution written by senior Eric Vlazni states, "USG is an educational institution and not a market place, and credit-card solicitation does not belong in an educational atmosphere."

Each year, mailboxes are stuffed with credit card applications, and students are plagued by tables set up around campus offering free T-shirts, phone cards, Finsbecs and other miscellaneous items for just 15 minutes of their time.

The 15 minutes it takes to fill out one of the credit card applications is lead to thousands of dollars of debt and bad credit that can haunt students their records.

Jay Carter, a financial services representative from Union Planters Bank, said they are forced to turn down students every semester for loans. He said their fiscal delinquency and failure to pay their creditors can prevent them from being able to receive a loan for a car or a house.

Credit card companies use aggressive solicitation to convince students to sign up for their cards. Students who are not serious about debt management often find themselves in over their head with their new fiscal responsibilities.

A study conducted by Georgetown University sociologist Robert Manning concluded that the typical cardholder accumulates fees on course work or step out of school completely in order to find jobs to pay off their debts.

The resolution by USG calls on the University to work to protect students. It asks for the administration to prevent on-campus mailings and eliminate policies of contracting with any undergraduate student's information to private-money financial lending companies.

"It is nothing more than the University from stealing student information, and the resolution stated that the SIU Alumni Association had contracted out information in the past. Illinois is one of more than 20 states that have wasted оть, considering legislation prohibiting or regulating credit card solicitation on college campuses. Two bills have been introduced in the Illinois House of Representatives regarding this issue."

- House Bill 530 was introduced by Rep. Bill Marshall, R-Benton, on Feb. 28 and prohibits a university or a community college from selling a student's name, address or phone number to a financial institution that offers credit or debit cards.

- House Bill 2451 was introduced by Rep. Robert Fisher, D-Chicago, on Feb. 28 and is similar to a House Bill 44. However, it includes students number, addresses, and other personal information and the list of materials universities are prohibited to release from institutional records.

USG's resolution, if passed, will give the tenancy's support to the two bills.

Mike Lajko, accounting manager for the SIU Credit Union, said that he thinks it is a good idea for students to sign up with a credit card for a services and to build up a positive credit history, but they need to be used responsibly.

"Students will come in seeking a loan for a car or a house, things that will last them long after college, and they already have black marks on their credit history," Lajko said. "Their rates will be much higher, and it is if they even receive a loan."

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Virtual career fair to hit SIU

Fair provides access to job opportunities at students' fingertips

Katie Davis  Daily Egyptian

Mary Payne usually advises students to dress formally when attending job fairs because they will be meeting with prospective employers.

But not this week.

University Career Services has put together its first Virtual Career Fair, which relies on computer technology, web design and the Internet. It begins today and will last throughout the week.

Payne, an SIU Career Services specialist, said students need only access the career website to see information of dozens of employers and prospective companies, including Target, Progressive Insurance and the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

"You can get on the computer at 3 in the morning and submit your resume," she said. "Or you can do it at 3 in the afternoon. You don't have to show up for this — they're not going to see you."

Jim Imhoff, a microcomputer support specialist for Career Services, said that as of Monday, dozens of applications had been filled through the website, which had received more than 800 resumes.

Payne said she expects more than 200 companies to participate in the Virtual Career Fair after speaking with prospective employers.

"This is the last chance for all majors to connect with multiple employers at one time," she said. "This is the last chance to connect with employers interested in recruiting SIU students."

Payne developed the idea for the Virtual Career Fair after having discussions with representatives from other universities who had looked into online sites, but lacked the technological capabilities to follow through.

A quick exploration of SIUC's resources set into motion the making of the first campus-wide Virtual Career Fair.

"We wanted to give students the chance to be better prepared," she said.

Imhoff said the department began recruiting more than 30 companies on the campus-wide extrinsic fair last fall. Career Services representatives also sent mass e-mails to the 3,500 employer's registries with the service promoting the fair.

Imhoff began working on the technical end of the fair a few months ago. He needed to develop a web page and a way to submit resumes directly to interested companies.

Though the career service website is open to the public, only students and community members with SALIS Recruiting System login names and passwords will be able to apply or send their resumes to the prospective employers via the Internet.

"You can look at jobs without having to register in the system, but if you want detailed info, you have to register with us," Imhoff said.

Registration requires a $25 fee for students, outside of those included with tuition, or a $55 fee for community members. Only persons who have paid the fee and filled registration will be allowed to participate fully in the Virtual Career Fair.

R. B. said regarding also allows individuals to submit their resume to an online service, which will be regularly reviewed by many prospective employers.

"The companies can pre-screen resumes and communicate directly with an individual basis to encourage that student to apply," he said.

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He shouldn't expose the soles of his shoes, eat with his left hand, or ask about a man's wife or daughter.

And Baysmore and fellow soldiers also learned not to befuddle Arab women. One woman in Saudi Arabia was beheaded for having a tattoo on her arm; another was stoned to death for being a premarital sexual relationship.

All of this behavior — common in Western cultures — can be offensive in traditional Arab countries.

"This is a shock to me," said Baysmore, 20, who serves in the National Guard's 1st Transportation Unit. "I thought we were taught to be open-minded."

The restrictions are on a long list of "don'ts" being taught to tens of thousands of American troops before they are deployed to Arab countries.

And nearly 4,000 soldiers have gotten the crash course in Arab etiquette just at Fort Dix, N.J., over the last two weeks. It includes a slide show, a booklet titled "Iraqi Basic Language Survival Guide," and larded copies of the "Iraqi Command & Control Card" with potentially useful phrases such as "Stop your weapons" and "Do not exist in Arabic."

Sgt. David Dameron, of the 104th Aviation Company; a helicopter unit based in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., said he would have to get used to the cultural differences.

"I would have never thought that a thumbs-up was not OK," said Dameron, 43, of Palmyra, Pa.

But Army Spec. William Blake, also of the 104th aviation company, said the pragmatism of learning true stories of Arab-American relations may find an appeal to the troops "We don't want to be the ugly Americans," Blake said.

Sloan, a member of the 30th Regional Training Support Battalion, said he was exposed to the Arab culture when he served in a civil affairs unit during the Gulf War.

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Saddam defiant, troops move closer to Iraqi border girding for war

Mark Johnston, Peter Sisowatt & Martin Morta
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein defiantly declared for the first time on Monday that his government had no intention of sending its troops into Kuwait. "We have no intention of sending our troops into Kuwait," he said.

A U.S.-led invasion force of 200,000 troops awaits the order to attack.

"We have no intention of sending our troops into Kuwait," he said.

The White House called Saddam's final statement a "cynical attempt" to gain time.

On Tuesday, for the first time since the end of the Gulf War in 1991, Saddam appeared on Iraqi television dressed in military uniform. He said his forces were "prepared to defend the country".

Iraqi forces have been massing along the border with Kuwait for weeks, and there have been reports of clashes between Iraqi and Kuwaiti forces.

Saddam's declaration comes as U.S. forces prepare to invade Iraq, with the invasion set to begin on Wednesday morning.

The United States and its allies have been building up forces in the region in recent weeks, with the aim of toppling Saddam's regime.

The U.S. military has deployed 150,000 troops to the region, and has begun flying missions over Iraq.

The United Nations has imposed economic sanctions on Iraq since 1990, but Saddam has resisted efforts to force his regime to disarm.

U.N. inspectors have been unable to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but the United States has said it is prepared to use military force if necessary to ensure that Iraq surrenders its weapons.

The United States has warned that it will not accept any new demands from Saddam, and has said that the invasion is necessary to protect the region from the threat of Iraqi aggression.

Saddam's announcement comes as the United Nations is due to vote on a resolution authorizing the use of military force against Iraq.

The United States and its allies are due to vote in favor of the resolution, and it is likely to pass with a large majority.

The U.S. military has said that the invasion will be a rapid and decisive operation, with the aim of achieving victory within a matter of days.

The United States has said that it is not seeking a prolonged occupation of Iraq, and that the goal is to create a stable and democratic government in the country.

The United Nations has said that it is monitoring the situation closely, and has called on all parties to adhere to international law and to respect the rights of civilians.

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Entertainment networks increase news programming for young adults

Byron Zumer
Staff Writer/Tricon News Service

(Reuters) - Back in the good old days — wed, the 7th and 9th — teens and young adults relied on TV’s entertainment networks for the latest news in popular culture. But in a world of increasing terrorism and a looming war in Iraq, these students are trying to offer their viewers more serious news coverage.

MTV, for example, recently aired a special post-election session with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, as well as a video diary of MTV News anchor Gil Santos training with other reporters in Kuwait.

Last month, BET chronicled the lives of Israeli and Palestinian teenagers on the verge of war.

A young audience will watch "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" for example, because it’s as tuned in as any news network.

Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University, agrees that entertainment networks can offer young people something traditional news stations can’t.

"MTV has done a lot of good condition news coverage," he said. "They package it in a certain style that makes it more palatable to a younger audience." "

The cable network, BET has also targeted younger viewers with its programming. It has run special features such as "BET Open Mic Security" Colin Powell Speaks To Our Youth" and profiles on National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and high ranking black military officials.

Many students say that MTV is just coming to its audience of 16-year-olds to 34-year-olds. "MTV isn’t the only entertainment network that now considers itself a source of news for young viewers," said Thompson.

Comedy Central, whose target audience is 18-year-olds to 49-year-olds, is "absolutely" getting more young people than traditional networks, said Epstein. "It’s just catering to its audience of 16-34," he said.

As time goes on, CNN might not be trained for it, but also not be trained for it. Bush said, the United States "would have to make sure that any soldier who committed war crimes is held accountable even when enforced. But this may not be enough for both the troops to give up.

If Iraq should use biological and chemical weapons against coalition forces, the French ambassador said the French military might assist in the war effort.

"If the war starts and if President Saddam Hussein uses chemical or biological weapons, it would change completely the situation for the French president said of the French military. The French will have to decide what we will do to help the American troops to get the view of this decision," Jean-David Levine told CNN.

Levine said French troops are preparing to fight in such conditions and they would withstand such attacks.

"No nap is allowed by treaties to any chemical and biological weapons. It is these kind of sanctions and if Saddam Hussein were to use these weapons then he could create a completely new situation for the whole world," he said.

With or without chemical or biological weapons, a war in Iraq will not be easy for U.S. and any troops who will face hard combat in Iraq.

"There is hardly any weather that’s not hot and dry," said Doc Horsley, an army meteorologist. "There are extremes of a very large desert, but they are trained for it.

Horsley said it would only get hotter in hot climates.

"It is getting hotter weekly and it will be very hot in two months," he said. "But they are trained for it because they have trained in it.

Despite any conditions, U.S. army spokespeople in Iraq, Bush said he is proud of the U.S. troops who will do all they can to save as many lives as possible, even if it means using special "smart bombs" and other technology to save harmful children who may be in harm’s way by Saddam or his army.

"In war casualties occur," he said. "No soldier wants to see anyone hurt that is not aggression, but that happens.

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Horoscope (March 23) - Money may not have been your primary concern, but you'll be more practical now. Make sure that your major - without Blufyes - are good investments. They might include home improvements or art. Whatever it is, you'll have a special talent for finding things that will appreciate. Be sure to get good deals.

To get the advantage, check the day's rising: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Easy does it. Pushing may cause resistance. Listen more than you talk. If necessary, take notes.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - One of your options was to bring more money in. Remember something you're involved with now could do just that, if you don't have a clue, check the want ads.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - Things are in a state of flux so don't take anything for granted. If your job's changing, look for ways to make it better.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - A raise, Promotion, important people now want you. You've shown all the signs of having a remarkable year.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Don't worry how you'll stay busy. That won't be a problem. Keep to a tight budget. Don't spend what you haven't earned yet. prenatal (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - The disrupting situation leads to a pleasant outcome. Feed your need to slow your life's pace and regain balance.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Taking on more responsibility could lead to an increase in pay. The work shouldn't be much harder if you have your priorities down pat.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Don't allow your mind to make you 'miserable.' You're just doing what's necessary to make everything turn out right...

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Dormant Life

by Shane Pangburn

AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR "SHOOTING STUFF WITH BUBBA"
Softball faces UTM in twiribill

Ethan Erickson

The SIU softball team will see some familiar foes, when it faces off with Tennessee-Martin today at 2 p.m. at the newly christened Charlotte West Stadium.

The visiting Skyhawks will send Herrin native and Rend Lake College product Kendra Kosco to the mound during the matinee doubleheader.

The senior attended the same high school as SIU head coach Kent Blaylock, who said Kosco was no longer wearing a Saluki uniform because she wasn't on team as Kosco, so competition between the two will be nothing new.

"We've played against each other all our lives so it's not something new," Muddie said.

Skyhawk first baseman Meredith Ramsey, who also played at Rend Lake College, is one of her team's best offensively and defensively.

"The West Frankfort native, who started 57 of her team's 68 games last season, led her team in hits, total bases and runs scored.

But the Salukis are not as concerned with the Skyhawks (8-7) as they are with themselves.

After Sunday's home loss to Bradley, Blaylock said her team was

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The game, originally scheduled for 3 p.m., was moved an hour earlier.

"The outfield may be a little soggy, but we want to get the games in," Blaylock said. "The only problem we're having right now is the voter that's being held on the turf. We've got to find a way to pump it off because our infielders are getting drenched. The rest of the playing surface has been wonderful. We're very happy."

"We're known her since she was a young girl, good finesse pitcher, knows how to work the count, knows how to get people to kind of get out of their comfort zone," Blaylock said.

"I think it's a good decision, Obviously, everybody has to be alert what's happening is the world and certainly that's much more important than playing basketball games. But we also need to continue to do what we've been doing as a nation," Blaylock said.

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When the fear sunk in

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I am just seeing if SIU got into the Big Dance," he mumbled. "I know somebody who knows someone who knows someone."

What? Had he been high? I knew I saw him talking. Stuff given in the passenger seat when I was returning from the bathroom at McDonald's.

"You're high, man. Of course the Dawgs are in," I snapped back. "Would you have destroyed Jesus in Convocation Hall had it been DE photographers who done the woodcuts correctly?"

Then all of sudden I heard the familiar baritone of Greg Gumbel, the incumbent commentator on CBS.

"Welcome..."

Soon after, the car was filled with sickening silence.

"Hey, what happened?" I asked. "They're red-handed, Jay, I just answered. "I thought you didn't want to listen to it. You were sure that your Dawgs were in."

The man had a point. Is sure that the Dawgs are in, I think ESPN then is on Bradlees this week. How can Dick Vitale and his sisters-in-law be wrong?"

"But Dick isn't the head. That's not UNLV today. Jay Blue said to me.

The car suddenly moved as my brain and body were not on the same wavelength that day.

"Red heads in O-s one-half of the other, and everywhere is color. Auburn, also went on a tear during the season. I think the Dawgs could not have predicted this turn of events."

"They did?" My voice trembled. "But, still, the Dawgs chances are still real good.

It was beginning to be a fade. My claims of them dancing once or twice were beginning to fast frien-

"Turn that up now or you'll be "Southern" and "Illinois" were left. Shut your mouth. The commercials were running.

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The price of getting the edge

The recent ephedrine-linked death of Baltimore Orioles prospect Steve Bechler serves as an eye-opener to all athletes

story by ZACK CREGLOW

Athletes always want an edge and Baltimore Orioles' pitching prospect Steve Bechler wanted the just like all of his peers.

The past has taught athletes that the edge is often dangerous, as the 1980s rage of the body's metabolism of the body, which causes xenadrine RFA-1, which uses ephedrine a much higher risk. The fact that had burns fat rapidly. heightened his risk.

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With severe reports of the drug being reported at an alarming rate, the drug has seized concern...

A study done by the Annals of Internal Medicine compared the number of adverse occurrences associated with the use of ephedrine to other herbal products. The data was derived from a 2001 annual report published by the American Association of Poison Control Centers. The study showed that even though ephedrine products accounted for less than 1 percent of herbal sales, it was the cause for 69 percent of all the herbal reactions in the United States.

Another study done by the Rand Corporation illustrated that more than 18,000 reports of adverse effects are linked to ephedrine-based drugs.

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Alley does not feel college baseball is worth putting any immediate athletic health problems. But his opinion would change if he ever made the pro level.

"Obviously, everything to me. I personally have not used it," said Alley, who is the same age Bechler was in the minor leagues and everybody was using and I was a step slower. I think I would use it. But I don't think I would be enough to where it would injure me.

The safety of it worries SIU baseball coach Dan Callahan.

"It is not something to be taken lightly," Callahan said. "If you are going to run the risk of subjecting yourself to any kind of supplement and not know what ingredients are in that particular supplement, then you are rolling the dice."

"One thing we try to stress to our guys is that is not worth it.

Because ephedrine is on the banned substance list, Callahan said the punishment for any athlete caught using the drug will be an immediate suspension.

"It is something we need to address," Callahan said. "I have put some articles up on our board. It is not something we have discussed specifically. We gener-

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Increased security at RCA Dome in Indianapolis

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Fans attending NCAA Tournament games at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis will be greeted by extra security.

All fans and items entering the dome are subject to a careful search and will not be allowed to enter leave and re-enter during any given session.

On-site security personnel will patrol the options of acquiring any items they consider a potential security risk.

Items not allowed inside the RCA Dome are as follows: large bags, backpacks, large purses, fire extinguishers and any weapons, cans, water bottles, bats, laser pointers, video cameras and food and drink from outside vendors.

CBS considers switching games to other networks in case of war.

CBS, the network that telecasts all games of the tournament, has plans in place to move games to other networks in case CBS needs more airtime to broadcast coverage of war in Iraq.

The network is run by Viacom and if there is a switch, some games would be switched to ESPN or a Viacom-owned network such as MTVU, UPN, BET or CN.

No. 6 seed Creighton to take on No. 11 Central Michigan

The other Missouri Valley Conference team in the tournament, Creighton, received a No. 6 seed in the West bracket and will have to face No. 11 Central Michigan in the first round Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the Kortz Center in Saline Lake City.

The Bluejays have a record of 25-4 and won the MVC Tournament, but the Chippewas are no slouches as they boast a mark of 24-6 and won the Mid-American Conference to get into the Big Dance.

Central Michigan center Chris Kaman is considered a big-time NBA prospect. The 7-feet-3, 235-pounder averaged 22.7 points and 12.7 rebounds a game and should pose problems for Creighton as Bluejays center Brody Dennel measures in at just 6-feet-8.

Creighton gave up Central Michigan, their likely second-round opponent, will be No. 3 seeded Duke. The Blue Devils are not the power they have been in recent years but boast talented players such as Dahntay Jones, J.J. Redick and Chris Duhon.

Stu head coach Bruce Weber said he believes Creighton can play with Duke, but they are going to have to be on their game.

"They can beat Duke, but it's going to have to be a good game," Weber said. "I've said on many radio shows that I think they can play the type of team that makes it to the Sweet 16 and then maybe if they get lucky on some matches they might get to the Elite Eight.

It will be difficult for the Bluejays to get too far as the West Regional boasts such powerhouse teams as Arizona, Kansas, Illinois in addition to Duke.

Creighton will be relying once again on seniors Kyle Korver, who was named a second-team All-American by ESPN, and Larry House to lead the Bluejays to victory.

Sweet 16 experience versus Elite Eight ties

Last season, the Salukis were able to make it to the Sweet 16 as a No. 11 seed after upsetting No. 6 Texas Tech and No. 2 Georgia.

However, their first-round opponent this year, Missouri, was a No. 12 seed last season and advanced all the way to the Elite Eight after upsetting No. 2 Michigan, No. 4 Ohio State and No. 8 UCLA.

Weber had hoped their experience last year would be a benefit this time around, but the Tigers more than matched the Salukis performance of a year ago.

"When you look at matchups you had hoped that would be an advantage for us," Weber said. "But they've been through just as much as we have if not more."

Times and venues for Midwest Regional

Games in the Midwest Regional of the NCAA Tournament are scheduled at four different sites on Thursday and Friday.

On Thursday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis No. 3 seed Marquette will face No. 11 Holy Cross at 11:30 a.m., and No. 6 Minnesota will face No. 11 St. John's at 1:30 p.m.

At the Spokane Arena in Spokane, Wash., No. 5 Wisconsin will play No. 12 Weber State while No. 4 Dayton plays No. 7 Tulsa at 8:45 p.m.

On Friday at the Gaylord Center in Nashville, Tenn., No. 1 Kentucky will take on No. 16 UMKC in the early game at 11:30 a.m. and No. 8 Oregon will face No. 9 Utah at 1:30 p.m.

Finally in the Fleet Center in Boston No. 2 seeded Pittsburgh will face No. 15 Wagner starting at 6:10 p.m. while No. 7 Indiana takes on No. 10 Alabama at 8:30 p.m.

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Questions abound for Salukis

SIU battles an unknown Murray State squad today

Christopher Morrical
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The SIU baseball team will go into this afternoon with a quick start of a year ago as a team that it knows little about.

The Salukis (8-8) will take the field at Alex Miller Field to face a Murray State (7-7) team that has a better record, a higher batting average and a better experienced team, but on statistics alone, they don't know much.

"We're in the process of compiling information on the Murray State's baseball team," SIU head coach Dan Callahan said. "Before [Tuesdays] it's over, we'll have some numbers on them and some stats on them. And then we'll know a little bit about them.

The Champaign urchards bring an ERA of 4.46 and are batting .300.

Powering the team is outfielder Geoff Kilty (.336, 23 RBIs, 15, 11 home runs). Kilty's brother, Rob, is a catcher at Miami's McClain's (23 RBIs, 20 RBIs and 15 RBIs)." McCutchan was named Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week Monday for hitting .524.

They also have the only winning record in the OVC.

In addition to breaking the Birdoh offense, the Salukis will send junior Josh Jourel to the mound.

"Josh Jourel. It's his year so far this season, and Callahan said it is time for him to turn a warm.

"Josh Jourel. So far this season, has been hitting at Ryan Welch," Callahan said. "Those are two guys that are not wanted in the league that have been a problem. We've got to get them back out there and get them in the line-up. With that being said, he has been a problem.

"Unfortunately, he isn't hitting the ball well or the ball goes under them. One thing you can't keep making guys out twice if they just get humiliated. I don't care what you say, they have to get in the line-up. We've got to get them back out there.

Last season, Jourel posted a 3.35 ERA and a 2-4 record over 42.1 innings pitched. Jourel has his .309 ERA and a 1-2 record over 31 innings pitched.

"It's just disappointing, but so far," Jourel said. "I haven't been hitting as good as I can. I have to make some adjustments. Coach [Nickel] has been working with me on it. I think it's really helped me a lot. I think I'll be able to make some adjustments and pitch well [today]."

"It's still the same as last year's team," Callahan said. "I don't feel like he's had a lot of problems. The pitchers have been good, he's got a good fastball and a curveball that they're good at.

So now do you pitch at a team you don't know much about?

"You just have to think it like any other team," Jourel said. "You have to have the best arm you can and let your fielding help you and you'll have success no matter what team it is."

The Salukis will also need to keep their minds on the Bears and not look past them to this weekend. Come Friday, SIU will face Northern Iowa in the first Missouri Valley Conference game of the season.

"In my eyes, it's always nice to win a mid-week game because at the very worst, it gives you one game-winn- ing streak going into a conference weekend," Callahan said.  

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NCAA president: The games must go on

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Daily Egyptian

The NCAA announced Tuesday that the impending war in Iraq will not interfere with its plans for the Big Dance.

NCAA president Myles Brand held a nationally televised press conference at 5 p.m. and said that while he hopes what is happening overseas, he saw no reason to disrupt the NCAA tournament.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the young men and women in the desert and elsewhere defending our freedom. We wish them the very best," Brand said. "We are also concerned that life goes on as normal after news of the possible postponement of the games broke."

"If they were going to stop it, I think they would have told us about it," Weber said before leaving. "The news was a huge relief to the many teams that had already left for Missouri."

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Security Secretary Tom Ridge and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and others said that if the war goes on, the NCAA will make any alterations in the NCAA tournament.

"The NCAA is enjoyed by all. We see no reasons, through scouting reports, watching tapes and our freedom. We wish them the best," Brand said.

"I know they'll be fired up. They know a lot of Tiger's point guards. Hairston was against Missouri starters and Turner in the Amateur Athletic Union in St. Louis over the summer, giving them invaluable experience with the two."

"The two schools have a fierce rivalry and Turner's school commonly received the smallest part of the short end of the stick - mostly because during that year, Vashon was one of the top 25 teams in the country."

"Turner battled McKinney at high school, when he was a senior and McKinney was a junior. Turner averaged 10 points a game, and Turner played against Missouri's Mike Turner in the 1999-2000 season.

"This is a chance for us to really shine. Turner said with a grin on his face and a look that resembled the big bad wolf when he was planning to eat the three little pigs. "I'm excited, Missouri man - I'm really excited."

SIU's Jermaine Dealman grabs a backup from his car moments before heading a bus bound for Indianapolis Tuesday afternoon. Minutes after he begins, NCAA President Myles Brand announced that all games in the tournament wouldn't go on despite the impending war in Iraq.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber is scouring through scouting reports, watching tapes and digging his memory to try to recall any details he can about the University of Missouri before Thursday's NCAA tournament.

But he, along with three of his players, already have something more valuable than stars and film - first-hand experience with the Tigers.

Weber spent time at Missouri in the fall conducting a basketball clinic and SIU's three players from the St. Louis area, Stetson Hairston, Darren Brooks and Bryan Turner, had already played against Missouri players in summer leagues.

"It's great for us to play Missouri," Weber said. "We have so many kids from Missouri. I know they're fired up. They know a lot of the Missouri players. It will be a big game for us, for them emotionally."

"We know about Missouri." The trio from St. Louis played with and against Missouri's junior stars Jimmy McKinney and McKinney and Turner in the Amateur Athletic Union in St. Louis over the summer, giving them invaluable experience with the two.

"I think they'd offer for their destinations, students had arranged to miss classes and exams would have had to be rescheduled. A lot of money would have been lost in the process as well.

"I'm really excited."

"They're their big guy inside," Hairston said. "He's very good inside and has a touch from the outside, too. He can shoot the three and shoot the mid-range jumper."

"He's not afraid of three, he can shoot, he love as a child."

But all three had plenty to say about McKinney.

"Brooks, who has last experience with Missouri's point guard than his fellow St. Louis natives, said he is a good all-around player that can shoot the ball well, adding that McKinney's敏捷isn't what out of the way 100 players in St. Louis, last season."

"Hairston has played against McKinney for several years and offered a rather colorful scouting report, using his own unique expression - to describe his vision on the court."

"McKinney: It's a gyllie point guard," Hairston said. "He's big at 6-8 and has big, nice arms. He's not bad with him, he can shoot, he can handle the ball and he's athletic."

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"But he respects what is happening."

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