Students receiving financial aid and student-workers at SIUC may be affected by an extended faculty work stoppage.

If faculty strike forces student course loads to drop below half-time enrollment, or in class, they will not be eligible to continue their federal work-study programs, said Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

But full-time students should not expect their enrollment to drop below six hours with the place the University administration is putting in place, Dietz said.

And for those who aren’t student workers, canceled classes will result in a refund for those classes, Dietz said.

But a monetary refund would not be given to students receiving financial aid since the money would return to the government, Dietz said.

He said students would not be affected by a course load reduced from 15 hours to 12 hours, since that would still be full-time status.

As of 2002, 80 percent of students were receiving some type of financial aid. As a requirement, these students must maintain six credit hours in order to continue receiving work-study.

With some members of the faculty having expressed intention to strike if negotiations are not met, there is some concern that canceled classes will cause some students to fall below the amount of hours necessary to continue work-study.

“Be sure that certain professors plan to cancel classes,” said Rodger Mchide, a junior in biochemistry science, who receives work-study.

“Try not to worry about it though because a bunch of my professors have said they won’t strike because they have a commitment to their students.”

If a strike is set, students are encouraged by administrators to attend classes as they normally would, which may still have the same faculty members.

In the event that the professor is on strike, students will be directed to a help desk and provided with information. The guidelines also advise students that a substitute may not be reassigned until the second or third class meeting.

The association called a separate press conference Tuesday, where union members stumped their desire to avoid a strike — and willingness to walk out if necessary.

Citing this year’s 18 percent tuition hike that would result, union member Lenore Langsdorf said students should be concerned about who will fill their classes.

“If they are not going anywhere for their money but substitute teachers,” she said.

Bedala said he sees strike talks on the bargaining table include student/faculty ratios, tenure, workloads and fair classes. The association and SIU administration have been in negotiation since February 2002. With a year of 50 to 60, union members supported a measure in a contract allowing their leadership to call a strike on Feb. 3 of this year.

The student enrollment numbers stand at up 16 students to 347 students. And the School of Law is putting in place the message to students is to go to class.

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### Enrollment numbers are up

Kristina Dalling

SIUC enrollment numbers increased by 115 students from Spring 2002, even as the faculty union continues to protest to avoid a work stoppage.

The student enrollment numbers stand at 1,920 up from 20,032 for spring 2002. Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said he monitors some of the income in student enrollment numbers to student programs like Student Orientation Assignment Registration, which focuses on enrollment and retention yield.

“We’ve done a better job of following up on prospective students,” Dietz said.

He also attributed the numbers to better financial aid packages and better employment grants for students.

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But he noted that recruitment efforts have been stepped up in the past three years because of the decrease in enrollment during past decades.

“Throughout all the areas where we focused on recruitment,” said Dietz.

These areas were freshmen, transfer students, international students and graduate students.

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NATIONAL NEWS
Troop call-ups leave shortages at home

The Pentagon's call-up of 144,000 National Guard and Reserve troops is straining many law enforcement agencies. Some officers say it's hard to send state highway patrols and federal bureaus. The number of weekend war-dancers called to full-time duty since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks is the largest since the Korean War. More war-dancers are expected to be shipped overseas in preparation for a possible war against Iraq. Some law enforcement officials said why they could be sent to the front lines.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Putin threatens to toughen stance on Iraq

In a sign that key allies might be moving in Washington's direction on Iraq, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said Monday that Russia would respond if the U.N. Security Council votes to authorize force to disarm Iraq. Putin said Monday that Moscow might toughen its stance on Iraq if Baghdad's troops are left with power on the U.N. Security Council, would be a 'calamity' if the Bush administration decided to seek a U.N. resolution to explicitly authorize force to disarm Iraq.

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Five-day Forecast

Friday Partly Cloudy 45/28
Saturday Mostly Cloudy 54/37
Sunday Foggy Showers 56/28
Monday Partly Cloudy 51/19

Almanac
Average high: 40
Average low: 21
Tuesday's precip: 0
Tuesday's hi/low: 48/19

American Marketing Association Student Career Services Night, 7 p.m.

POLICE REPORTS
University

A lader was reported stolen between 3:15 p.m. Dec. 23 and 7:10 a.m. Jan. 2 from the Physical Plant. The loss is estimated at $350. Police have no suspects.

Carbondale

Zeron R. Jones, 17, was arrested at about 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, for alleged involvement in a shooting in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Carbondale Police were informed of the shooting at a residence in the 600 block of North Bridge Street by the Skrelton Police Department. Police said about 10 officers formed a perimeter around the house and Jones allegedly tried to escape through the back door of the residence but was reentered the residence by the back door of the residence but was reentered the residence by the back door of the residence but was reentered by four other officers.

Sharon crosses path; Likit party takes over

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has taken a hard line against the Palestinian Authority, has won a crucial victory in Israel's election, Tuesday, and partly results showed his Likud and other hardline parties easily winning most seats in parliament.

The prospect of progress on the Palestinian front now appears to depend on whether Sharon can form a coalition with模糊的. Sharon's Likud Party will have to form a coalition with the Labor party, which campaigned for a "unity government" and warned that it would not support the Likud Party's program for peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

In his victory speech before jubilant supporters, Sharon called for a "united selling," warned that "there is no time for celebration." The battle against the territorial organization's efforts has ended and it claims more every day. It's a time for soul-searching, for unity."

Brothers charged with dismembering mother

SANTA ANA, Calif. - Prosecutors said Monday that two brothers may have played a role in the stabbing death of their mother and that they were being held on $1 million bail each.

Shane Bautista, 20, and Matthew Monico, 15, were charged with killing Shane Bautista, 41, whose head and hands were found in the family's apartment in Riverside. His body was found in an Orange County orange.

The elder brother, 20, and police said they dismembered the body to throw off investigators, an idea they saw the popular movie See No Evil.

Both defendants appeared in Superior Court but did not enter a plea. Their assignment was postponed until Feb. 14.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Murray said prosecutions had not yet decided whether to seek the death penalty against Bautista. California law prohibits the execution of minors.

Prosecutors have not disclosed a possible motive.

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President Bush addresses nation
Bush builds a case for war against Iraq

Kristina Herrndobler
Daily Egyptian

In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, President George Bush focused first on the Middle East issue before turning to the economy and healthcare, and then left Americans to ponder the president's logic.

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Two students still deal with summer tragedy

JACKIE KEANE Daily Egyptian

Andrea Long and Jenny Lawrence sat on a sturdy stopsign at Chicago South Side with a friend, talking and trying to avoid the July evening traffic. In a matter of minutes, a traffic accident and vigilante violence took the lives of Long and left these two women to pick up the pieces.

Despite injuries, rehabilitation, surgery, and court appearances, life has managed to go on for the girls and take them on a 300-and-miracle journey as freshmen at SIUC.

Anthony Straw, 49, and Jack McCall, 20, drivers of a rented van, were playing a game of pool on a busier east on 40th Street when they ran a stop sign and lost control of the van while turning left, according to the Chicago Tribune. The van jumped over the curb and struck and ran on to the front steps where the girls were gathered.

It was then that a mob of an unknown size of people beat Steakley and Moore with pieces of stone from the stairs, pounding them in the head and body. The mob also punched and kicked the two men. They died of multiple injuries and blood loss.

The Cook County medical examiner's office later found that the drivers had used a derivative of methamphetamine, as well as heroin and morphine, within hours of the crash. Tests cannot measure the level of impairment in which the men might have experienced.

The accident occurred across the street from a Chicago Housing Authority high-rise.

Also on the stop was Jenny's cousin, Shani Lawrence, who ended up being treated in Prairie District Advocate. Doctors were not sure she received any injuries from the accident.

Jenny ended up on the steps, and Long was forced to make it across the street to her home, Shani told the Tribune.

In the weeks after the accident, Long, a freshman in journalism, had to learn how to read, write and shut out any evidence that this was not real. She even caused a severed blood clot resulting in death of almost 20 people in her legs.

After being in the hospital for five days, the worked hard with physical therapy to regain use of her legs. Her back is still not fully healed.

Jenny, who is a undecided freshman, suffered from a fracture in her right ear and many of her teeth had to be replaced. She has regained walking in her ear and has undergone surgery on her ear.

As of now, Long's() cases were all dismissed.

The funds are used in accordance with police patrols will likely be during overtime patents for offenses which were left. The first two weeks were from Oct. 20 to Oct. 30. The next period was from Oct. 20 to Oct. 30. The next period was from Oct. 20 to Oct. 30.}

Women in business sponsor dinner meeting

Feb. 13

The Southern Illinois Business Conference will host its annual dinner meeting Feb. 13 in the Alumni of the Southern Illinois Business Conference Development Center, 150 E. Pleasant Hill Road. Reservations are required. Cost for the meeting is $25 per person.

Baked bbl will be served, along with an appetizer buffet and a dessert buffet and three-bean salad from 5 to 6 p.m. A program, "More than Just an hors d'oeuvres," will begin at 6 p.m. The business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. SWBC promotes women-owned and men-owned businesses for transition to self-employment.

For reservations, contact Sara Beierkle at 549-2146 before Feb. 6.

E. COOKSON

Musical motivation Saturday

Music in Motion will perform at John A. Logan College's Celebration of Light from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center. Tickets are $5 for singles and $10 for couples.

Cash credits are accepted and accepted with check or charge card. Mail reservation can be mailed to the College academic/ student life. Tickets are at the University Bookstore. For more information, contact Tamy Hrady at 684-3515.

Pick up a book Saturday

There will be a book fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. A portion of the book sale goes to the Logan College Community Foundation.

Tickets are available at the library offices in Marion, Marion County Community College, and the MJC. More information on the event will be made available by the lab.

Big Red Dog will be a special guest. Fans from Channel 3 will giant pet and other activities will continue through 3 p.m. For additional information, contact the library coordinator at 618-980-1991, ext. 253.
University takes human odyssey to ancient lands

SIUC community will travel to Egypt, Greece

Samantha Robinson

Running an Olympic race in an ancient stadium, making sandals and star maps, recreating mummifications and recreating debates in law courts are just a few of the things participants will experience during the 21st annual expedition to Greece and Egypt.

Robert Hahn, professor of philosophy, will lead five separate expeditions this year to Egypt and Greece on a journey to explore other cultures.

"We will recreate the trail of Socrates in an ancient law court," Hahn said. "We perform an ancient play in a theater with costumes and masks we make ourselves. This will be an experience of a lifetime."

This year's theme is the Human Odyssey, searching for self in ancient Egypt and Greece.

Both trips are separate and offer different experiences for participants.

The Egypt expedition will take place during three separate trips for the first time. The first trip will take place during spring break with consecutive trips in May and June. The Greece odyssey will take off at the end of May and run through early June and the second trip will be in July.

"There are programs to Egypt and Greece that are very separate, but twice we offer programs that dovetail," Hahn said. "You can go first to Egypt and then straight to Greece."

The trips are open to SIUC students, but also to non-students, including family members and people in the community, and students from other universities. Those who attend who are students can earn up to three credits in several different areas, no matter what their major is.

"Students usually take two to three hours depending on their enrollment and whether or not they do an independent study project," said Thomas Saville, coordinator of the Study Abroad Program.

Since the program's inception, more than 1,200 people have participated in sailing the Mediterranean Sea and Nile River to relive moments in ancient times. Undergraduate and graduate students have been able to gain hands-on experience in learning and then telling the story to others.

"What can be better than to include undergraduate and graduate students on a quest to show that SIU is committed to the view that education is a lifelong process," Hahn said.

For the first year, the program will produce a documentary video as a pilot for public television. "Overall the documentary will be looking at institutions in our society we find estimable and re-examine the origins of these institutions," Hahn said. "This include the invention of democracy, historical writing, public literacy and athletic contests, among others."

Hahn said he is excited about the trips and allowing more students to experience a trip of a lifetime.

"We are such more an educated people when we are educated on other's terms," Hahn said. "The trips challenge us to see how much we can learn and how many blessings we can count at one time."

Reporter Samantha Robinson

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An organizational meeting will take place Thursday at 7:30 p.m., in the Student Union and Bonnier Room.
Arbitration not the answer to avoid strike

We hate to say it, but we will. Arbitration is not the medicine we’re looking for.

As the deadline inches closer — five days now — it becomes a distinct possibility that a strike will take place, whether it be for one day or three weeks.

While we at the Daily Egyptian will not support a faculty walkout, we believe binding arbitration to be a simplistic solution to SIUC’s complex issues.

Binding arbitration, basically stated, means that the two groups agree to have an official examine one proposal from each side. One of the proposals will be chosen, and that is the final decision. If both sides agree to arbitration, it negates the faculty’s legal right to strike.

While that part adds some sugar to the situation, the idea that an arbitrator can choose one side or the other is something we can’t swallow. Either way, we the students might still end up not getting a good deal and chances are, it will leave both sides not fully satisfied. Because both sides will submit proposals closer to middle ground in order to have a better chance at being selected, it does help inch progress closer.

But as Chancellor Walter Wender noted, progress is inching closer anyway, even if it is in a small pace. Although they have had difficulties reaching an agreement, they at least understand all of the issues and the basic stakes.

While the Faculty Association has suggested this solution during the last two rounds of negotiations, they have not brought the proposal to the table this time. Faculty Association spokesman Jim Kelly said because of the Board of Trustees past refusal to arbitration, the group will not suggest it again. He said, however, that the administration is aware of the association’s interest in the matter and that the Faculty Association would be ready to consider binding arbitration if the administration made the suggestion.

“We do agree that binding arbitration is a useful method for avoiding a strike,” Kelly told the Egyptian Tuesday. The BOT knows very well that, we’ve been open to arbitration. In the past two contracts, [faculty] sequences that the board submit issues for binding arbitration. In both cases, the BOT refused to take that approach.”

According to Egyptian records, during January 2001 contract negotiations, administrative spokesman Tom Britto said the administration rejected arbitration because the remaining issues were managerial rights of University officials and could not be negotiated further.

At the time, negotiations for that contract had been ongoing for more than one year. In 1998 during negotiations, arbitration was listed as one of four steps during the process, an option the Faculty Association was open to, but Egyptian records do not show whether the suggestion was officially presented or rejected.

Chancellor Wendler earlier said he would not recommend arbitration to the Board of Trustees. He said because arbitration would limit the administration’s normal bargaining powers and because an outside arbitrator would not understand the issues, he wasn’t sure the board would go for it. BOT president Molly D’Espisito said Tuesday that the board supports the chancellor’s position.

Faculty contract negotiations have been going on for more than a year. The Graduate Council came out in favor of faculty Friday, sup­porting arbitration for the same reason we might — to avoid a strike.

The Egyptian has no problem saying that a strike would adversely affect this campus in a number of ways. Not only would those currently on campus be affected, but also an incident — the first university strike in Illinois history — would have an affect on enrollment numbers and the ability of the University to draw in more faculty for years to come.

The Daily Egyptian believes the two sides can reach an agreement. While a strike might take place, we’re willing to risk that much in order to save the University from future problems. The contract they are negotiating will be up for discussion in only a few short years.

If arbitration were used now, that future discussion would be worse for it. An arbitrator might end up doing more harm than a strike.

We ask both sides to carefully consider all the options, and we are pleased to hear that at least one side is willing to do anything. But in the end, even a spoonful of sugar wouldn’t help arbitration go down.
SU Vs and piles of dung of these I sing

BY GRACE FRIDDI
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I wake up every morning and drink a pot of coffee, which I don’t enjoy. I drive to work at eight miles over the speed limit. I get there exactly three and a half minutes early, which is good, I know, the time clock is three minutes behind, and who cares about that extra 30 seconds anyway? It’s like jumping $50 in $50. No cash keeping track, and people do it. That makes it okay. My index finger, where I keep my morning staring blankly at a computer screen as a superbly mediocre idea—twitches into a volley, which will soon be the longest, greatest, biggest, and best volley, I’ve ever told anyone I do those things yet! Can that hurt have existed? I can’t help but think we were better off before.

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momentarily hitting the pause button, which means I’m not the only one that considered the future. I’ve seen it’s not the most convenient, but it erodes the quality of their education; this is why I write about it. I am not writing about Neil in particular, but why he gave in the speeches he made to the people, why he was a wonderful singer and actress. Neil made a good fight, but like all good fights, in the commercial, she gave a brief narrative regarding her doctor’s writings that she had diabetes. She said she did not mind the continued business as usual, he had an extraordinary episode while she was driving, and suddenly her vision was blurry and she could not see because of her damaged diabetes. Neil said that this was her "wake-up call."

To a degree Neil Carter’s death was my wake-up call. Many of us with chronic silent diseases do not fight them with the vigor in which these troublesome ailments necessitate. However, as I thought about my lassies in my fight, I thought about the fact that for too many of us it takes a major tragedy or hearing about one to inspire us to change. For example, how many of you know the true value of life?

We know about the U.S. Surgeon General’s warnings. Smoke does not live as long as a non-smoker, yet some of us continue to smoke. How many people still drink and drive? Some even begin to light up after we cannot believe that we made it home when we were so "pulled out"! We are still doing it because somewhere in our subconscious we do not believe we will be the one to fall in our own case. I’ve read in many ways for my children’s mantra? I’m not sure

Now I’m not saying I want to be a cockroach. It’s not a glamorous life by any means. But just look at those that get us? Cars that burst into flames. I can’t help but think we were better off before.

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momentarily hitting the pause button, which means I’m not the only one that considered the future. I’ve seen it’s not the most convenient, but it erodes the quality of their education; this is why I write about it. I am not writing about Neil in particular, but why he gave in the speeches he made to the people, why he was a wonderful singer and actress. Neil made a good fight, but like all good fights, in the commercial, she gave a brief narrative regarding her doctor’s writings that she had diabetes. She said she did not mind the continued business as usual, he had an extraordinary episode while she was driving, and suddenly her vision was blurry and she could not see because of her damaged diabetes. Neil said that this was her "wake-up call."

To a degree Neil Carter’s death was my wake-up call. Many of us with chronic silent diseases do not fight them with the vigor in which these troublesome ailments necessitate. However, as I thought about my lassies in my fight, I thought about the fact that for too many of us it takes a major tragedy or hearing about one to inspire us to change. For example, how many of you know the true value of life?

We know about the U.S. Surgeon General’s warnings. Smoke does not live as long as a non-smoker, yet some of us continue to smoke. How many people still drink and drive? Some even begin to light up after we cannot believe that we made it home when we were so "pulled out"! We are still doing it because somewhere in our subconscious we do not believe we will be the one to fall in our own case. I’ve read in many ways for my children’s mantra? I’m not sure

Now I’m not saying I want to be a cockroach. It’s not a glamorous life by any means. But just look at those that get us? Cars that burst into flames. I can’t help but think we were better off before.

The letter was for, either.

The person is one of those ideas cut out for the human race one of those ideas cut out for the public who put our demands on the Faculty Association. After ingesting the unfairness and injustice of it all. We

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From page 8 of the document:

Christopher S. Lee
Daily Egyptian Correspondent

A somewhat different take on the situation in Iraq was presented last Thursday at Rend Lake Community College by Salah Shakir, the school's dean of Information Technology.

Shakir maintains that the Iraqi people would be willing to bear another war if it means freedom from the current regime. According to Shakir, this would require expelling not only the top layers of government, but also 10 or even 15 levels down to fully erase Saddam Hussein's influence. This is the reason he gives to explain why merely exiling the president will change nothing.

He also said that in a country where once "people were afraid to complain about the price of tomatoes, citizens have a little more courage to talk now that the government is under the full scrutiny of the rest of the world."

Shakir, son of a former Iraq colonel, immigrated to the United States in 1960 to pursue a degree in computer science at SIUC. He followed this with a degree in electronics technology. He is now an administrator at Rend Lake as well as owner of a local restaurant Dar Sahran and the Longbranch Coffeehouse.

He maintains close ties with his mother and 18 siblings and aunts in Iraq and visits periodically, as recently as this past November.

"It does not take much to conceivize 30 grams of uranium in a country three times the size of the state of Illinois," said Shakir, who questioned as to his opinion of whether Hussein is concealing weapons of mass destruction.

Shakir then described Saddam's 2.4 million-man army, out of a total population of just more than 24 million. This force consumes a full 85 percent of the country's income.

"Everyone has friends and family in the military and people talk," Shakir said what when asked why he believed that Saddam is concealing weapons of mass destruction.

During the question-and-answer period an audience member asked about the issue of reported human rights violations. "The tortures are a fact of life there," Shakir said.

This is highlighted by the case of a butcher who was arrested in 1991 and has not been seen or heard from since.

Throughout his hour-long presentation Shakir painted a detailed picture of the political climate in the late '70s and early '80s that laid up to the United States' support of the Hussein regime.

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Technology speeds up radiology results

Internet plays crucial role for health-care providers

Lindsey J. Mastis
Daily Egyptian

It is 7 a.m. and 38 staff workers are on hand at the Memorial Hospital and the Rural/Downtown Health Initiative's new Rural/Downstate Health Initiative radiology department. The staff workers are preparing to set up the new computer-aided imaging system for the day's work.

The new web-based radiology system, the Medical DICON Cube, uses 11 access and has been in operation since late December and allows image from an MRI, CT or ultrasound test to be viewed by a radiologist from another location, as long as there is internet access.

John Recchi, assistant dean for Rural Health and Alaskan Affairs and coordinator of the SIU RHU programs, said that in an industry that requires radiologists to view images quickly, the old-based radiology system was too slow.

"[The] new computer-aided imaging system is faster," he said. "It's a way of using new computer technology in a health care setting and specifically in the field of radiology."

Kim Larkin, chief information officer and diagnostic imaging manager, said the old radiology program took about an hour to transfer images from a phone line to a computer whereas the new system takes a radiologist only five minutes to access it.

"It gets the results in the ER physician much quicker than the old system does," she added. "This makes a big difference to the physician who is making the emergency room decision on imaging study quickly. Then they can say what they need to do next without having to wait on the study to be done."

The Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, located on West Jackson Street, currently has a hard-based radiology system. It was set up to be a similar, web-based system within the next five months.

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Study says first-year college students struggle with academics

Chris Vemmo
The Daily Aztec (San Diego State U.)

SAN DIEGO (U-WIRE) -- The plan on Friday night: Pound six a survey conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles. The results of the survey showed that at large freshmen seem to adjust well socially to college life, many struggle academically.

Nearly 25,000 freshmen at 109 four-year colleges were polled for this survey. The students reported studying more in college than in high school, but most still got lower grades in college than they expected.

"Some seem to have bitten off more than they can chew," San Diego State anthropology professor Joan Miller said. "They take too many classes or classes that require much study during their first semesters."

"The majority of students who I have noticed are in writing," she said. "Their research methods are lacking as well."

For computer engineering freshman David Howard and his friends, academically achieving what they expected is an issue.

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Iraqi official promises cooperation with U.N.

Bill Glauber
Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq (KRT) - A senior Iraqi official said Thursday that Iraq was prepared to do more to aid U.N. efforts to disarm the country, if the new inspectors can prove they are not hampered by weapons of mass destruction.

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Strike affects: what it means to students

University administration released these guidelines for students in the event of a strike:

### Undergraduates
- Students will have access to their departmental and dean’s office for advice during strike. Undergraduates personally would have the flexibility that some students will be picking up other classes for students that strike, Dunn said. He also had certain students who have offered to step in.
- Students should attend their classes as scheduled. If an instructor is not present, a sign will be posted directing students to a help desk, where an official can provide additional help.
- All work completed under the direction of a replacement instructor will count as part of the course evaluation.

### Classes
- If the University cannot find a qualified replacement instructor, students will have four options:
  1. Shift into another section of the course.
  2. Enroll in another course.
  3. Join a reading or independent study course.
  4. Withdraw from the course

The student's decision should be approved by an academic advisor.
- Grading scales in good standing who experience a course cancellation will be given the highest priority.

### Ken Diesburg, Walter Willis and Jane Adams (left to right)

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**NEWS**

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Keep Up the Good Work
Love,
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**Daily Horoscope**

**By Linda C. Black**

Today's Birthday (Jan. 29): You're under pressure this year, but it's for your own good. If you force yourself to stick to a strict schedule, you'll accomplish great things. Your biggest challenge is to overcome your own self-doubts, but you can do it.

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

- **Aries** (March 21-April 19) • Today is a 7 • A painful memory comes, not to haunt you but to warn you of present dangers. Humility is a better tool than arrogance. Use it to achieve your goal.

- **Taurus** (April 20-May 20) • Today is a 7 • Thoughts of distant friends and favorite faraway places could have you gazing out the window. Don't be blue. Make a phone call. It's a good investment in your mental health.

- **Gemini** (May 21-June 21) • Today is a 7 • You're generally gregarious, interested in everything and always the first to ask questions. Give it a rest. Let somebody else shine. It'll be relaxing.

- **Cancer** (June 22-July 22) • Today is a 5 • You're the brains behind the operation, with help from an expert or two. Everybody thinks you're all-powerful. Smile knowingly. Don't argue.

- **Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) • Today is a 7 • An issue you've been struggling with is finally subsiding. You may not get rid of it, but you can get along. From now on, it will make you stronger.

- **Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) • Today is a 7 • Make time for contemplation and recuperation. It's wise to review past successes and failures before launching a new endeavor. Launch it late Friday.

- **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) • Today is a 7 • Even if you're in a tough spot, you can think your way out of it. Don't let a previous failure shut you down. Learn from it.

- **Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) • Today is a 7 • If you're temporarily shy, encourage another to interface with the public on your behalf. They won't mind, and that's what you've been wanting to do for some time.

- **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) • Today is a 7 • A previous failure won't shut you down. Learn from it. If you're temporarily shy, encourage another to interface with the public on your behalf. They won't mind, and that's what you've been wanting to do for some time.

- **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) • Today is a 7 • An issue you've been struggling with is finally subsiding. You may not get rid of it, but you can get along. From now on, it will make you stronger.

- **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) • Today is a 7 • Make time for contemplation and recuperation. It's wise to review past successes and failures before launching a new endeavor. Launch it late Friday.

- **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) • Today is a 7 • You may think the friends who are telling you that you've done a good job don't really know what they're talking about. Thank them graciously anyway. Accept their gift.

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**COMICS**
A better home

Confessions of a Saluki fan

BY ETHAN ERIKSON
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The Saluki arena is also lacking in its pre-game presentations. Nick Martin, assistant director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association,esty states, "The new football stadium that the visiting bench was placed on the northwest corner of the court, adjacent to the press box, visiting team members would have to scream at each other over the noise and the student section just to hear themselves."

This would also be favorable to students, as they would have entry more opportunities to taunt Kyle Korver and other hated visitors. The newly hung banners are a start, but we shouldn’t stop there.

Another way to increase crowd noise and enthusiasm would be to make more seating, in general admission. I’d like to see the entire arena made general admission. So, no one sits next to or behind anyone that has never attended a Saluki game. The fan sections the best that are the most interested in the game get there first to claim seats closest to the action.

And a more long-term goal with seating should be to make some areas more like others. Most other colleges have their band and student section areas placed next to the opponent’s bench.

We could place the benches on the opposite side of the arena. This would help avoid the situation where the Saluki's bench is now. If the visiting bench were placed on the northwest corner of the court, adjacent to the press box, visiting team members would have to scream at each other over the noise and the student section just to hear themselves.

This would truly make completions fast, and in some instances, 5 years of athletic competition very difficult.

If it is because of this that I feel a great sense of accomplishment in completing my full eligibility years of eligibility. The pool itself has undergone some great changes. The diving boards, scoreboard and hot tub have all been improved, not to mention the huge Saluki logo adorning the west wall.

But don’t stop there. Other than a few trophies hidden behind tables in the lobby, there isn’t much in the way of history. There should be newspaper clippings, old jerseys, photos and other information in those cases so that visitors can learn about some of the great teams and players in Saluki history.

I could also see banners for a definite. But these should be individual banners for each NCAA team like the Sweet 16 banners commemorating last season’s success.

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But these alterations are in the pool in comparison to the changes in the make-up of the team that I have witnessed since I first became a Saluki. I came to SIU in 1999 before other members, excluding coaches, that is currently on the roster. I have been a part of five different teams, each with their own face, and very own distinct personality. But it hasn’t been just the normal transformations that take place from the incoming freshmen replacing the outgoing seniors that has contributed to the characteristics of each team.

The many coaches that has led this team to two MVC Championship Victories in the last four years has evolved over time as well. One coaching change has had a significant impact on me personally.

I have had one year with one diving coach, one year with no diving coach and the last three with another. This situation was quite dismal when it first arose. The rest of the divers and I had to make some tough decisions. Transfer, retire, red-shirt, or compete without a coach, were all options each of us faced.

I truly think all of our abilities to adapt to a new team setting and to modify our plans for our athletic and academic futures.

The last five years, the Southern Illinois University's Swimming and Diving team has faced setbacks and frustrations of all sorts. But, despite all this, the heart of the team has never wavered. I’m thankful for the situation, our goal has always been to train the hardest, swim the fastest, live the best and succeed in bring--

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What I'm trying to do is present some of the many things that have changed since I first plunged into the water-towarm Water Dawg teammates and the fans that are the most interested in the game get there first to claim their closest to the action.

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attendaice for the Saluki men's basketball game (left) against Indiana State Saturday evening at the SIU Arena was 7,875. The attendance at the arena for the Saluki women's game against the Sycamores just two hours earlier was 755.

What's wrong with this picture?

Women's sports programs are still struggling with apathy at SIU

Story by Michael Brenner

Steve Jahnke - Daily Egyptian

Tara Cains warms up for a match at Davies Gymnasium and watches in disbelief as few people file into the gym. A mere 231 people show up despite the team's exceptional record and the possibility of a free trip to New Orleans.

"This is sad to say, but I think anyone of us would take any fans we could get. We'll let parents come watch our games; it doesn't matter."

- Molly McDowell

Senior guard, SIU women's basketball

To Cains, who saw only 462 people show up to the Gym to watch her team play its final game before dismantling most of the MVC at the conference tournament, this is real. As much as she loves it, Cains said women's sports will never enjoy the popularity of men's sports. And she could not care less.

"I just go out and play. I don't really care. I really don't care what they say. Cains said. "Yes, it really helps when you have a full gym, but as an athlete, I play for myself, I play for my team and I guess I've just accepted the fact that we're not going to get as much fans as ours are going to get."

"I guess that's just life, and I shouldn't accept that, but there's just no way I can. We just have to do what we do."

Though they agree that women's sports are having a rough time at SIU, the Athletic Department and SIU marketing are much less pessimistic about the future than the athletes who endure the small crowds.

"I agree with some of their sentiment but not all of it," SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said. "I don't necessarily agree that women's sports will never be as popular as men's sports. I think certain sports certainly can and will be."

Kowalczyk cited the success of women's soccer at the last World Cup, though he said that may be a one-year aberration.

"Michael Trude, SIU's promotions and marketing director, said that while SIU is having problems with apathy regarding women's sports, it is no different than many other programs in the country. He said in general, women are not as popular as men, but the team is the majority of the MVC, while the women have yet to win a league game.

But female athletes are convinced that no matter what they do, they will never be able to compete with the men.

"If we were a Sweet 16 team, we would never have the fans that the guys have," Perry said. "If the guys were a team of people, people would still be excited to watch them."

Perry, along with her teammates, said they understand that women coaches jump as high or run as fast as men at the collegiate level, and a small crowd will not take place at 99.9 percent of all women's basketball games.

"We don't dunk, we can't jump three feet in the air; so obviously, people aren't going to be as intrigued by what we do on the court," Perry said.

But the team is perplexed by the lack of support from women. Women made up the majority of SIU women's basketball crowds, but the numbers are still small.

"I don't think the fans are just that hot," Trude said. "I think many of them would go to a game if it were a full gym."

"I don't think they're just that hot," Trude said. "If you don't think there is then you don't belong playing a game, and you don't belong doing what I do in promotions and marketing and you don't belong in this environment."

It's possible to love women's sports, even in a mid-major conference. Southwest Missouri State, the most prominent women's program in the Valley, has managed to find the light and continues to illuminate its arena with 6,000 or more fans every home game. Northern Iowa volleyball has done well for itself too, regularly attracting 2,000 fans to its West Gym.

Both have the benefit of winning programs, something Trude said SIU must possess before expecting interest in women's sports, especially basketball.

Michael DeFord, SMS associate sports information director and SIU alumna, has been both on the men's sports side and the women's sports spectrum. He described the SMS program as a big fish in a small pond because it is "a big game in town" and most of the Lady Bears' support comes from the community, not the school.

According to DeFord, it's difficult to launch a successful women's program without special circumstances.

"We're in a very unique situation," DeFord said. "We've been to two Final Fours, a couple Sweet 16s, and we've recruited a lot of kids from the local area which I think has helped our fan base tremendously."

One way any sports program motives women's sports without grassroots efforts is through sex appeal. It's a strategy that has worked for women's tennis, most notably Venus and Serena Williams.

"It is possible to get away from sports to draw more fans to games," Trude said. "I don't think you can do it without sex appeal."

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Weakened Braves ready to take shot at Salukis

Entering the season, the Bradley Braves were one of the more intriguing teams in the Missouri Valley Conference.

On Wednesday night when they came to the SIU Arena for a 7:05 p.m. tip-off, they had arguably the most makelshifth team in the league.

There was a lot of excitement in Peoria early in the season. They had a first-year head coach in Jim Les who started at the school during the mid-1980s.

The Braves had arguably the top guards in the league in Philip Gilbert and James Gillingham.

They had the players with probably the most potential in Danny Granger.

Finally, in a league dominated by upperclassmen, the Braves ranked third in height, they had a 7-footer in Brandon Heeneman.

Now, 18 games into the season, Bradley (7-11) is looking far different.

Granger has left, Bradley and Heeneman is not immune. He missed the first 15 games of the season with a fractured foot and had finally ripped off the cast to play. But this past week, he fractured the foot again and is likely out for the remainder of the season.

All of this adds up to Les being challenged more that he could have ever as a senior in his first year as a head coach at any level.

The personnel losses mean that the Braves are having to play smaller and have had to step up their level of play to keep the team from spiraling toward the league cellar.

"We've had some changes in our roster and guys collectively have had to step up and give at each guy a few more minutes, a few more rebounds and give a little bit more defensively," Les said.

Most of the heavy lifting has fallen on Gillingham and Gilbert and the two have responded. Since Granger's departure, the Braves have gone 3-4 and the duo has combined for nearly 40 points a game.

Because of the way a team that could have easily folded up its season is 3-4 in the MVC and tied with Evansville and Stetson Hairston. The three are expected to finish with all of its original players.

One place the losses have hit Bradley pretty hard is in the post. The Braves also are just two post players — Michael Stewart and Jabbar Batts. The team essentially starts four guards in Gilbert, Gillingham, Marcello Robinson and Granger's cousin, Mike Suggs.

"This should give the Salukis an edge because they regularly play four quality big men as starters. Jermaine Durrant, who, when he comes to play, can be the most dominant post player in the league, Sylvester Willis and improving back-ups Josh Warren and Brad Korn could close house in the post.

The Salukis (22-4, 7-1 MVC) are also not afraid of playing a guard-dominated team.

"We'd rather face a team with good guards than a team that's got a good inside player because of our height and the way we use," said senior guard Kent Williams.

Like the Braves, the Salukis are led by their guard combination of Williams, sophomore Darren Brooks and Brien Haistin. The three are often counted on to shoulder the load on offense and defense for the Salukis, as Williams said it doesn't bother them to play other guard-oriented teams.

"The biggest thing is not letting some of those other guys get some confidence," he said. "There are some guys that are playing more minutes for them than weren't playing before."

Those new players have stepped it up as of late with a road win at Evansville (22), Marquette (24) and Hawaii (25). On Wednesday night when they trail Oklahoma (32), Western Kentucky (29), Murray State (24) and Hawaii (22).

Korn said the Braves should be feeling good about themselves coming into the game, but at the same time the Salukis have a lot of experience, so they should walk away with the victory and remain in first place in the MVC.

"We've got to take care of ourselves before we worry about the other team," he said. "It's more of a focus on us and if we do what we have to do then the scoreboard should take care of itself."
Middle Tennessee State used quickness and athleticism to hand the SIU women’s basketball team its ninth straight loss Tuesday, an 87-63 defeat in non-conference action. The Lady Raiders forced 23 SIU turnovers and broke the game open with a 22-4 run during an eight-minute span midway through the second half.

Middle Tennessee State brought a smaller team to the SIU Arena, but still up the tempo in a tempo that left the Salukis bated.

There’s no question Granger was doing a better job of forcing the ball in transition and we struggled getting back,” said Saluki head coach Les Opp. “We gave up some easy, easy shots in transition.”

SIU was again hobbled by the basic offensive—“It’s just fundamentals that we’re making ourselves,” said former guard Medy McDowell, who led her team with 14 points and five rebounds.

One of the fundamentals that the Salukis have yet to master is making close-range shots. Despite outbounding the Lady Raiders by 39 and grabbing 18 offensive rebounds, SIU wasn’t able to turn most of them into points.

The Lady Raiders extended their five-point halftime lead midway through the second half, forcing through the Saluki defense for easy buckets and knocking down jumpers from a distance that surprised Opp.

“I wouldn’t have guessed that they would have hit some of those shots and some of those deep ones that they hit, but they did,” Opp said.

SIU kept the game close, snailing all but seven remaining in the game, but MTSU picked up its defense, forcing seven consecutive SIU missed shots while slicing through the lane for layups and hitting three-pointers. Between the two plays, all of the Lady Raider’s shots during that span came from close range.

This put the Salukis down 20, and they would never get closer than 13 points. Continuing to get easy shots, the Lady Raiders held SIU to improve to 19-9 on the year.

The game was a back and forth affair until an 11-1 run put MTSU nine points in the opening stanza. An SIU rally put the Salukis in striking position, down 41-36 at halftime thanks to a surprisingly strong first half by previously injured center Tiffany Carcher, who had 10 points and eight rebounds.

But every time the Salukis would close to 10, a timely Lady Raider steal and lay-in would restore their five-point halftime lead.

The Lobos had 10 steals and eight rebounds, their first double-double since Dec. 7.

The 6-foot-2 junior, who returned to the starting lineup in this game, scored the first two Saluki baskets of the game and was 6-for-8 in the Lady Raiders’ sagging defense.

This allowed MTSU to steal momentum Saluki part entry passes intended for Cooks. The Salukis’ fast tempo of the game caused SIU to commit 25 turnovers, 15 in the second half.

“We take care of the little things, and the little things continue to kill us,” Opp said. “They did fine shots, we didn’t make ours, that I didn’t’ expect.”

Patrice Holmes led a balanced Lady Raider attack with 20 points and nine assists. Jennifer Justice and Cortia Bailey each scored 18 apiece.

SIU will resume conference play Saturday against Tennessee State Tuesday night at the SIU Arena. Perry scored four points in 16 minutes, and the Salukis fell to the Raiders 87-63.

“They don’t continue to beat themselves down mentally, and get it down physically on the court,” Opp said. “Anytime you’re doubting yourself, you’re doubting your team’s chemistry that doesn’t help.”

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“SIU point guard Chris Perry drives in for the shot against Middle Tennessee State Tuesday night at the SIU Arena. Perry scored four points in 16 minutes, and the Salukis fell to the Raiders 87-63.”

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Bradley’s Granger is gone, but not forgotten

Braves face SIU tonight without bruising forward but with a bruiser ego

Michael Brenner

Bradley forward Danny Granger promoted SIU for 46 points, 24 rebounds in 76 minutes in three game last season.

This punt, all those numbers will be zero. Bradley will face SIU without the services of Granger, who left the team Jan. 17 and is now enrolled in New Mexico. Granger was Bradley’s leading scorer and athlete and his presence at both ends of the field is missed.

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Senior guard Kent Williams, though cautious not to say Bradley was a bad team without him, said Granger’s loss may potentially kill in inside game.

“One thing that he’s done is be a great inside player and an inside presence,” said senior guard Medy McDowell, who led her team with 14 points and five rebounds.

Williams said: “You take out a key guy like that, it may not have an effect on the team, but eventually it’s going to catch up to them.”

Williams used the word “eventually” because Bradley’s 3-1 without Granger and the three wins were against Drake, Indiana State and Northern Iowa — three teams on the lower rungs of the Missouri Valley Conference.

Bradley head coach Jon Les was ecstatic about his team’s performance without Granger, and the team chemistry and the increased contributions of other players.

“Our guys have really come together as a team,” Les said. “And we’ve been able to get some other players on the court, and the other players have really responded.”

Les said the school normally receives transfers, but said Granger didn’t go out and get himself in another program. He didn’t want to be at another school, but was transferred because of some things that have come up.

“Granger was a talented basketball player, a talented athlete,” Les said. “He’s been doing his thing all year.”

Les has removed himself from the controversy and said he will have all other questions about Granger to his athletic department, including the accusations of recruiting that have been thrown at New Mexico.

“I’m moving on,” Les said. “I think our team has moved on, and I’m focused on Southern and the games we have to play, not who is not here. We’ve got enough talent to win the game.”

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