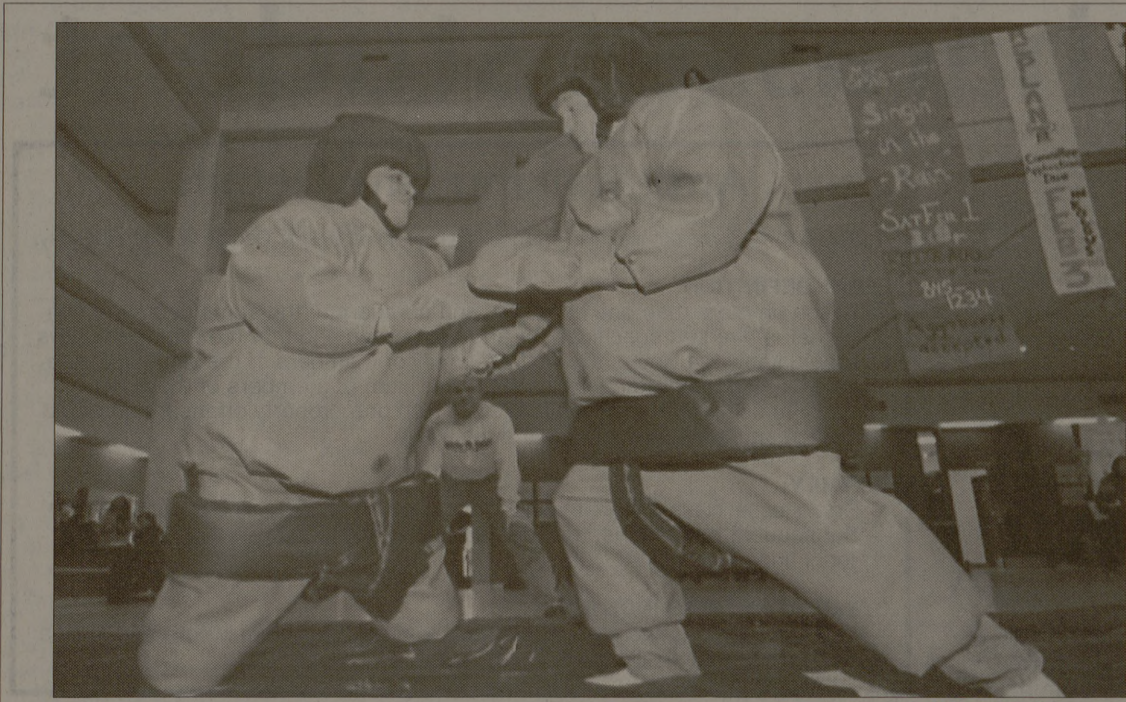


# THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING



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**Nice Pad** | Chris Huntley, a sophomore bioengineering major, sumo wrestles with Doug Holland, a senior chemical engineering major, in Zachry.

### ► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Thursday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 1997. There are 335 days left in the year.

On this date:

- In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi was murdered by a Hindu extremist.
- In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.
- In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.
- In 1933, the first episode of the *Lone Ranger* radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.
- In 1962, two members of the Flying Wallendas high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.
- In 1968, the Tet offensive began as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.
- In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ire-

land on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1979, the civilian government of Iran announced it had decided to allow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who had been living in exile in France, to return.

Ten years ago: Calling it a "budget-buster," President Ronald Reagan vetoed a measure renewing the Clean Water Act that was expected to cost up to \$20 billion through 1994. (Congress, however, overrode the veto.)

### ► Today's birthdays

(AP) — Actor Gene Hackman is 67. Actress Tammy Grimes is 63. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 60. Former defense secretary Dick Cheney is 56. Rock singer Marty Balin is 55. Rhythm-and-blues musician William King (The Commodores) is 48. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 46. Actress-comedian Brett Butler is 39. Singer Jody Watley is 38.

### ► State

#### Emotional Routier reads from journals

KERRVILLE (AP) — A sobbing Darlie Routier affirmed her love for her sons and recounted unusual events that occurred before they were attacked as she testified Wednesday in her capital murder trial.

"I am a very proud mother of three wonderful, gorgeous, healthy boys," Mrs. Routier said, reading to the jury from her personal journal.

Wearing a light green suit and her long, blond hair in a bun, Routier appeared calm during questioning by defense attorney Doug Mulder about her childhood and her family background.

But the Rowlett homemaker became emotional when Mulder asked her to read certain journal passages and to listen to a recording of the frantic 911 call she made after her two oldest sons were stabbed to death.

Prosecutors claim she was angry over money problems and the burdens of motherhood and that she slashed herself to cover the crime.

Mrs. Routier, 27, contends an intruder attacked her and her sons.

Her trial was moved to Kerrville because of publicity in North Texas.

Describing her relationship with her sons, Routier said she and her husband, Darin Routier, enjoyed taking the boys on trips and on outings around town.

"Darin and I spent all of our extra time we had with Devon and Damon. Devon and Damon were very much a big part of our lives," she said, looking straight at the jury.

#### Bush plan calls for \$84.7 billion budget

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush says the state should spend \$84.7 billion during the next two-year budget cycle.

Bush, on Wednesday, released his budget proposal for the 1998-99 biennium. It includes \$1 billion to cut local property taxes, more funding for education, prisons and welfare issues.

Day-to-day government spending and some natural resources spending would be cut.

"I've presented a balance budget,

with a \$1 billion tax cut, enough to meet the basic needs of schools, \$100 million extra in money for child care, to meet the basic needs of the state. It's a budget," the governor said.

Bush's proposal is \$1.4 billion higher than the \$83.3-billion proposal state lawmakers are considering.

The governor's plan also is \$1 billion, or 4.9 percent, higher than the 1996-1997 state budget.

**PETITION UPDATE**

As of January 26, 1997, 2,000 students have signed a petition calling for a referendum on the leader run-offs. If 10 percent of all students sign the petition, the results of the referendum would be binding — possibly forcing run-off elections for yell leader this spring.

SOURCE: L...

### ► Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected High: 60°F
Partly sunny with light and variable winds. More clouds developing near evening.	Mostly cloudy.	Partly sunny.	Tonight's Expected High: 38°F
			Tomorrow's Expected High: 69°F
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Rudder Tower  
Room 504, 8:30pm

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Friday, January 31  
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If you have any questions please contact Eric Ward- 696-5323

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Because of a scheduling conflict with Lucasfilm Ltd., Freudian Slip will be performing on the same weekend that the new digitally enhanced Star Wars Special Edition comes out in theaters. We ask that fans of Freudian Slip take no violent actions against Lucasfilm or any of its subsidiaries.

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