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• STAFF APPLICATION •

Fall '99

Name:

Number of hours you will take in the Fall:

Phone Number(s):

Expected Graduation Date:

Major:

Do you have another job?

Classification:

Where and hours per week?

E-mail:

Will you keep it if hired?

Please check the position(s) for which you are interested in applying. If you are interested in more than one position, number them in order of preference with 1 being your top choice.

CITY DESK

Campus and Community News
____ Reporter

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____ Anchor
____ Reporter

WEB DESK

Web Designer

PHOTO DESK

Photographer

SPORTS DESK

Sports Writer
____ Page Designer

VISUAL ARTS DESK

Graphic Artist
Cartoonist

NIGHT NEWS DESK

Front and inside page design

____ Page Designer

COPY DESK

Copy Editor

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Please type your responses on a separate piece of paper

- 1) Why do you want to work at *The Battalion*, and what do you hope to accomplish?
- 2) What experience do you have that relates to the position you are applying for? (include classes, seminars)
- 3) What do you believe is the role of *The Battalion* on campus?
- 4) What changes do you feel would improve the quality of *The Battalion*? (give special attention to the section you're applying for)

Please attach a resume and samples of your work (stories you have written for publications or classes, pages you have designed, photos, drawings or other creative samples).

Turn applications in to Room 013 of Reed McDonald by 5p.m.

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NEWS

Atlanta killings renew gun-control argument

ATLANTA (AP) — This spring's Colorado school massacre gave gun control advocates much to further their agenda. They had a villain: the TEC-DC-9, a banned, cheap semiautomatic pistol favored by drug dealers. They had a regulatory problem: lax sales rules at gun shows.

But Mark O. Barton's shooting spree last week in Atlanta, which took nine lives, is another story.

Half the nation's police officers carry the 9 mm Glock-19 semiautomatic pistol assembled a dozen miles from the brokerage firms where Barton killed six of his victims. His other weapon, a Colt .45 pistol, is the gun Tom Hanks aims at a tank in the final scene of *Saving Private Ryan* and the gun Sgt. Alvin C. York used to single-handedly capture 132 Germans during World War I.

While the Atlanta killings have energized gun control advocates, they provide few clear examples of the narrow issues gun control advocates have recently pursued.

Child-safety locks would not have deterred Barton. Police had no evidence he got his guns illegally or bought them at a gun show where sales rules are lax.

The latest slayings strip the debate to the most basic question — should handguns be banned entirely, said Josh Sugarman, executive director of the Washington-based Violence Policy Center.

"Until we start talking about banning handguns in this country, this is America's future," Sugarman said. "We'll have shootings in schools, in office buildings, in malls. In America, wherever you're amid a large concentration of people, you're at risk."

Friday, a group of Colorado students stood at the site of the May massacre at Columbine High School to renew their call for stronger curbs on handgun ownership.

Atlanta and Columbine "taught us all that violence can happen everywhere, not just in the inner city, not just by hardened criminals," said Ben Gelt, a recent Denver high school graduate who organized student gun control advocates following the Littleton shootings.

Bill Powers, a spokesperson for the National Rifle Association, criticized efforts to "score political points off of a tragedy" and said he does not expect the Atlanta shootings to lead to significant changes in gun law.

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Killer's wife remembers

LIZELLA, Ga. (AP) — Mourners packed church yesterday for the funeral of Leigh Barton, the first of 12 victims in her husband's killing spree last week, as a pastor urged them to low her murder to cloud our memory.

Girl Scouts in uniform passed out tissues.

Mark O. Barton, 44, killed his wife Wednesday night in her suburban south of Atlanta. It was the first of a string of 12 that would become Georgia's worst killing this century.

On Wednesday, Barton bludgeoned to death two children from a previous marriage. Then, he marched into two brokerage firms in the city's Buckhead commercial district and opened fire with two handguns, killing nine people and wounding 13 others. When police cornered Barton later, he committed suicide.

"I'm afraid there's a temptation to be cued on the terrible events of last week," Doug Davis told about 400 mourners at the Baptist Church, 11 miles west of Macon, where Ann Barton grew up. "If we give into that, we do a great disservice to Leigh Ann."

gun ban in America, that's a debate they'll have to have the American people," Powers said.

Glock Inc. and Colt's Manufacturing Co. Inc. are among the dozens of gun makers whose lawsuits filed by Atlanta, 15 other cities and counties since November. The suits allegation makers recklessly or unfairly put guns into the hands of criminals.

Yet unlike the low-cost, high-powered weapons used in Littleton and elsewhere, used in Atlanta have drawn comparatively little criticism.

"If you believe the manufacture and sale is at all legitimate, certainly the Colt .45 Glock would meet the description of an weapon," said Naomi Paiss, a spokeswoman for Handgun Control Inc., a Washington group that lobbies for gun control.

ing supporters a chance to their case to their constituents to avoid a White House veto when Congress is not in session.

The bills passed by the Senate both total \$792 billion over 10 years but differ in details.

The House offers an across-the-board 10-percent tax cut, while the Senate would lower the 15 percent bracket to 14 percent beginning in 2006, gradually increasing current tax rates into the lower brackets.

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"Lee worked on that project and made several trips to the Senate," Richardson said.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who was interviewed by the Associated Press, denied Lee was being used as a scapegoat.

"This man massively violated our security procedures," Richardson said, referring to Lee's business with Alamos.

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Fired scientist denies giving nuclear secrets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The scientist suspected of passing vital U.S. nuclear weapons secrets to the Chinese declared his innocence yesterday in his first public interview and suggested he had been singled out because of his Chinese heritage.

"The truth is I'm innocent," Wen Ho Lee said in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" that was being broadcast yesterday. "Suddenly, they told me I'm a traitor. ... I just don't understand this."

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