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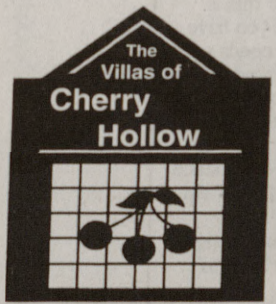
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**Available
Positions Include**
(Check all desired positions)

- Managing Editor
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- Copy Editor
- Photo Editor
- Web Editor
- Designer(s)
- Writer(s)
- Photographer(s)

Name: _____

Classification: _____

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Phone Number(s): _____

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Editor Positions

- 1) Why do you want an editor position?
- 2) What changes would you like to make to the yearbook?
- 3) What experience do you have in leadership roles?

Staff Positions

- 1) Why do you want to be on the staff?
- 2) What prior experience do you have that relates to the position you are applying for?

Please read and type your responses to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper that is to be turned in with this form. Also, attach any samples of work that you have along with a résumé, if possible. All applicants are encouraged to include any other relevant information.

DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY, APRIL 20

If you have any questions, call Jon Niven at
(979) 845-2681

5 killed in Bolivian economic protes

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Five people were killed and dozens injured in confrontations across Bolivia as thousands of people protested against rising water rates, unemployment and other economic problems.

In Achacachi, 80 miles north of the capital La Paz, farmers blocked roads and threw rocks at soldiers who responded with rubber bullets and tear gas. Hundreds of the protesters then stormed government offices, destroying furniture and documents and setting fires. Some of them entered a hospital, dragged an injured army captain from his bed and killed him on the main square.

Army units also fought with Aymaran Indian farmers who formed road blocks in Batallas, another Andean town located 45 miles north of La Paz.

Three soldiers and two farmers were killed and dozens injured in the confrontations Sunday. The escalation of anti-government action that began last week reflected Bolivians' disgust over rising water rates, unemployment and other economic difficulties plaguing this nation in the heart of South America.

The economic crisis was blamed in

part on the government's war on cocaine trafficking. A total of eight people have died in the weekend clashes.

"The conflicts reflect the poverty under which farmers are living and the fact that the government is not listening to them," Bishop Jesus Juaraz told The Associated Press by telephone from Achacachi, where dozens of soldiers were sent Sunday evening to strengthen the military presence.

In response to the violence, the government on Saturday declared a suspension of many constitutional guarantees, allowing the government to arrest and confine protest leaders without a warrant, impose restrictions on travel and political activity, and establish a curfew.

Police were also at the center of protests in other parts of the country, with hundreds of officers in La Paz and in Santa Cruz, the country's second-largest city, taking over their own headquarters and jails and demanding a 50 percent increase in pay.

On Sunday in La Paz, police firing tear gas at soldiers, who fired their automatic weapons into the air. No violence was reported in Santa Cruz, but the army

was called in to control the streets of that eastern city. An agreement was reached that ended the strike.

The central city of Cochabamba was quiet Sunday morning following a day of protests in which police fired tear gas and rubber bullets. Thousands of protesters gathered by the afternoon, watched over by soldiers flown in from other parts of the country.

The destruction of more than half of the country's coca leaf production has left thousands of Quechua and Aymara Indian farmers without a livelihood and depressed the economy in regions where cocaine trafficking once thrived.

Leaders of the coca farmers helped organize the protests that in Cochabamba that began a week ago.

That first wave of demonstrations began over a more than 20 percent increase in water rates in Cochabamba. The protesters demanded the suspension of a multimillion dollar contract with the foreign consortium Aguas del Tunari to increase water supplies to the city that has suffered recurrent shortages in recent years.

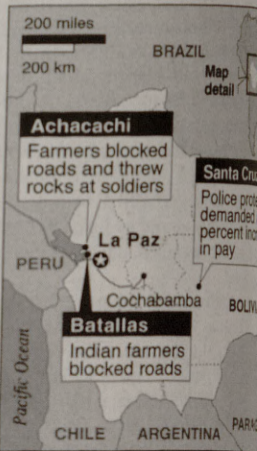
On Sunday the consortium — led by the London-based International Water

Limited — said it would cancel the contract if the U.S. company Bechtel Enterprises and several wealthy Bolivian protesters demanded a 50 percent increase in pay.

The suspension of Bolivia's international guarantees called by President Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada was the seventh time that emergency has been imposed since he returned to Bolivia in 1985. However, quiet returns within the country.

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Britain's new policy to cut down on binge drinking

LONDON (AP) — Hoping to cut down on binge drinking and pub brawls, the British government proposed a novel idea Monday: Allow bars to stay open 24 hours a day.

Scrapping the mandatory 11 p.m. closing time was the centerpiece of plans to liberalize and streamline licensing laws that were inspired by fears of munitions workers getting drunk during World War I.

"Fixed closing times encourage binge drinking around last orders," Home Secretary Jack Straw told the House of Commons. "The result is lots of people hitting the streets — and sometimes each other — at the same time."

Under the government proposals, released as a discussion paper, any pub, licensed cafe or restaurant can apply to stay open for 24 hours, seven days a week.

While some U.S. cities and towns are moving toward earlier bar closings to combat heavy drinking, in Britain, the bureaucrats, police and bartenders all be-

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lieve that longer hours — allowing for staggered closing times — will reduce binge drinking and alcohol-related crime.

Children will also be allowed into pubs for the first time — but only to watch. Eighteen is the minimum le-

gal age for buying alcoholic drinks in a pub.

Pub owners and many drinkers said cheers.

"This is a step in the right direction toward the repeal of archaic laws set during wartime," said Cumock, director of the British Institute of Innkeeping, which represents 16,500 licensees.

In practice, police and pub keepers expect 24-hour licenses to be confined to the centers of London and other big cities, with the main aim being to ease closing times between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m.

As an experiment, bars across Britain were allowed to serve alcohol around the clock on New Year's Eve and the night passed peacefully, encouraging officials to go for a radical overhaul.

The changes would affect 140,000 pubs, restaurants and nightclubs in England and Wales.

British studies suggest that alcohol abuse contributes to 40 percent of violent crime, 78 percent of assault and 88 percent of criminal damage cases.

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SUMMER & FALL '00 STAFF APPLICATION

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Number of hours you will take in the summer or fall: _____

Expected graduation (semester): _____

If you have another job, what is it: _____

How many hours per week? _____

Do you plan to keep it, if hired? _____

Managing, Section, & Asst. Editor Applicants*

- 1) What are your goals for managing your staff?
- 2) What do you believe is the role of *The Battalion*?
- 3) What changes would you make to improve *The Battalion*? Pay particular attention to the position for which you're applying.

Staff Applicants*

- 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 for which you are applying? (include classes, seminars, etc.)
- 3) What changes do you feel would improve the quality of *The Battalion*? (Give special attention to the section for which you're applying.)

*Please type your responses on a separate piece of paper, and attach a résumé and samples of your work (stories you have written for publications or classes, pages you have designed, photos taken, drawings made or other creative samples — just show us what you can do.

*Deadlines: **Wednesday, April 12**, for editor positions, and **Monday, April 17**, for staff positions. Turn applications in at 013 (basement) Reed McDonald Building.

OPENINGS INCLUDE:

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

Summer Fall

Managing Editor

Section Editors

- Campus
- Community
- Lifestyles and Entertainment
- Opinion
- Science & Technology
- Sports
- Night News
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- Graphics
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- Web News

Assistant Editors

- Opinion
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Staff

- News Reporter
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- Web Designer
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- Cartoonist
- Page Designer
- Copy Editor