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**Editor**  
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(The spring editor will serve from Jan. 12 through May 12, 2004)

Qualifications for editor in chief of *The Battalion* are:

- Be a Texas A&M student in good standing with the University and enrolled in at least six credit hours (4 if a graduate student) during the term of office (unless fewer credits are required to graduate);
- Have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point ratio (3.00 if a graduate student) and at least a 2.00 grade point ratio (3.00 if a graduate student) in the semester immediately prior to the appointment, the semester of appointment and semester during the term of office. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (4 if a graduate student) must have been taken for that semester;
- Have completed JOUR 301 (Mass Communication, Law and Society), or equivalent;
- Have at least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on *The Battalion* or comparable daily college newspaper,  
— OR —  
Have at least one year editorial experience on a commercial newspaper,  
— OR —  
Have completed at least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II), and JOUR 304 (Editing for the Mass Media), or equivalent.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to Dell Bomnskie, Student Media business coordinator, in room 011A Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: noon Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Media Board Meeting beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in room 221F Reed McDonald.

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## Live turkey walking



President George W. Bush pets Stars, the national turkey, in Washington, D.C., on Monday as he gives it and companion Stripes presidential par-

sons for Thanksgiving. The turkeys will now live at a petting zoo in Virginia. From left are Jim Stocan and Tom Fix, who raised the turkey.

## Brutal deaths of U.S. soldiers reveal resentment in northern Iraqi city

By Mariam Fam  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSUL, Iraq — The killings of two U.S. soldiers, who witnesses said were dragged from their car and pummeled with rocks, offended some in this neighborhood of dilapidated houses and potholed streets where the deaths occurred. But few Iraqis were shocked by the brutality, and some even gloated.

"They are occupiers, and this is their punishment," truck driver Hisham Abed said Monday of the soldiers. "The Americans make nothing but empty promises. There's no electricity, no gasoline and no work."

Gunmen ambushed a U.S. patrol here Monday, wounding one soldier. Nevertheless, Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, has been among the safest areas for American soldiers, a place where U.S. troops could stroll bustling streets and frequent stores and cafes.

Countering some Iraqi witnesses, U.S. military officials said Monday that there was no

evidence the soldiers' throats were slashed after assailants shot the two as they drove through Mosul's working class neighborhood of Ras al-Jadda, sending their vehicle crashing into a wall.

A military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said there was no indication the men were beaten with rocks or that their bodies were mutilated. The official said Iraqis robbed the car they were driving and stole personal effects from the soldiers' bodies.

Witnesses said that an Iraqi mob, most of them teenagers, dragged the two bloodied soldiers from the car, threw them to the ground and pummeled their bodies with concrete blocks — scenes reminiscent of the savagery in Somalia against American troops a decade ago.

A few accounts said the soldiers' throats were cut — either by the attackers or by the mob. But witness Bahaa Jassim said the wounds appeared to have come from bullets. Jassim, also a teenager, was among Iraqis who said they saw the crowd

pummel the soldiers' bodies with concrete blocks.

The Pentagon identified the men as Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Wilson, 45, of Thomson, Ga., and Spec. Rel A. Ravago IV, 21, of Glendale, Calif.

Armed attacks have been fewer in Mosul than in the volatile "Sunni Triangle" to the south. Commerce flourishes, and Iraqis feel safe enough to venture out at night to a far greater extent than their countrymen in Baghdad and other cities.

Though anti-American feeling still simmers beneath the surface, the violence didn't set well with everyone in Mosul.

"We have our beliefs. It's not right to maim dead bodies, even if they were our enemy's," mechanic Ahmed Yaseen said. "We're a free people and we want freedom.... But if they (the Americans) leave, the law of the jungle will prevail."

Others, however, had little sympathy for the Americans.

"They kill people and barge in on families at night," Abdullah al-Mulla, who works in a gas station, said of U.S.

### Iraqi Governing Council

Conflicting interests, ethnic rivalries and differences in political views contribute to the challenge of forming a truly representative government in the new Iraq.

**Shiites: 13 members**  
Believe their numbers should give them a commanding voice in the new Iraq; one member was killed in September.

**Kurds: 5 members**  
Eager to maintain their autonomous control of the north.

**Sunnis: 5 members**  
Fear domination by the majority Shiites; controlled Iraq under Saddam Hussein.

**Turkman: 1 member**  
Represents a few hundred thousand peoples from the Kurdish area in the north.

**Christian: 1 member**  
Represents a minority of a few hundred thousand spread throughout Iraq.

SOURCE: Associated Press

forces. "If an American came to my house at night and took me away in front of my children, would I have to take revenge?"

Such opinions underscore deep-seated problems facing U.S. occupation as it seeks to win over the Iraqi population with aid projects and promises of a better future.

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