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Summer 2004
(The summer editor will serve May 24 through Aug. 11, 2004)

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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);
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- 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.

Editor
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Qualifications for editor in chief of the *Aggieland* yearbook are:

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- Have completed JOUR 301 (Mass Communication, Law and Society) and JOUR 302 (Graphics), or equivalent;
- Have demonstrated ability in writing through university coursework or equivalent experience;
- Have at least one year experience in a responsible position on the *Aggieland* or comparable college yearbook.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to Dell Bomskie, Student Media business coordinator, in Room 011A Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: noon Tuesday, March 23, 2004. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Media Board Meeting beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004, in room 221F Reed McDonald.

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Militants pledge revenge after 14 Palestinians killed in raid

By Ibrahim Barzak
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUREIJ REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops carried out their deadliest raid in Gaza in 17 months on Sunday, part of a surge of bloodshed ahead of a possible Israeli withdrawal from the coastal strip.

Fourteen Palestinians were killed and 81 wounded in more than six hours of fighting on the edge of the Bureij refugee camp.

The battle pitted Palestinians armed with assault rifles, anti-tank missiles and grenade launchers against Israeli troops firing from helicopters, tanks and rooftop sniper positions. Children chased tanks, throwing stones.

Among the dead were three boys, ages 8, 12 and 15.

The Israeli military said the purpose of the raid was to put Palestinian militants on the defensive and prevent them from carrying out attacks on Israelis. However, residents of Bureij said soldiers did not try to make arrests or search for arms caches.

The Palestinian Authority denounced the raid as "state terrorism," and urged the international community to intervene.

Palestinians said Israeli soldiers were trying to draw out militants in what appeared to be a new tactic.

Armed groups routinely exhort their members over mosque loudspeakers to con-

Deadliest raid

Israeli troops traded heavy gunfire with Palestinians in a raid near the Bureij refugee camp killing 14 Palestinians in the deadliest confrontation in Gaza in 17 months.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI AP

front approaching Israeli troops, despite vastly inferior weapons and considerable risk. Sunday was no exception.

After the battle, a militant leader took the highly unusual step of appealing to his forces not to fall into the trap again.

"The Palestinian people are now uniting in the trenches of resistance," said Islamic Jihad leader Mohammed al-Hindi, "but we also call on the sons of the resistance not to be dragged into battles forced upon us by

the (Israeli) occupation."

Sunday's fighting was part of a recent rise in violence that has been attributed to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's proposal to withdraw from most, if not all, of Gaza and parts of the West Bank if there is progress toward peace in coming months.

Each side seems to be positioning itself to claim a victory — Israel by pounding the militants before a pullout, and the armed groups by stepping up attacks to create the impression they are chasing the Israelis out.

In the past week, Israeli helicopter gunships have struck twice, killing six militants and a boy in missile attacks in Gaza City. On Saturday, three militant Palestinian groups sent bomb-laden jeeps in a suicide mission aimed at blowing up an Israeli checkpoint on the edge of Gaza. Six Palestinians were killed in the blasts and exchanges of fire.

The raid was the deadliest in Gaza since October 2002, when 19 Palestinians were killed in an Israeli operation in the Khan Younis refugee camp.

The dead — 10 militants and four civilians — were given a joint funeral. Tens of thousands of Palestinians marched in the streets, and masked Hamas militants pledged revenge. Hamas has carried out dozens of suicide bombings against Israelis during 41 months of conflict.

NEWS IN BRIEF

State may close facility for mentally retarded

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio facility for the mentally retarded could face closure after state investigators confirmed several health and safety violations. In the past four years, the Texas Department of Human Services, which licenses and oversees resi-

dential facilities for the mentally retarded, has received more than 400 complaints about Skyview Living Center of San Antonio.

After state investigators confirmed several of the violations, the Department of Human Services in September 2002 refused to renew Skyview's license, department spokeswoman Rosemary Patterson said.

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- **Fitness Instructor Training**—Registration open NOW through March 12! Training begins March 21 from 6-9 p.m. in room 304. This is an 18-hour course on how to teach step, kickbox, water and resistance training. Dress for a workout. Limited to the first 40 participants.

SPRING 04 IMs, HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

The following IM sports **OPEN** for registration March 22:
Swim Meet **FREE**
Sign up at Member Services by March 30th at 6:00 p.m.

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Program	Registration	Cost
Basic Scuba	NOW-March 21	\$225/\$245
Lifeguard Training	NOW-April 11	\$110/\$130
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Lifeguard Training	NOW-April 18	\$110/\$130
Lifeguard Challenge	NOW-April 18	\$25/\$35

Go All Out with TAMU OUTDOORS

Upcoming Events	Registration	Event Date
Lead Climbing Clinic	TODAY	March 9
Climbing Technique Clinic	At Event	March 23
Sea Kayak the Texas Coast	NOW-March 23	March 26-28
Rock Climbing Day Trip	NOW-March 23	March 27
Bike Maintenance Clinic	NOW-March 23	March 28
Rock Climbing 101 Clinic	NOW-March 23	March 28
Kayak Roll Instructional Clinic	NOW-March 29	March 30
Canoe Day Trip	NOW-March 30	April 3
Wilderness First Aid Class	NOW-March 23	April 3-4
Fly Fishing for White Bass	NOW-March 30	April 4
Kayak Roll Instructional Clinic	NOW-April 5	April 6
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