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the rocks could have come from a completely different place," he said.

Davies said he believes what is more interesting than this theory is the possibility that the organisms found on Earth and Mars are completely different. He said this could mean that two separate geneses might have occurred.

Shapiro also presented a lecture entitled "Science & Myth in the Origin of Life."

Shapiro received his doctorate at Harvard and is a professor of chemistry at New York University. He has written the book "Life Beyond Earth," and through his research he argues that the

complexity of RNA is too great for spontaneous, unassisted assembly of the first molecules to take place.

"Science is the business of doubt; we have to look to nature for proof, an accept what nature tells us," Shapiro said. "In the origin of life field of study, people who make advancements sometimes only report the findings which they like or want the public to see."

Davies said origins of life questions lead to another branch of questions such as the existence of life on other planets.

"From a philosophical viewpoint I would like to believe that life is not only possible here on earth but on many possible locations," Davies said.

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opportunity to interact with different reporters from several universities.

Pierce said she was not familiar with how to write a press release and was not sure what to expect.

"The proctor gave us a presentation, and we were given an hour to write a press release for his business idea," Pierce said. "It was kind of intimidating."

Rigney said he tries to design pages that are not the same every day.

"If the visual impact of the page draws in the readers, I've done my job," Rigney said.

This weekend The Battalion also received honorable mention by The Associated Collegiate Press for the Feb. 20, 2004 issue.

NEWS IN BRIEF**U.S. declares radical Shiite cleric an 'outlaw' after clashes kill dozens in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The top U.S. administrator in Iraq declared a radical Shiite cleric an "outlaw" Monday after his supporters rioted in Baghdad and four other cities in fighting that killed at least 52 Iraqis, eight U.S. troops and a Salvadoran soldier.

The fiercest battle took place Sunday in the streets of Sadr City, Baghdad's largest Shiite neighborhood, where black-garbed Shiite militiamen fired from rooftops and behind buildings at U.S. troops, killing the eight Americans. At least 30 Iraqis were killed and more than 110 wounded in the fighting, doctors said.

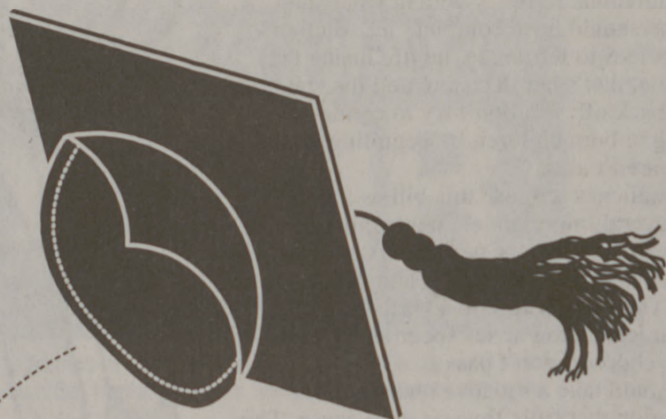
Violence broke out Monday morning in another Shiite neighborhood of the capital, al-Shula, where followers of the cleric clashed with a U.S. patrol. An American armored vehi-

cle was seen burning, and an Iraqi man seen running off with a heavy machine gun, apparently taken from the vehicle. A U.S. helicopter hovered overhead. There were immediate reports of injuries.

Meanwhile, U.S. troops on Monday set off Fallujah ahead of a major operation named "Vigilant Resolve," aimed at pacifying the city, one of the most violent cities in the Sunni Triangle, the heartland of the insurgency against the American occupation.

A Marine was killed Monday in a province, where Fallujah is located, the military said, without providing further details. Sunday, a suicide attacker detonated a bomb-laden vehicle as he tried to enter a U.S. base in the northern city of Kirkuk, killing one U.S. soldier and wounding six Americans and six others, the military said. A roadside bomb killed a soldier in the city of Mosul.

The violence pushed the U.S. death toll in Iraq to at least 613.



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