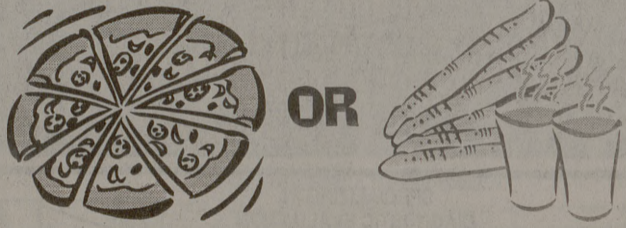


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SPEED

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number of highway deaths decreased by 9,000 nationally after the 55-mph limit was implemented, and police officers hope these numbers do not revert along with the speed limit.

Lt. Scott McCollum, College Station Police Department public information officer, said that although College Station police concentrate primarily on city streets, highway accidents will be more of a problem.

"One concern that comes to mind is the severity of the accident because accidents will continue to occur," McCollum said. "As opposed to having minor injuries, there will be more severe

injuries and property damages."

University Police Department Director Bob Wiatt said injuries and fatalities will increase as long as people continue to push the limit.

"With excessive speed, the accident rate is going to be greater," Wiatt said. "[Highway 6] is a pretty heavily traveled area. You know people are going to go at least 5 miles over the speed limit there.

"They'll take it to the limit, and they'll always go a little more."

Texas highway fatalities decreased from a rate of 4.6 killed per 100 miles in 1973 to a 3.9 rate in 1974 when the national 55-mph limit was set.

However, the fatality rate also decreased consistently during 1963 through 1973 when Texas had a 70-mph limit and the rates have fluctuated since.

Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, said the new speed limit does not necessarily mean an increase in highway fatalities.

"It's not at all clear to me that raising the speed limit will raise the accident rate," Ogden said, "because people are driving what they believe is a safe speed anyway."

"The new speed limit is actually a reflection of what we've [already] been driving. Keeping the limit down on highways that were built to handle higher speeds tends to just make the law enforcement look foolish."

Officers of the Department of Public Safety, which handles most highway patrolling, said there will be less tolerance for those who abuse the higher speed limit.

The highway bill also establishes a "zero-tolerance" policy

for under-age drinking and driving. However, McCollum said College Station police already had zero tolerance for drunken driving, a large problem among college students.

"We take a very hard stance on alcohol abuse as a department," he said. "So I don't foresee any immediate changes concerning the requirement."

Wiatt pointed out that police officers can only enforce these laws if they notice unusual driving behavior.

"Unless a driver doesn't have all the equipment, such as license plate tags or headlights, they won't be stopped," he said. "It's whatever comes to the officer's attention."

"If someone is stopped and it's a case of drinking and driving, they'll have the book thrown at them."

EDITOR

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Hayman said he would like to improve the relationship between The Battalion and its readers.

"I know many people think The Battalion is a liberal, communist newspaper that hates the Greeks, the Corps and Student Government," he said. "Nothing could be further from the truth; readers must learn to differentiate between The Battalion and its opinion page."

"We work to keep our news coverage balanced and diverse at all times; in no way are we out to get anyone."

The editor-in-chief affects the paper in subtle ways, Hayman said, and is involved in planning, coordination and innovation rather than the content of each story.

"The editor should not get credit for the actual stories the readers see everyday," he said. "That is the work of about 80 other people. I want to return reader interest to the

Batt by improving the relationship between the paper and the reader."

Hayman said he is looking forward to teaching the new staff what he has learned while working at The Batt.

"The most important thing to teach the staff is that The Battalion can demolish your social life," he said. "You end up spending so much time working, your chances of dating decrease steadily."

"In order to survive, you have to learn to balance your time."

Rob Clark, Fall 1995 editor-in-chief and a senior journalism major, said he has complete confidence in Hayman's ability to lead The Battalion staff. Clark said Hayman knows the inner workings of the paper and the challenges he will face next semester.

"Sterling has seen it all as managing editor," Clark said. "My advice to him is try and stay sane and sleep every once in a while."

Clark said Hayman is a hard worker and is dedicated to the success of the paper. That type of dedication, Clark said, is one of the most crucial things for an editor to possess.

"The media is an incredibly powerful

thing," Clark said. "For many of the students on campus, this is their main source of information."

"With that comes a lot of responsibility ... [He knows] that comes with the territory."

Stacy Stanton, Fall 1995 night news editor and Spring 1996 managing editor, attended high school with Hayman, who was one of the founders of their high school newspaper.

Stanton said Hayman has never been afraid to address the issues at hand, both locally and globally.

"When we were in high school, we got in trouble for addressing the issues," she said. "Every week our paper came out, Sterling was in the principal's office because of the stances he took. Now he has the opportunity to cover today's news without fear of being kicked out of school."

"Sterling is an honest and forthright person. He's worked really hard to get to where he is, and he deserves this position. He is ready to help the staff at any time. He puts aside his personal priorities to help staffers get their jobs done."

SUCCESS

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seniors are optimistic as to the amount of financial success they will achieve. Pollsters found that 66 percent of college seniors expect to achieve a higher standard of living than their parents by earning an average income of \$98,000 within 20 years.

Art Lopez, a senior marketing major, said he is ready to go out in the world on his own and become financially successful.

"I'm well able to go out there and succeed," Lopez said. "Down the line, maybe seven years from now, I expect financial success."

Some students emphasized that A&M has not only prepared them for jobs, but for life.

Jeff Hanson, a senior management major, said leadership roles and dealing with people

throughout his years at A&M have given him an opportunity to become a more well-rounded person.

"I've met people from many walks of life," Hanson said, "and I've grown a lot."

Seniors said after four years at A&M, they are experiencing nostalgia as they prepare to leave the University.

"I've been an Aggie since I was five years old," Barrier said, "so it is a matter of leaving

something you love." Although they will miss football games, traditions and roommates, graduating seniors said they are ready to be independent.

Chris Bullock, an electrical engineering major, said he is ready to graduate.

"I'm relieved that I got out of here," Bullock said, "and excited because I'm getting ready to do something new on my own for the first time in my life."

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.31	I	SI1	\$475 ⁰⁰
.31	H	VS2	675 ⁰⁰
.47	I	SI1	1,700 ⁰⁰
.47	I	SI2	1,450 ⁰⁰
.49	J	SI1	1,519 ⁰⁰
.49	G	SI2	1,475 ⁰⁰
.50	F	SI2	1,674 ⁰⁰
.54	F	SI2/SI1	1,150 ⁰⁰
.57	K	SI1	1,900 ⁰⁰
.68	J	VS2	1,750 ⁰⁰
.69	K	VVS2	3,100 ⁰⁰
.71	H	VS2	2,900 ⁰⁰
.71	G	VS2	2,250 ⁰⁰
.76	F	SI3	3,150 ⁰⁰
.83	H	SI1	2,150 ⁰⁰
.84	K/L	SI1	2,650 ⁰⁰
.94	K	SI1	4,500 ⁰⁰
1.01	I	SI3	3,750 ⁰⁰
1.21	K	SI3	4,350 ⁰⁰
1.86	J/K	SI3	4,350 ⁰⁰

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Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.43	L	VVS2	\$750 ⁰⁰
.71	H	SI2	1,675 ⁰⁰
.74	H	SI3	1,500 ⁰⁰
.83	H	SI3	1,575 ⁰⁰
.88	G	SI2	1,750 ⁰⁰
.93	G	SI3	1,950 ⁰⁰
1.28	I	VS2	4,650 ⁰⁰

Round Diamond

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.41	H	SI2	\$495 ⁰⁰
.44	J	SI1	\$750 ⁰⁰
.64	H	VVS2	1,990 ⁰⁰
.70	I	I2	\$850 ⁰⁰
.70	I	SI1	2,100 ⁰⁰
.71	H	SI1	2,200 ⁰⁰

Round Diamond

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.72	I	SI1	2,160 ⁰⁰
.72	I	VVS2	2,875 ⁰⁰
.91	J	SI2	2,960 ⁰⁰
.95	I	I1	2,275 ⁰⁰
1.00	G	I1	2,600 ⁰⁰
1.03	H	SI3	3,450 ⁰⁰
1.11	F	SI1	3,950 ⁰⁰
1.16	J	SI1	3,950 ⁰⁰
1.64	I/J	SI1	6,600 ⁰⁰
1.89	K	SI3	4,350 ⁰⁰

Pear Shape

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.47	F	SI1	\$1,300 ⁰⁰
.49	H	SI1	1,253 ⁰⁰
.50	F	SI2	1,100 ⁰⁰
.79	K	SI1	1,675 ⁰⁰
.92	K	VS2	2,300 ⁰⁰
1.02	J	SI1	3,250 ⁰⁰

Princess

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.49	K	SI1	\$875 ⁰⁰
.53	K	VS1	975 ⁰⁰
.72	H	I1	1,475 ⁰⁰
.80	J	I1	1,375 ⁰⁰
.80	H	I1	1,475 ⁰⁰
1.00	H	SI3	2,325 ⁰⁰
1.42	H	SI3	3,900 ⁰⁰

Oval

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.40	J	VS1	\$675 ⁰⁰
.50	I	SI2	1,383 ⁰⁰
.81	I	VS2	3,225 ⁰⁰
.93	I	SI2	2,860 ⁰⁰
1.00	G	I1	2,700 ⁰⁰
1.53	I/J	SI1	5,800 ⁰⁰

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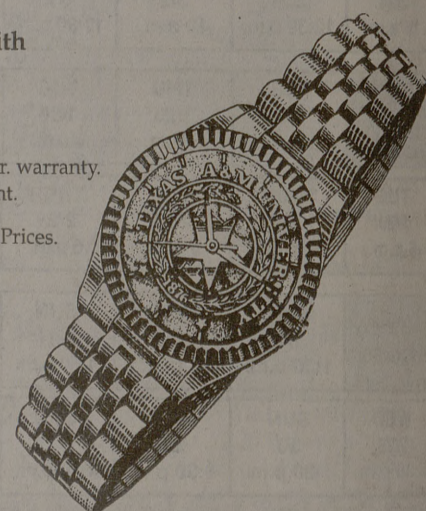
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