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Editors

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she said. "I had been here a year and hadn't found it yet. I was looking for a way to fit in."

The two were hired as copy editors and moved into various positions from there.

Stanton remained a copy editor and page designer until Summer 1995, when she became night news editor. This spring, Stanton was chosen by Hayman to be managing editor.

Stanton said that because she and Hayman are so much alike, the transition between editors in chief will be smooth for the newspaper and its staff.

Stanton said she wants The Battalion to move in the direction that Hayman and previous editors in chief have taken it.

Stanton said the paper will continue to diversify its coverage, modernize its layout, and open lines of communication with campus organizations.

She said her open leadership style will allow section editors to experiment with changes without her interference.

"I would rather let the (section) editors do their own things and learn from their mistakes and from their successes," she said, "than have me step in and pretty much run all the desks."

Stanton said her two biggest goals for the summer are to get The Battalion's radio station off the ground and to have students recognize The Battalion as a fair newspaper.

"When I first came (to A&M), all I heard was that The Battal-

ion was conservative, conservative," she said. "Now all I hear is that it is liberal, liberal. Just once this summer, I would like to hear someone say that it is a well-balanced newspaper."

Stanton said her summer as editor in chief will be her last semester in an editorial position at The Battalion.

"I will give everybody a break from me and hand the paper over to Michael (Landauer)," she said.

Landauer, who has worked at The Battalion six semesters, said his semester as editor in chief will probably be his last at the paper, and he will take advantage of the opportunity.

"I enter into this very seriously because this is it," he said. "It's my chance. I have a lot of ideas about what I want to do at The Battalion, and I want to get them done. I can't enter into it thinking, 'Well, I can do that later.'"

Landauer dreamed of working at The Battalion even before he came to A&M.

"I came to A&M because of The Battalion," he said, "and I know very, very few people who do that."

Landauer was a senior at Taylor High School in Katy, Texas, working as editor of his school paper, the Mane Event, when he sought the advice of Lynn Ashby, opinion editor of the Houston Post and a University of Texas alumnus.

Landauer, who knew he wanted to major in journalism, said he wanted to know if he should attend A&M or the University of Texas, knowing the latter had a better journalism department.

Landauer said Ashby encour-

aged him to attend A&M because The Battalion would offer him a better opportunity to fully involve himself in the production of the newspaper.

Landauer has worked at The Battalion since Spring 1994, and he has served as an editorial writer, opinion columnist, Aggie life editor and assistant editor, and most recently, opinion editor.

Landauer said he will build on the foundations that have been set for The Battalion in the past. But he said his focus will be on service rather than product creation.

"I am going to take what we have already got," he said, "and redirect it into something that is going to gain more respect from our readers."

Landauer said he feels The Battalion has the potential to once again win the Pacemaker award, which is the highest award given to college newspapers. The Battalion received the Pacemaker in 1991.

"I think as it is right now, we are working with equipment that enables us to produce a first-class newspaper," he said. "There is almost no excuse for not living up to that, especially not at A&M where there is a history of students living up to and exceeding their potential."

Landauer said he will emphasize continued improvement at the newspaper but not perfection.

"I don't ever want our writers or staffers to believe that we are ever going to produce a perfect paper," he said. "We are never going to produce a perfect Battalion. In journalism, perfection does not exist."

Armey goes to San Diego

The House Majority Leader said he would rather go fishing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attending a national party convention is a hot ticket for political junkies, though perhaps less so for House Majority Leader Dick Armey.

The Irving lawmaker, who is second only to Speaker Newt Gingrich in the House Republican hierarchy, isn't looking forward to attending his first convention — sort of a must in light of his high-profile leadership role.

"Well I reckon I'll have to go to it, won't I? I was kind of hoping I could go fishing," the avid angler told reporters for Texas news outlets Thursday.

"I've never been a majority leader before and I've never been at a convention before so I reckon that I'm probably in for a whole world of discov-

ery here of what they might ask me to do," he said.

Armey did express satisfaction that when Republicans meet in August in San Diego to officially accept Bob Dole as their presidential nominee, the platform committee will be chaired by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

Hyde is one of the staunchest anti-abortion fighters in Congress and his selection by Dole dampened speculation that the presidential hopeful would move to the middle on abortion.

"Of course I'm absolutely thrilled with ... Congressman Hyde," Armey said. "He is truly one of the great statesmen of our party so this just tickled me no end."

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