Dear Readers:

As you probably have gathered after looking at our cover, this week's At Ease takes a comprehensive look at fraternities and sororities at A&M.

The Greek system is almost as controversial as the Corps of Cadets at this University. Some see fraternities and sororities as a major asset to A&M's growth, while others see them as a major stumbling block. Some feel Greek organizations promote growth and individualism among their members, while others see Greeks as self-serving rich kids who have to fit into a predetermined mold and pay for their friends.

But, like it or not, the Greeks have arrived. Their colorful T-shirts and shoe-polished cars can be seen all over campus, and their numbers are growing. In this issue, we've tried to present you with an objective story on the Greek system at A&M.

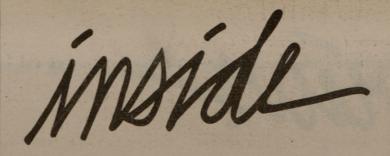
One of the biggest criticisms heard from non-Greek students is the extra expenses involved in belonging to a sorority or fraternity. To that end, we've answered the question, "How much does it really cost to belong to a fraternity or sorority?" We've also included an article on non-Greek fraternities like APO and the Aggie Men's Club.

Regardless of your feelings toward the Greek movement at A&M, we hope you find our articles informative and helpful. If you have ' strong feelings either way, let us hear from you. Even if you don't, let us know how we're doing. We're always open to suggestions from our readers.

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It's Greek to Me

Are you perplexed by the plethora of Greek letters that appear around campus? Do you think that "rush" parties are those that feature a rock band? If so, look inside for the lowdown on the Greeks at A&M.

Alternative Fraternities _

If the Greek life just isn't your bag, non-Greek fraternities are a viable alternative. *At Ease* takes a look at APO and a newer non-Greek group — the Aggie Men's Club.

Album Review _____

Karl takes a listen to Pete Townshend's Deep End Live! album this week. Turn the page to find out his verdict.

Movie Review

Michael J. Fox and Joan Jett share the silver screen in "The Light of Day." Karl lets us know if they shine.

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