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Dear Readers:

A college education is said to be highly beneficial when entering the job market. But in recent years the rising costs of tuition, books, fees and general living expenses has complicated this goal. This week At Ease has taken a detailed look at how students cope with paying for their college education.

Our main story is all about money: where to get it, how to get it and how to manage it. In case you're having trouble with the part about getting money, you might want to look into a full or part time job, depending on just how much money you need.

To that end, we've included a story about some jobs which are, to say the least, not very common. You may not be able to get one of these precise jobs, but maybe this article will spark your imagination.

Once you make your money, you'll want to spend it, so we've also thrown in an article on building up your credit history with credit cards.

Finally, our Aggienizing Answers survey asks students how they spend what money they have.

And now the bad part of this letter. Once more, we're getting down on our knees and begging you: we need your submissions for the attention!! page. This is your chance to let your talent show with your original photo and literary submissions, so pleeeeeeze don't put it off any longer.

Have a great week!

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How are today's college students managing to pay for the increased costs of a college education? Are they paying for all or part of their college experience themselves or are they depending on outside help, such as parents, scholarships, loans or grants, to help them through? We've taken a look at the availability of financial aid at Texas A&M and also at where students' money comes from.

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Not everyone settles for an ordinary job to earn money. Some people choose to do something different in the area of employment. We've checked out three unique student jobs.

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Have you been looking for a way to put off paying for your purchases? How about a credit card? Here's a story to tell you how and where to apply for this treasured piece of plastic.

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If you look through your checkbook register, you will probably be amazed at where your money is going. This is the question we asked you this week: Where does your money go? Turn to page 10 to see how you match up with our survey.

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Tom has mixed reactions about "Disorderlies," starring the Fat Boys. Read on to find out the highs and lows of this modern musical.

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In anticipation of his visit, Tom reviewed the new Joe King Carrasco album, "Bandido Rock". We've also included a review of Little Steven's new album "Freedom."