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Dear Readers:

Even the most conscientious student can devote himself to his studies for only so long. At some point in the week, everyone needs some time away from the hassles and hustle of school. But where do students go when they need to escape? This week, *At Ease* hits the streets, the bars, the clubs and the restaurants to find out where Aggies hang out.

Our main story, written by The Battalion's assistant city editor in a special guest appearance, covers Northgate — the hangout popular with all types of Aggies. Northgate has something to offer everyone, from beer to ice cream and from honky-tonk music to new-wave melodies. We've taken a stroll down this hangout's haven, talked to a few people and really gotten an atmosphere for several nook and cranny businesses.

But if you want to get even farther away from the Texas A&M campus, we've given you a few suggestions for dancing and eating hot spots. First, since everyone likes to eat, we've taken the liberty of recommending several restaurants that are popular with students and faculty members alike.

And once you've eaten, you'll probably want to find a place to socialize with your friends and dance a bit. No matter what type of music you enjoy, there's a place in town where you can strut your stuff. Look inside for a guide to some well known nighttime havens.

Closer to home is an issue that has caused heated debate between students and administrators. Rudder Tower will be converted into a faculty club in February, leaving students without one of their favorite lunchtime restaurants. This week's *Aggienizing Answers* examines both student and faculty reactions to this change.

We hope this week's *At Ease* provides you with some suggestions for spending your free time. Enjoy your week and have fun hanging around!

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The shops, bars, restaurants and clubs lining the north side of the Texas A&M campus has become almost as much of an institution as the University itself. Take a walk with us along this business strip to see why students flock here by the hundreds, and even by the thousands. *Cover photo by Shelly Schluter*

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Students are always on the lookout for new food to tempt their tastebuds and ward off the hunger monster. Here's a spicy list of interesting and heavily populated eating establishments to help satisfy your munchies.

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Finding a place to let your hair down and cut loose can be a real challenge. But the Bryan-College Station area has hot spots to match almost any mood. We've checked out several of these happening havens and made up a list to help Friday-nighters (or any-nighters) find fun.

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Teachers sometimes need a break, too, but some feel they are getting it at the student's expense. We asked students and faculty members this question: What do you think of the new faculty club in Rudder Tower? The responses, surprisingly enough, were not all negative.

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"Hello Again" offers some entertaining moments, but is not as funny as it could be, Tom says. An improved script that allowed star Shelley Long to fully display her comedic talents would have generated more laughs. Read all Tom's reactions inside.

Album review _____ 4

Men Without Hats takes a big commercial risk with its new release, but Tom says it just might work, especially after the problems with the group's earlier records. Also, The Fall puts out an album that's sure to please those who like something that's a little different. Look inside for details.