

Dear Readers:

While we complain about our busy schedules and never-ending classwork, many of our professors are making time to do research. In addition to spending time preparing for lectures, they devote hours to their own projects. This week *At Ease* talked to some of the professors who dedicate their lives to improving society.

Our main story this week features some of the major research underway at A&M. The researchers are working on unique projects which should bring national recognition upon completion. Read on to find out how researchers are reproducing plants in jars and trying to control the fire ant problem.

Did you know a Nobel Peace Prize winner, a member of the Royal Society and a Pulitzer Prize winner are among the distinguished faculty teaching at A&M? Our second story covers three winners of prestigious awards and tells about their accomplishments.

The profile spotlights a journalism professor who has worked in places as far away as Korea, China, the Philippines and Vietnam. He's continuing his research this semester at A&M.

The submissions for *Attention!!* have finally started to come in, and we appreciate your interest. Beginning with this issue, we're running photos of the students submitting their works. Remember you can submit artwork, photographs and articles. This is **your** page, so be creative. Keep those submissions coming in to 216 Reed McDonald and you can see your name and face in print.

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