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Dear Readers:

Are you tired of the same old scene every weekend? While on the surface, Bryan-College Station may seem like a conservative town, residents with alternative philosophies can be found. Not everyone follows the same regimented schedule.

The main story uncovers some of the counter culture found in Bryan-College Station and around A&M. Believe it or not, all students don't relish the thought of going to local country and western dance halls or popular nightclubs every weekend. Hidden behind the conservative population are residents who go against mainstream culture.

In the second story, we found some A&M students who participate in campus clubs that are a little out of the ordinary. Some students share their love of science fiction with others, and gather on weekends to play wargames, dungeons and dragons and other strategic games. Another group believes the world will end in 1998. Read on to discover their ideas and beliefs.

Religious philosophies are the topic of one campus group. We talked to a few of their members to find out just what makes them tick.

A California-based group still advocates racial separation. We talked to the leader of this organization to learn more about their alternative beliefs.

For this week's profile, we stepped back in time to the Renaissance period and found a man who spends his weekends as the falconer at the Renaissance Festival. Even when he's not performing, he still devotes time to working with the birds.

The Attention!! page looks much better with all your submissions. Keep the stories, art and photos coming in, and we will print them as soon as possible.

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