

# Inside

Dear Readers:

Every day you walk across campus and the buildings all look familiar. But have you ever wondered what it would look like to see A&M from above. This week in At Ease we sent photographers to the top floors of some of A&M's landmarks to capture the view from above. And we found that the rest of the school can be seen from a different perspective.

Ever wonder why A&M has so much construction? And do the building designs follow any structured plan? Well, for our second story we talked to some building planners and learned that for each building under construction, more than 200 designers want to show their ideas to the planning committee.

Some students' hobbies take them off the ground and into the open skies. To learn more about these sports, we sent one of our writers to get some first-hand experience. First he allowed himself to be strapped to an experienced sky diver and parachute out of a plane. Next he joined some flying club members and got an aerial view of the campus. He quickly found out the differences between commercial and private planes. Finally, he talked to some balloonists to learn about floating through the air and over A&M. Read on to learn more about those students who enjoy being airborne.

The number of Attention!! submissions is decreasing. Since the semester is coming to a close, if you plan on submitting some of your works, please turn them in quickly. We've gotten a lot of articles, but very few photographs and artwork. We'll print photos with unique angles or content, and you need not be a professional. For those of you whose articles have not run yet, we will print them as soon as possible.

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## Looking down \_\_\_\_\_ 8

Even acrophobics can enjoy an aerial view of Texas A&M through photographs. The tall places on campus give sightseers a whole new perspective of the school. We took a look at A&M from above this issue.

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Every time you turn around lately someone has blocked off the road behind you and started a building in front of you. But there is a method to this madness. Guidelines and regulations must be followed to maintain quality, safety and functional architecture.

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Our fearless reporter Wade See risked life and limb with the Sport Parachuting Club to tell you what it's like to leap out of a plane. He lived to tell the tale.

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Flying in a small plane is a lot different than riding in a 747, Wade discovers.

## Up in the air in my beautiful balloon \_\_\_\_\_ 11

Ballooning is one of the quieter ways to get up high and leave the world behind.

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Johnny Reno and the Sax Maniacs kept their audience jumping with rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues, Shane says.

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Shane says Whoopi Goldberg's newest album is a combination of social commentary and laughs.

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Shane finds "Feds" disappointing, despite interesting characters and a reputable producer.

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