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Dear Readers:

The A&M student body is composed of people of all races and nationalities. While some have a larger representation than others, they are all present. But are they all treated equally?

Discrimination occurs even at A&M, a school which is known for its friendliness to outsiders. Fortunately the problem does not extend to all minority students. At least one campus organization is working to educate other students about subtle discriminations and help correct the problem. Read our main story to learn more about minority discrimination.

Other students also encounter problems around the campus. Their problems are not personality-related, but instead are physical. This group of students relies on wheelchairs to take them to their classes. Although A&M is equipped to handle handicapped students, some areas still need improvement. In our second story, we found out how these students have adjusted to A&M.

This week we profiled a professor who has been confined to a wheelchair for eight years. She's found some structural problems on the campus that have made it difficult for her to get around campus. Even though she's had to restructure her house and make many adjustments, she refuses to allow her illness to get the best of her.

One group of A&M Hispanic students hopes to promote their culture and will have seminar to discuss bringing Spanish plays to campus and adding Latin-American and Mexican-American classes to the curriculum. In addition to educating non-Hispanics about the culture, they want to help other Hispanics learn more about their own heritage.

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It shouldn't happen in colleges, where people are supposed to create enlightening, academic atmospheres, but it does. Even at A&M, where everyone is first an Aggie, it's not uncommon to overhear racial slurs, even if they are whispered and the speaker has carefully scanned his surroundings for anyone within earshot who might be offended . . .

Getting around A&M in a wheelchair _____ 10

Most of us don't think twice about which way doors open, where elevator buttons are located, or whether the ground is paved with concrete or cobblestones. But for people in wheelchairs these can be significant factors in the 10 minute race to class every day. Some physically disabled students told us about obstacles they run into at A&M and how they deal with them.

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This week's profile subject is a professor in the political science department who has multiple sclerosis, which has kept her in a wheelchair. But despite her disablement, she continues to teach and to work, and she's not going to quit anytime soon.

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Bad Mutha Goose didn't let up with the funk a bit in their latest local performance, Shane says. In his opinion, they're one of the most exciting bands around.

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Night Ranger's newest album has a slightly harder edge than their older material, but it's still just more of the same, Shane says.

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Despite a B-movie plot, "They Live" is a suspenseful, horrifying film, living up to John Carpenter's reputation from movies such as "The Thing," Shane says. And it puts politicians' campaign speeches in a new light.

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