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Dear Readers:

Have you ever wondered how Bryan-College Station and Texas A&M have changed since the early part of the century? And have you ever considered what the area will be like in the next century, when you attend one of your reunions? The people, the community and the University have all seen changes. But what can you expect the future to hold?

This week At Ease asked these questions to community officials, just to find out how things might change. Our main story focuses on the cities of Bryan and College Station, and the changes which can be expected. Despite a slow growth trend in the past 10 years, the future does look brighter. A riverwalk, similar to the one in San Antonio, may soon enhance the beauty of the area.

For our second story, we learned about the poverty situation in the Bryan-College Station area. Not all the residents of these cities living in apartments, dorms or houses. Quite a few Brazos Valley residents depend on the services of area shelters. Although not all the citizens' needs are being met, more centers are being planned.

Our final story examines the changes A&M has made in the past 10 years, and the changes which might occur in the next 10 years. Will the school become so crowded that no one can get around campus, or will the problem of overcrowding be solved? No one knows for sure, but a lot can happen in 10 years. In fact, in 1978 the inter-campus shuttle routes were only a proposal. Now, many students could not get to class on time without them. Only time will tell what you can expect for the future.

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What does the future hold for Bryan-College Station? Not surprisingly, that depends a lot on how Texas A&M's enrollment will change. But College Station development projects are already past the planning stage and being sent through the city council. And some local business people think the super collider project and horse racing could help boost the local economy in the next few years.

Texas A&M, ten years hence _____ 10

A&M has already started down a path toward change. What effect will a new University president, an increasing enrollment, a core curriculum program and construction projects have on the University? Maybe when you visit the campus ten years from now you'll be able to find a parking space.

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R.E.M. stuck with their past techniques on "Green" and produced a fine album, Shane says.

Movie Review _____ 4

Shane found "Crossing Delancey" to be a light, romantic comedy, possibly this year's answer to "Moonstruck."