

Aggenizing Answers

WHAT WOULD MAKE TEXAS A&M A WORLD CLASS UNIVERSITY?



Stephanie Cutlip, 18,
business major from
Houston:

"I think A&M would be better if it had a fine arts department and then concentrated on getting in top quality professors and offering more classes in fine arts. I know we already have MSC OPAS, but if they could bring in more art shows and dance companies, it'd be even better."



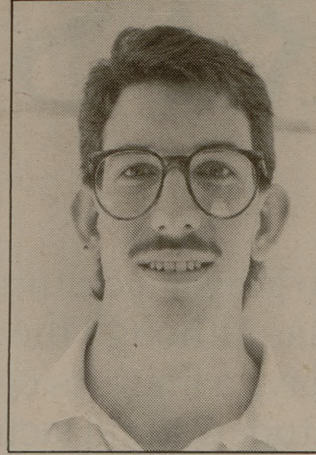
Tara Treloar, 19,
business major from
Houston:

"A world-class university should have courses where you teach students, instead of deliberately trying to flunk them out like weed-out courses do. You don't need to make it so difficult that everyone flunks out. School is difficult enough already."



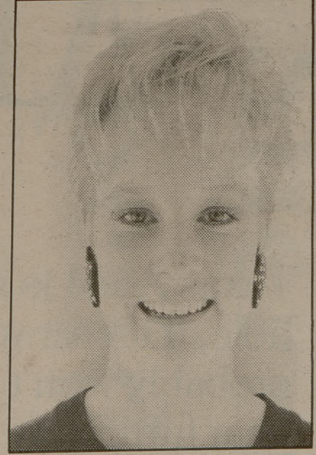
Jeanne Kane, 22,
wildlife and fisheries
science major from
Brenham:

"A&M is already a tough school, but I think better teachers who can teach in comprehensible English would help it achieve world-class status."



Phil Davis, 20,
marketing major from
Odessa:

"To be a world-class university, we've got to diversify a little bit. There's so much emphasis on engineering because that's what we're known for. But we need to be known for every department. I think we've achieved world-class status in many areas, but we haven't come full circle yet. We don't even have a fine arts college."



Cynthia Smith, 19,
psychology major from
Houston:

"To be a world-class university, the campus has to be open to more liberal views. I don't mean politically, just open to other viewpoints. Right now, A&M is too close-minded."



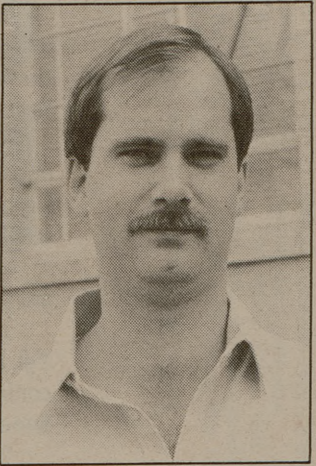
Lindsey Craig, 20,
physical
education/physical therapy
major from Houston:

"I think schools need a smaller student-to-teacher ratio. We need more personal attention from teachers . . . where you can feel the professors know who you are instead of just being a number like at a lot of large schools."



Kathryn Sharp, 19,
applied math major from
Dallas:

"I feel a world-class university is a place where everyone is free to attend and feel like they belong. A university shouldn't be a homogeneous population. Everyone should feel free to have their own opinions and ideas without being pressured to conform."



Matt Dougherty, 29,
aerospace engineering
major from Corpus Christi:

"World-class status isn't something you go out and purchase. It has to be earned. As long as we continue to worry whether we've attained world-class status, we never will. Maybe emphasizing research as much as football, and attracting more students for graduate work in all departments would be a step in the right direction."



Ann-Marie Atkins, 20,
anthropology major from
Bartlesville, Oklahoma:

"I think Texas A&M would be a world-class university if fine arts and music were a vital part of the system. I think this is the only thing that's holding us back."



Jacqueline Catala, 19,
psychology major from
College Station:

"A&M needs to be more open-minded about other cultures and less egocentric. A lot of A&M students isolate themselves by ignoring world issues."

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