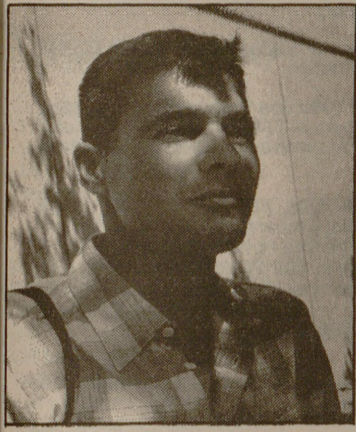
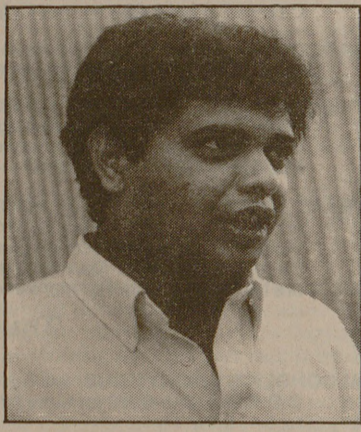


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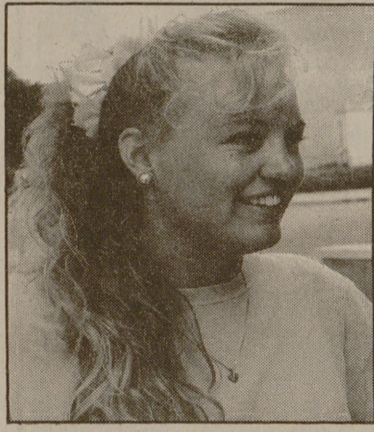
Has the surge of environmental awareness caused you to change your lifestyle?



Ronald K. Dennard
Senior - Journalism
Mechanicsville, Va.
Yes, to a small extent. It has made me more aware of the situation. I think I would be more involved in it if the city had a simpler system of disposal.



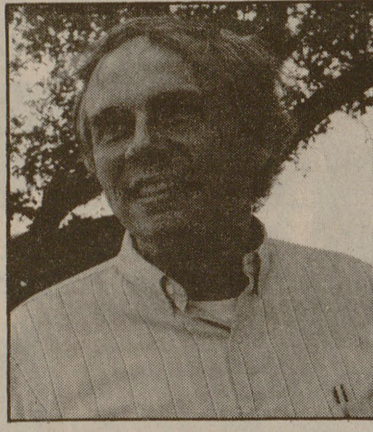
Rao Kowtha
Ph.D. candidate - Management
Hyderabad, India
Yes, I have begun categorizing my garbage into glass, paper and plastics. I dispose of it at the recycling dump behind the Deluxe Burger Bar. It's now become a habit for me. I've also quit smoking.



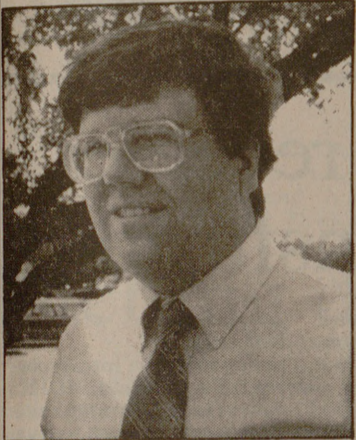
Mary Lee Prigge
Junior - Recreation and Parks
Round Rock
I have become more environmentally aware. I've been collecting cans since I was in high school. I'm more active, now that it's easier with more places to recycle.



Lisa Wood
Junior - Theatre Arts/English
Fairfield
Actually, it has. At my job in the English department, we collect paper to be recycled, and it has made me more aware of the environment.



David Ernst
Professor - Department of Physics
College Station
No, I have learned nothing new from the recent surge of environmental awareness that I was not already aware of. I have recycled my aluminum cans for years. Perhaps if it were more convenient to recycle, I would participate more.



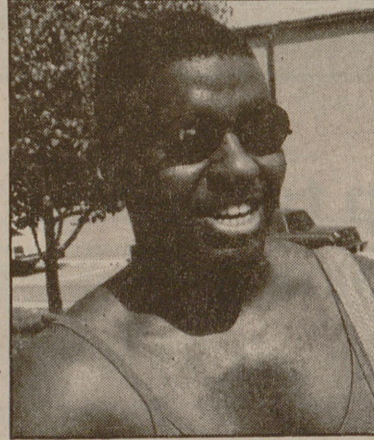
John McClain
Coordinator of Academic Computing Services
College Station
No, my lifestyle hasn't changed. I have always recycled. Some of it is still a hassle to do, so it's still not worthwhile. My car's air-conditioner also still uses fluorocarbons.



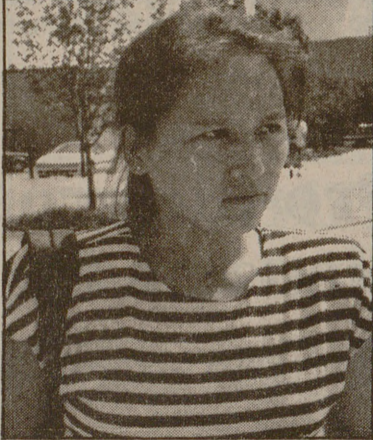
Adrienne Elliott
Junior - Accounting/Finance
Carrollton
Not until this summer when I roomed with an environmental activist. She showed me how easy it is to separate our cans, bottles and plastics and take them to the recycling dump.



Brandy Hickman
Senior - Accounting
Snyder
Not really. I don't believe that the individuals are the cause of the pollution problems. I think it's the major corporations who are the problem. Companies like McDonalds should stop using Styrofoam.

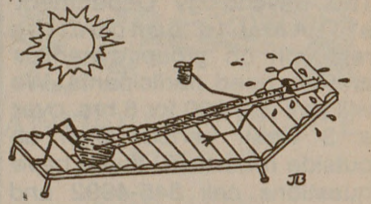


Terry Brown
Graduate student - Physics
Harrisburg, Pa.
I have changed to some degree. My friends are more involved than I am. They boycott many environmentally unsafe things. This makes me feel guilty when I use them in their presence.



Qingwen Fu
Graduate student - Agroconomics
Beijing, China
No, my lifestyle has not changed.
Editor's note: "We asked and here's what you said" is a feature in which a reporter and a photographer randomly choose 10 people from around campus and asked them a question chosen by the editor. The responses do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Battalion.

Scientist says attitude affects impact of heat



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By KATHY COX
Of The Battalion Staff

It's only as hot as you think it is. Dr. Dennis Driscoll, a Texas A&M biometeorologist, says a positive mental attitude can help reduce the summer heat's impact. "You can't think yourself cool," Driscoll said, "but the negative impact of our environment can be lessened if you approach it in the right frame of mind." A psychosomatic element affects how we perceive the weather, he said, because everything around us is filtered through the brain first. "We respond to our environment by the way we perceive it," said Driscoll, who specializes in the effects of the atmosphere on humans. Driscoll said motivational levels dictate the conditions we can withstand. "If you're motivated, you can stand just about anything," he said. For example, he said, football players trying out for the A&M team can take the incredible heat on Kyle Field in the summer because they are highly motivated to impress the coaches and make the team. Driscoll said a positive mental attitude helps when coping with the heat. "Much of your thermal comfort depends on your frame of mind," he said. "That largely determines how you react to environmental conditions." Driscoll said his expertise comes from his "professional lifetime," but added that he is not a medical doctor. However, he recommends keeping a positive attitude and staying indoors as much as possible. "We should thank technology for air conditioning," he said. "If it weren't for air conditioning, we wouldn't be here."

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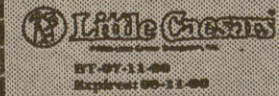


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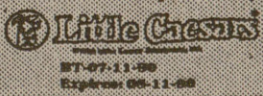
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