Background
The Fall 2003 Arts survey was implemented in order to establish a benchmark of students’ arts-related backgrounds, their participation in arts experiences on campus, and their knowledge of existing arts opportunities at the institution. Contact was attempted with a total of 1152 graduate and undergraduate students. 40%, or 458 students, agreed to participate in the survey.

Results

ARTS BACKGROUND AND INVOLVEMENT

Musical Instrument
• Did you play a musical instrument before coming to Texas A&M?
  o 50% said yes
• Have you played a musical instrument while a Texas A&M student?
  o 19% said yes

Creating Original Texts
• Did you write poems, short stories, or other original texts not required for a class before coming to Texas A&M?
  o 39% said yes
• Have you written poems, short stories, or other original texts not required for a class while a Texas A&M student?
  o 22% said yes

Overall
• 89% of students had participated in at least one activity prior to coming to Texas A&M
• 54% of students reported participating in at least one activity while a student at A&M

ATTENDANCE AT ARTS EVENTS

Theater Productions
• How often did you attend theater productions before coming to Texas A&M?
  o 17% said never
• How often have you attended theater productions while a Texas A&M student?
  o 48% said never

Art Exhibits
• How often did you attend art exhibits before coming to Texas A&M?
  o 31% said never
• How often have you attended art exhibits while a Texas A&M student?
  o 52% said never

Overall
• 96% of students reported attending an event prior to coming to Texas A&M
• 72% of students reported attending an event while a student at A&M

KNOWLEDGE OF ARTS GROUPS ON CAMPUS

This set of questions asked students if they had ever heard of a specific arts-related organization or group on campus. The following organizations are the top five:
1. MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society (OPAS)
2. Singing Cadets
3. Aggie Wranglers
4. MSC Film Society
5. Freudian Slip

SATISFACTION WITH ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities to Attend Arts Events
• How satisfied are you with the opportunities to attend arts-related events at Texas A&M?
  o 70% were satisfied or somewhat satisfied

Opportunities to Create or Participate in Arts
• How satisfied are you with the opportunities to create and be part of arts-related events at Texas A&M?
  o 67% were satisfied or somewhat satisfied

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND ARTS INVOLVEMENT

Students provided their current grade point averages which were compared with every survey question to discover any statistically significant differences between grades and arts involvement. No differences were found on any question.