9. Describe Tarleton State University in 20 years.

Text Response

-- Very similar to now - hopefully, many more online programs.
-- Top heavy with too many administrators. Just how many more VP's does this university need??????
-- At this rate, not what it could be.
-- If we keep going in the direction we are heading, Stephenville will cease to exist, and Tarleton will have large buildings/parking lots all over town. Tarleton will become Stephenville. Business will have to co-exist within the tarleton structure. Tarleton will run out the Stephenville community.
-- In more coaliations that offer certifications, degrees based on demonstrated competencies, but still somewhat grounded in bricks and mortar. The state has too much money invested in that side of us.
-- crowded not enough space
-- Unknown.
-- I would hope to see Tarleton's Stephenville campus grown to and capped at 15,000 students with resources, employees and facilities to correspond with that enrollment figure. I hope that students are still drawn to Tarleton because of its deep, rich history and tradition, as well as its student-centered atmosphere that prepares students for the real-world challenges they will face once they leave the institution.

I hope to see our off-campus sites grow as well, with their own staff to more conveniently serve our students' needs on a more local level.

-- If we continue on the path we are going, I feel it will be just another place to work. It will feel more like a corporation instead of a small town, down home university. The students are the main priority. I hope in 20 years they will continue to be treated as such. In 20 years, most of the staff members will have moved on from Tarleton State University due to low salaries, high benefit costs and little to no respect or appreciation from upper management/administration.

-- Still based strongly on tradition but moving forward in technology and keeping in the forefront of attracting quality students.
-- Pretty much the same as 20 years ago, old buildings, surrounded by older buildings, crumbling streets, poor drainage when it rains......
-- I hope to see it expanded all the way to Harbin Street and Washington with an event center. I would like for it to be a premier and well know University in Texas.
-- AWESOME!! If things go according to plans...and BETTER....if eventually we can afford parking garages!!
   Have a great day and thank you for asking these critical questions of us!!!
-- My hopes for Tarleton in 2032 would be that the student population be between 15-18 thousand, with 5,000 or so, belonging to the Fort Worth campus. I would hope by then that Fort Worth would have a larger campus, something of their own, with many of the resources found on the main campus as well as many more degrees offered. I would hope that the main campus found room to expand out and up within the city of Stephenville. I would hope that many programs could have their own building, perhaps a Communications building that housed a new radio station and tv broadcast center. That the Alumni Center would finally be built next to the Alumni House, so that galas and events could be held there. That our athletics department could grow offering more teams, scholarships, and possibly a jump to Division I. That the Greek community at Tarleton may be given land to construct a Greek Row and that more of the new students would be encouraged to join greek life. That Hunewell Ranch could be converted to a camp that could be rented out throughout the year, but house Duck Camp during the summer. That the ideals, traditions and spirit of Tarleton in still prominent not only in our students, but in our faculty and staff as well.

-- Hopefully, in 20 years, Tarleton will be a vibrant, growing, adapting university. We will continue to grow, but at a slower, more considered rate and we will produce mature students who are ready to deal with a changing world. I hope that at the same time we can retain the traditions and the pride that make us who we are. We want our graduates in twenty years to love Tarleton as much as we do.

-- Enrollment of over 15K across multiple campuses. Strong in Nursing, Education, and Agriculture. More ethnically diverse student and faculty/staff. A great place to work and learn.

-- Bigger and better

-- According to George Mehaffy, Tarleton has some very big issues to wrestle with. Tarleton is going to have to stop trying to please EVERYONE and make some tough calls.

We asks too much of our staff members by allowing positions to go unfilled for months and months, not supporting staff (saying they don't work hard enough, saying the staff doesn't have enough work to do, not providing resources) that people are totally demoralized.

Is Tarleton going to grow its residential community? Is Tarleton going to grow its traditional campus program? What about non-traditional growth? Is Tarleton going to grow its online program? Is Tarleton going to grow the off-site programs? Tarleton cannot even handle the conflict of changing the parking-can it handle the tension of defining who it is and making strategic plans to support that?

If Tarleton can put the RIGHT people in positions of power and influence, people who care about more than their image, then change may happen. But until Tarleton can acknowledge its current culture, it cannot deal with change and is on a course of mediocrity.
Bigger. Still Tarleton proud. Division I sports affiliation. Recovering from the level of "discretionary" spending of the last few years. Employee morale in need of shining like the "Tarleton State University" lettering above the doors to the Admin Building currently.

If it continues to grow and the problem of low staff/faculty continues, I believe our students will suffer. They will not have adequate teachers (too many adjuncts) and the faculty/student ratio will be sky high. There is nothing wrong with growing if you keep up with the growth in the facilities, staff and faculty area.

A university comprised of 18,000 - 20,000 students, with about 15,000 of them in Stephenville. A very academically competitive university that enjoys national recognition in 2-3 major academic areas. It will be the cultural hub of the north central Texas region, with weekly cultural, theatrical, and musical events. THE center for public information, definitely with (independent) public radio, and, hopefully, with public television broadcasts for north central Texas. Athletically, a very competitive Division I institution known for its academically talented athletes.

As goes Tarleton, so goes north central Texas.

Hopefully Tarleton will be fully staffed to accommodate the growth of the student body with an outstanding IT department. We will offer up to date and competitive degree programs. It will be a competitive place to work, equivalent to those of other universities across the state offering incentives to employees by rewarding the exceptional staff they hope to keep over the next 20 years.

A university of academic excellence that is incredibly affordable comparative to its counterparts, and provides opportunity for students in under-represented areas a quality college education. A place that fosters student activism, that embraces and appreciates diversity, celebrates old and new traditions, and truly impacts a small town community that reflects very little of these traits.

Best little secret in central west texas.

I see Tarleton in 2032 as a university of 15,000 students that has, out of necessity, become adept at managing the service of its student body and is known for a quality education at an affordable cost of attendance. Our athletic programs put our university in the forefront of people's minds because of the huge successes they achieve. By staying at Div II, Tarleton will win more than its share of national championships in multiple sports.

I would hope it has doubled in attendance and is a Division I member in athletics, with all new athletic facilities.

With so much uncertainty with all staff jobs we would become just a business only instead of the place Tarleton is today

In twenty years, I would love to see TSU with all full-time faculty members, with most faculty members with their doctorate or ABD. In addition, I would like for Tarleton to be known world wide, along with campuses and online programs offered in various states. I would like Tarleton to have athletics/social clubs on each campus that they are located and providing exceptional education to individuals all over the world.
-- A public university; small class size; diverse fields of study that include research on the undergraduate and graduate level; a friendly, warm learning environment; tradition/family focused; committed to the Stephenville community, Erath county, and beyond; hybrid classes.

-- Increased enrollment and facilities, with greater emphasis on research; more functions and services moved off campus; less small university flavor.

-- More top heavy!

-- Hopefully, Tarleton will remain a student friendly university where students are not just numbers. At the present time I feel students get alot of personal attention from both faculty and staff. Expansion is great, as long as we don't lose the family atmosphere here.

-- At it's current pace? A sell-out bunch of lazy asses who compromised on operational integrity, along with academic and student responsibility. Somebody smart needs to review and overhaul the joint. When some legislative jackass pushes hard enough that Tarleton State University becomes A&M - Stephenville, every ounce of hard work and love I invested in this university and its students will vanish like the water in the Bosque river. The crack in the ground will be ever present, but filled only with memories and tears. ...But, it doesn't have to be this way.

-- Most foundation classes and prerequisite will be held on-line. Faculty will operate remotely and via computer for the most part, but required to report on campus at various points and times. On campus courses will consist of laboratory clinical and courses for the most part. Little if any oncampus housing will be utilized since most freshman/sophomore classes will be held online.

-- I hope we still have the small mentality that we have now. I know we need to grow but I hope we still have the small town feel that make our students feel welcome.

-- Sadly, I can't.

-- ??? It is dependant on the changes that government and state impose on the university. It is hard to see where we area going.

-- Tarleton will be an even better Factory of professionally and personally prepared adults.

-- Still working hard to give students a quality education on very limited resources.

-- I hope to see Tarleton with advanced staff, student's and making the progress it should to be a bigger and better University.

-- If the local community never gives up its claim to the progress and responsibility of the great Tarleton tradition, multiple tens of thousands of Texans, Americans of all stripes, and internationals from every corner of the world will beat their pathway to Central Texas to partake of our legacies and excellently relevant standards of education and engagement on a global scale!

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