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Report 13: Town Hall

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Today was the Comp Sci department Town hall, where we asked Scott questions about various topics regarding Computer Science and the degree program at Texas A&M. A primary focus was on the master's program whether that be through a thesis based program or a non-thesis based program. Scott said that getting a master's degree is very enlightening for those looking to specialize, since undergraduate courses are very general in comparison. It is not required for many, if not the majority of jobs in the Comp Sci field though, so having only a bachelor's degree should be sufficient for most people to be successful in the workforce.

As far as course offerings, Scott talked about how they are hoping to expand the course offerings and add more sections since they are hiring more professors to teach those courses. I really hope this is true since I have had to remove two courses from my degree plan that I hoped to take due to the course no longer being offered. This was because the staff that previously taught those courses have moved on and they need to fill those positions. If the CS department were to provide more courses I feel like we could really be more competitive with the other universities in the nation.