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FORUM: Proposed increases will generate \$15.4 million

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Dr. Jerry Gaston, interim vice president for finance and administration, said the dramatic increases are the result of past trends in financing at A&M. He said that traditionally, fees have been kept low in all Texas public universities, and now those universities are paying the price.

"There is a very strong sense here at this institution of trying to provide everything we do at the least possible cost," Gaston said. "That has been an effort that has preceded the current administration, the previous administration and the administration before that."

John Dailey, Class of '95, said he might not have received his degree if the general use fee had been increased last spring.

"If this fee had happened last semester, I wouldn't be here standing as a fall graduate," Dailey said. "I would be standing here waiting for fall enrollment because I would be working full time to pay my way."

Dailey said that only the staff

should be given a raise.

"I would say that many people here deserve raises," Dailey said, "and the people I would point to would be the custodians, the Physical Plant workers, the librarians, the secretaries and the Food Service employees."

"These are the people who really get things done. They are the ones who really have to deal with the students."

Dailey's suggestion brought staunch opposition from Dr. Pierce Cantrell, speaker of the Faculty Senate.

"I can tell you that a lot of the professors who make big salaries here bring a lot more money in than what we pay them," Cantrell said. "If you don't want to pay them what they're worth, they're going to go elsewhere. We subsidize our teaching mission through research."

Although Dailey did not support a faculty pay raise, other students, like Brian Meyers, a junior business administration major, favored the raises.

"I support the faculty pay raises wholeheartedly," Myers said.

Dr. Ray Bowen, Texas A&M president, said he sympathized with Staples and that the new administration will adopt a more sound fiscal policy.

"I don't blame you for being frustrated," Bowen said.

Other students complained they were being mistreated by the administration.

J. Frank Hernandez, a senior agricultural journalism major, said he felt that the increased fees showed a lack of caring on the administration's part.

"To me, it's about respect," Hernandez said. "It's a matter of where students fall in the pecking order. We're not the most important thing, even though that's what we're told."

The next scheduled Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for August 30-31. The general use fee increase must be approved by July 15 to be effective for Fall 1995.

Gaston previously said the Board of Regents may hold a special meeting to consider the increases before the July 15 deadline.

HOSPICE

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hospice, Shepley said.

"You are dealing with terminally ill people," Shepley said. "You want to create a home environment and make that as comfortable as possible."

Before students began signing the hospice, they visited Project Transitions' existing hospice in Austin.

Steve Shores, a senior architecture major, said the visit helped the students understand more about the people being served by the project.

"The biggest thing we learned away from that visit was the sense of family among the patients," Shores said. "They started out as complete strangers but were close like a family."

Bill Gray, a senior architecture major, said he saw a lot of things at the existing hospice that he wanted to improve.

"The whole place was very dark," Gray said. "All the rooms were closed off, and there was no place to interact."

When students began designing the hospice, they incorporated their impressions from Austin hospice.

Mark Barnes, a senior architecture major, said he focused on making the facility light and open.

"This is a place where people are spending their last days," Barnes said. "I wanted it to be very light with big windows that bring the outdoors inside."

Gray said he focused on creating an open living area in his design.

"At the center of my design had an open living area where people could interact with each other and with the staff," Gray said. "I also made all the niches and windows so the people can feel that each room is their own personal space."

Shores said he learned that not all design projects are the same.

"You can't just come up with a design and be finished," Shores said. "You have to understand what the client wants and what their needs are."

The project combined environmental design, Gray said.

"We tried to keep the design from an outside perspective," Gray said. "But you have to receive the needs of the people, and when it's terminally ill, it can be very hard."

Designing an AIDS hospice also targets a different group, Shepley said.

"Most of the AIDS patients are much younger than the other patients," Shepley said. "It's different than something like a nursing home."

Shepley has been involved with the growing field of design in the health care industry several years.

"Once the government makes a decision on what to do with the health care system, it is many different things," Shepley said. "This project is one of many possibilities."

RATES: Job market affects enrollment

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program in the College of Education dropped 15 percent this year.

Dr. Charles Shea, associate dean for the Department of Health and Kinesiology, formerly served as the associate dean for graduate studies in the College of Education. He said the College of Education saw a 15-percent drop in graduate enrollment this year because the acceptance requirements have changed. The college no longer makes as many exceptions for applicants who do not meet all the requirements, he said.

Enrollment in the College of Business Administration's graduate program decreased 11 percent this year.

Elissa Ellis, the College of Business Administration's assistant director of the master's program office, said the decrease is the result of a departmental decision to follow a nationwide trend of admitting new applicants in the fall semester only.

Before the decision, the College of Business Administration was accepting new graduate students in the spring semester as well.

Ellis said another reason enrollment is decreasing is because more students are finishing their degrees faster.

Robertson said the job market also can affect the number of applications received.

"If the number of positions available is down in certain fields, fewer people will apply to those areas in graduate studies," he said.

Shea said the College of Education received fewer graduate applications since Texas school districts dropped the career ladder system.

Dr. James Holste, associate director of graduate studies, said the drop in support can be blamed on the increased cost of supporting researchers.

The Texas A&M University Board of Regents and the administration wants to see an undergraduate to graduate ratio of 3-to-1 by the year 2000, Holste said. Currently there is 4-to-1 ratio at A&M.

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