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FEE: Regents will not vote until after classes begin

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 said. "I expect them to ask a lot of questions and be thorough."
 The decision of whether to raise fees was prompted by the Texas Legislature passing a bill during its 74th legislative session allowing university governing boards to raise the general use fee as high as tuition rates.
 The bill also required universities to hold public forums before any increase is improved.
 In addition, the Legislature appropriated \$6.7 million less to the University budget than A&M administrators expected. This budget shortfall and pressure to increase faculty and staff pay raises, which have not been increased for several years, also contributed to the proposed increase.
 The revenue generated by the increase would also be used to provide need-based financial aid, special projects and deferred maintenance.

Originally slated as an increase of \$14 per semester credit hour increase in fiscal year 1995-96 with an additional increase of \$6 per semester credit hour the following year, the proposal came under fire from students.
 Others argued that administrators tried to slide the proposal through the back door by holding public forums on the fee during the summer, when the number of students is substantially lower.
 The proposal drew criticism from State Rep. Steve Ogden, who said the increase would be "too much, too fast."
 The volatile responses forced Bowen back to the drawing board to find something more acceptable. On July 25, he unveiled a new proposal, reducing the proposed increase to \$10 per semester credit hour the first year, with an additional \$10 per semester credit hour increase in Fall 1996.

The \$10-\$10 proposal will generate \$11.1 million in fiscal year 1995-96. That revenue will provide \$5 million for faculty and staff pay raises and \$5.19 million for A&M's budget deficit. The remaining funds will be divided between need-based financial aid (\$800,000) and special projects (\$350,000).
 The revised proposal will cost the University, not just the students. The \$4.4 million less revenue generated by the new proposal will force the University to take a \$2 million budget cut.
 If the higher fee is approved, new statements will be mailed requesting the difference between the old and new fee.
 The second round of statements will include information about a plan that allows students to ease the burden of the higher fee. The plan will let students pay the difference in two payments, one on Oct. 15 and the other on Nov. 15.

COMMENCEMENT: Each graduate allotted seven tickets

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 Arts, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, said there is no reason to treat commencement as a somber occasion.
 "Graduation is a time for celebration," Lee said. "It's not a time to be ponderous and overly serious. Too often, graduation turns out to be joyless. I think it should be substantive, but pleasurable."
 Lee said her speech will address the moral responsibility of the graduates to make wise decisions about the quality of their lives.
 "The basic single choice is whether or not to live our lives on the level of real human beings," she said. "Whether we're going to be civilized and cultured or barbarians."

Lee, who received an honorary doctoral degree in 1965 from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, has worked as an art critic for the San Antonio Express News and as an arts commentator on San Antonio radio stations.
 Her watercolor paintings, some of which have been shown at A&M, are displayed nationwide.
 Lee was the subject of a 1984 television documentary, "Reality is Becoming," which was nominated for an Emmy award.
 She has served on the boards of the Humane Society of the United States, the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism and the San Antonio Blind Association.
 Junell's honors include being named Outstanding Freshman Legislator of the Year by the

Texas House of Representatives during his first term in office, to which he was elected in 1988. Recently, he was named by the Dallas Morning News as one of "The Best of the Best" state legislators.
 A former U.S. Army captain, Junell received his master's degree in political science from the University of Arkansas and his law degree from Texas Tech University.
 Junell and Lee said they were honored to be invited to speak at A&M commencement ceremonies.
 "I believe everything in life happens for a reason," Lee said. "So I take this commitment seriously."
 Don Gardner, A&M associate registrar, said 2,200 A&M students will receive their degrees

this weekend. About 1,700 of those graduating indicated they will attend the ceremonies.
 Each graduate is allotted seven entrance tickets for friends and family who wish to attend the ceremony held at G. Rollie White Coliseum. But Gardner said he is hopeful that everyone who wants to come to the graduations will be able to get in.
 "If it looks like tickets aren't getting picked up, we'll put a sign up the day of the graduations and make the unclaimed tickets available," he said.
 Gardner said tickets are likely to go unclaimed because crowds are usually smaller in the summer.
 Commencement ceremonies are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11 and at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.

CAMP

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 Student Services, said she hopes international students gain an understanding of University life and an appreciation for A&M traditions.
 "I think I-Camp will be very exciting," Droleskey said. "It is up to the international students to decide whether or not they want to participate in our traditions, but no one should be surprised or made to wonder about any of the traditions. It is important that they recognize each one."

International students attending the camp will learn about American football, meet and take pictures with members of the A&M football team and visit the Kyle Field Press Box.
 Camp participants will also participate in yell practice with the yell leaders and Reveille VI.
 The Department of Recreational Sports will present the international students with information about student organizations.
 Hinojosa said a highlight of last year's I-Camp was a speech titled the "Advantages of Being an Aggie," given by Frank Muller, class of '65.

Muller will speak at this year's camp again about what international students can gain from A&M and how they can be proud of being an A&M student.
 Soummo Mukherjee, a sophomore industrial engineering student and the group leader coordinator for I-Camp, said his involvement with I-Camp and international students shows his appreciation for those who helped him when he first arrived at the University.
 "This is the only way I could think of to return the favor to those who helped me," Mukherjee said. "It is important that there is someone international students can turn to with any questions they might have."

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