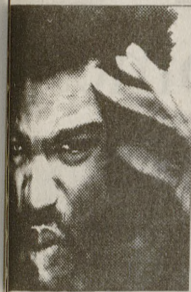


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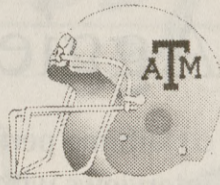


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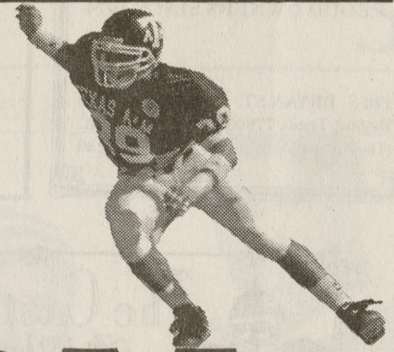
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Board of Regents increases general use fee

Revenue will be used to fill a \$10 million budget deficit and fund a faculty and staff salary increase.

James Bernsen
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The Texas A&M Board of Regents increased the general use fee Thursday, reaching a com-

promise that they hope will fill the University's budget deficit and at the same time, not take too heavy a toll on students.

The A&M System Board of Regents approved an increase in the fee for all A&M System schools Thursday, rather than waiting for the scheduled vote Friday.

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The adopted fee increase differs from the original proposal from Dr. Ray Bowen, Texas A&M president, and will be phased-in over two semesters. Bowen's proposal was to in-

crease the fee by \$10 per semester credit hour, to \$22 semester credit hour for fiscal year 1995-1996.

However, the fee will only be increased by \$8, to \$20 for this fall. Next semester, the fee will be raised another \$4 per semester credit hour, to \$24. The increase will generate the same amount of revenue for the fiscal year as the original proposal, but the some of the money will be deferred until spring.

Students, for example, taking 15 hours each semester, the old proposal would cost an additional \$150 each semester, for a total of \$300 for two semesters.

Under the new proposal, the students will still pay \$300 over both semesters, but they will pay \$120 this semester and \$180 in the spring.

Although fall enrollment is higher than that of the spring, Bowen estimates that summer income added on to spring will balance them out.

The regents changed the proposal after concerns arose that students were being hit with too much of an increase at one time.

Toby Boenig, Texas A&M student body president, told the

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□ The fee will be raised by \$8 per semester credit hour this fall.

By James Bernsen
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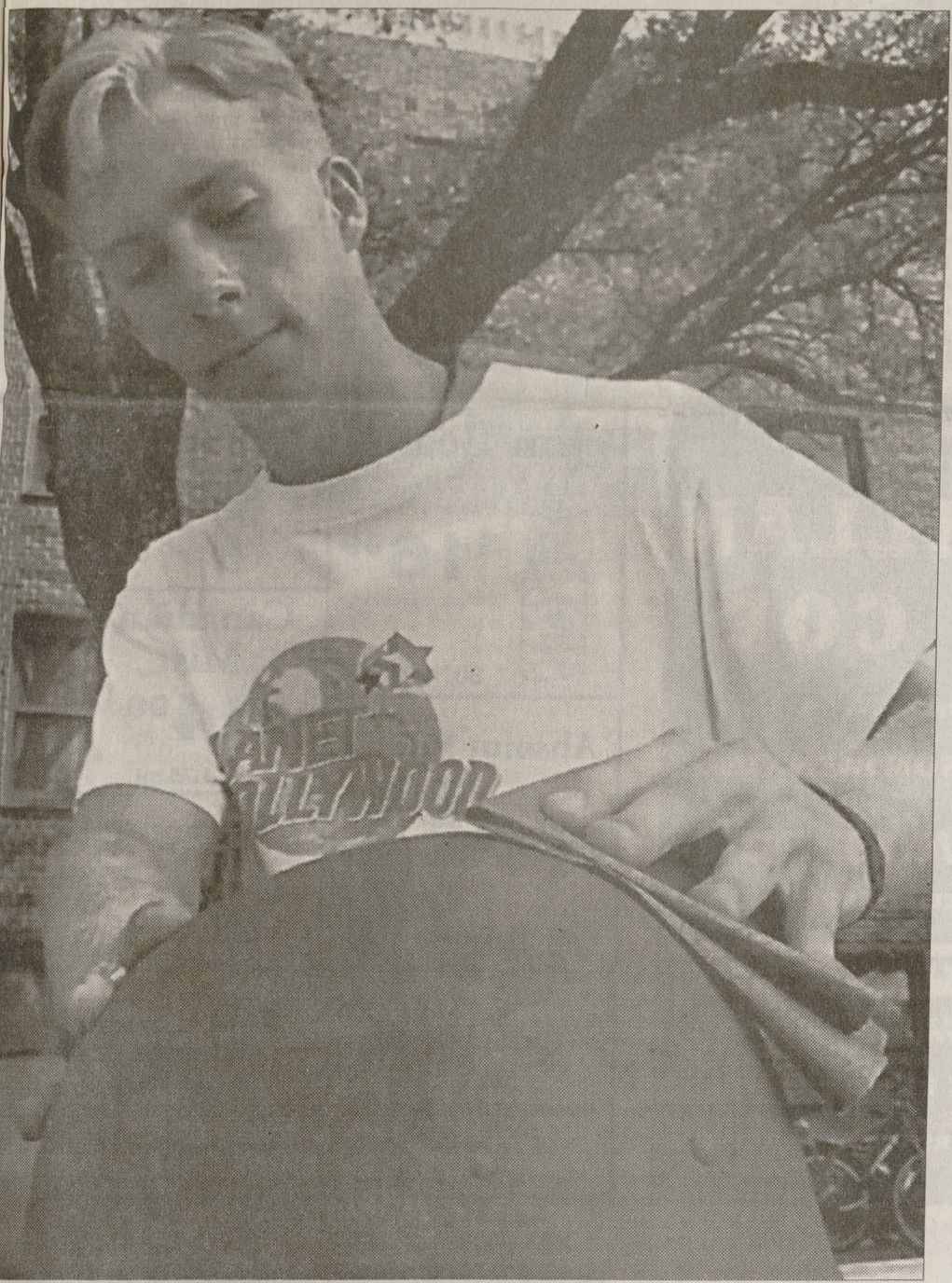
Texas A&M students will receive another fee statement because of the increased general use fee, and many of them don't like it.

The Texas A&M Board of Regents on Thursday approved an increase of \$8 per semester credit hour in the general use fee for the fall semester, and another \$4 increase for the spring.

The revenue from the increased fee will be used to fill a \$10 million budget deficit and fund a 3 percent faculty and staff salary increase.

Daniel Applegate, a sophomore chemical engineering major, said he can see the need for

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Louis Craig, THE BATTALION

GEARIN' UP FOR CUT

Kyle Cowen, a freshman mechanical engineering major, sands his pot for this year's Bonfire activities. Cut will begin Sept. 30. Center pole will go up Nov. 9, and Bonfire will burn Dec. 1.

A&M System to operate on \$623 million budget

□ Aggieland represents 47.9 percent of the total funds.

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approved a \$1.3 billion budget for the 1996 fiscal year at its meeting Thursday.

The budget represents an increase of 8 percent over last year's figure.

Texas A&M will operate on a budget of \$623 million for the coming fiscal year, with an additional \$19 million for the Galveston campus.

State appropriations increased slightly over the previous year's numbers to \$455 million.

A&M represent 47.9 percent of the overall System budget.

Funding for Debt Service Requirements includes \$193,700 of PUF Bond Proceeds for Equipment Allocation.

Funds allocated to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service do not include those directly disbursed by counties.

System Member	FY 1996
System Administrative and General Offices	14,260,240
Debt Service Requirements	79,693,777
Center for Leadership	229,848
System Aircraft	424,459
Trusteed Accounts	36,047,965
Prairie View A&M University	66,845,616
Tarleton State University	41,948,525
Texas A&M International University	17,284,387
Texas A&M University	623,753,694
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	38,605,935
Texas A&M University at Galveston	19,333,832
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	41,931,343
West Texas A&M University	39,983,379
Texas Agricultural Experiment Station	103,902,926
Texas Agricultural Extension Service	63,452,302
Texas Animal Damage Control Service	4,946,758
Texas Forest Service	19,109,813
Texas Vet Med Diagnostic Lab	7,485,914
Texas Engineering Experiment Station	50,701,344
Texas Engineering Extension Service	45,254,484
Texas Transportation Institute	27,150,000
TOTAL, Texas A&M University System	1,342,346,541

KAMU brings Student Senate to living room this semester

□ Student Senate meetings will be aired on KAMU every other Wednesday.

By Tara Wilkinson
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It is no longer necessary to leave the comfort of home and the remote control in order to stay updated on Texas A&M Student Senate activity.

Student Senate meetings will be broadcast four times a month this semester on KAMU cable channel 15, an educational broadcasting service.

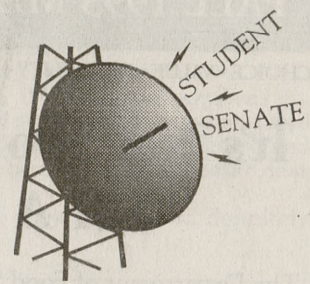
Senate meetings, held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, will be broadcast the following Monday from 8-11 p.m. and Tuesday from 3-6 p.m.

The first Senate meeting is scheduled for Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. and will air Sept. 11.

Becky Silloway, Senate speaker, said the Television Communications Bill was passed last semester because of a desire to increase public awareness of Senate activity, and television was determined as the appropriate medium for reaching that goal.

Jill Newman, Senate press secretary, said the three-hour TV time slot will probably not always match the length of Senate meetings.

"The length varies from meeting to meeting, anywhere from 30 minutes to five hours," Newman said. "But whenever KAMU can squeeze us



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Athletic department dedicates Twelfth Man Plaza Saturday

The plaza is part of A&M's Capturing the Spirit fundraising campaign. It honors outstanding contributors to Aggie football team.

Wes Swift
THE BATTALION

Shortly before Texas A&M takes the field to battle Louisiana State University Saturday, the A&M Athletic Department will unveil a new team monument that will stand permanently outside stadium.

The Twelfth Man Plaza, a new monument to honor outstanding contributors to the A&M football team, will be dedicated tomorrow at the Twelfth Man Statue before the first

home football game.

The monument's three granite walls will surround the E. King Gill statue in front of Kyle Field and list the 23 positions of a football team.

One wall will have the 11 offensive positions, and second wall will have the 11 defensive positions. A third wall, behind the statue, will represent the head coach position.

Each position will be accompanied by the name of the person who endowed money for the department. Only one contributor will be associated with each position.

A name on the player position wall requires a contribution of \$100,000. The head coach endowment requires a \$3 million donation.

When the plaza is dedicated tomorrow, it will have 13 player positions filled. Two more slots have been reserved and will be added later.

Wally Groff, athletic director, said the plaza shows the importance of athletics to former students.

"This says it's not just current A&M students that care about our program," Groff said. "It says that former students equally support football."

Groff said that the department has received an exceptional response from contributors, especially considering the lack of publicity.

"All the donations came almost completely by word of mouth," Groff said. "I think it's really something that we've had this kind of success with very little publicity."

Frank Shannon, executive director of the 12th Man Foundation, said that the 13 slots have been filled by individuals or families. No corporations have contributed.

The \$5.4 million generated by the plaza will be used to cover costs of run-

ning the football team. Uniforms, weight equipment or tutorial services for the team can be purchased with the endowment funds. The money cannot be used for scholarships.

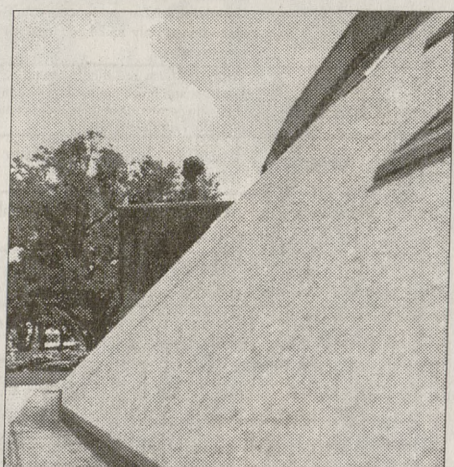
Shannon said the plaza reflects well on the University because contributors often don't limit their contributions to the athletic department.

"Most people that give to athletics also give to other parts of the University," he said.

Groff said he would like to use the plaza as a model for similar monuments for other sports.

"Depending on the success of the plaza," Groff said, "we would like to maybe endow other sports, both men's and women's."

The plaza is part of the Capturing the Spirit fund-raising campaign that will generate \$500 million for all parts of the University.



Evan Zimmerman, THE BATTALION

The Twelfth Man Plaza is located at the north end of Kyle Field.