

# Ewe Hall

# By JED HEARING



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Southerland said other major universities in Texas have already set their GUF higher than A&M.

"Most of the major universities have put in advances far above ours," he said. "Our friends in Austin are right at the top."

Southerland said that in the past, Texas state legislators have denied requests for increased state funds.

Legislators may deny requests for additional state funding if they do not believe universities have done all they can to raise funds on their own. He said instead of increasing state funding, the Legislature provides a way for each school to raise revenue, such as allowing raising the state-set limit on tuition and fees.

In 1995, the Legislature raised the \$12 limit on the GUF, sending it from \$12 to \$24 per semester credit hour. If the proposed increase for the 1997 school year is approved, the GUF will match tuition, which is the current limit.

If the Board of Regents gives the go-ahead, the first step toward increasing the GUF is a public hearing Nov. 25.

Southerland said the student turnout at past hearings has been disappointing. He said Bowen devoted a lot of time to briefings and hearings when he proposed a GUF increase in the spring of 1995.

"We were surprised at the turnout for the three briefings (in the spring)," Southerland said. "It's more important for student leadership to be at this one, so I would expect a good, reasonable turnout."

Because the public hearing is scheduled for the same day as Elephant Walk, there is some question about how many students will show up for the hearing.

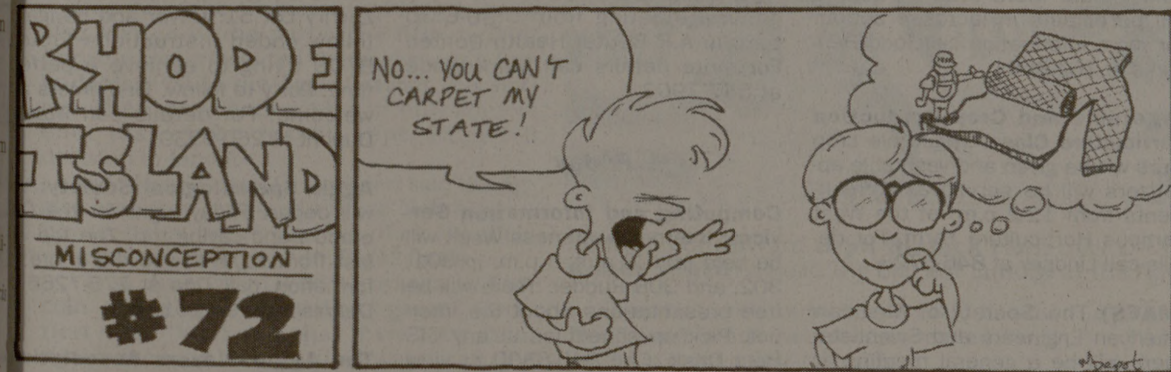
Another, unrelated fee increase is in the works. The University Center Complex Fee must be approved by student vote, and its success will suffer as a result of the possible increase in the GUF.

Chris Williams, MSC president and a senior political science and speech communication major, said students may be confused about fee increases because the University Center Complex Fee referendum will closely follow GUF discussions.

"I hope to keep the issues separate so students can be objective about the fees," he said. "The best thing anybody can do is to keep themselves informed."

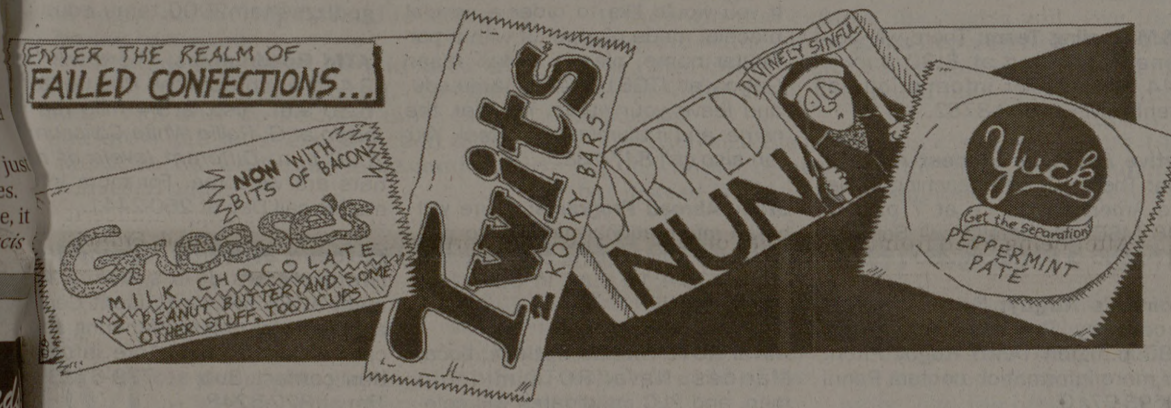
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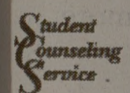
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