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## COMPETITION

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Dr. Bill Kibler, associate vice president for student affairs, said an across-the-board raise has not been given in a long time.

"Generally, A&M uses a merit pool raise, which is currently proposed by President Bowen," he said. "Each department is allotted a set amount of additional money to grant raises."

Thomas H. Taylor, assistant vice president for finance, said the University establishes parameters for each department.

"For example, the overall salary increase can't exceed 3 percent of the current salary base," he said. "If a department is given \$10,000, it's up to the department head to spread it out and give everyone a raise or just give a few faculty raises."

The past two years, the University has devoted \$5 million of the GUF to salary increases.

"Because of the GUF increase in the spring of 1996, \$2.2 million was generated to increase the graduate system stipends," Taylor said. "We have to stay competitive in all areas of our faculty and staff."

Based on nine-month faculty salaries of 1995, full professors at the University of Texas averaged \$76,393, compared to \$71,568 at A&M.

A public hearing regarding the increase will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theatre. Taylor said students should take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about the proposed increase.

"We encourage everyone to attend the open public hearing Monday," Taylor said. "It will benefit all students to know how these salary raises will affect A&M as an institution of higher learning."

## SENATORS

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"I don't believe I can fully represent all of the students," Duncan said. "The students can do a better job of expressing their opinion than I can."

Alice Gonzalez, an off-campus senator and more agricultural development major, said she supported the resolution because it lets students know the Student Senate feels about the increase.

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and Koldus Building. A fee increase is necessary for low student organizations to continue using these buildings without charging them, she said.

Bryan Atkinson, a College of Engineering and a junior computer science major, said he supported the resolution because the referendum gives students the chance to give their opinion.

Atkinson said rather than telling students what the committee should have been, he would discuss the pros and cons of the increase with

## GRANT

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Math professors are confident the grant will improve the department.

Dr. Jon Pitts, a professor of mathematics, said the money will be put to good use.

"I think [the grant] offers the opportunity for the math department to strengthen its ex-

isting programs and to initiate new and important programs," Pitts said.

The GAT group is trying to link traditional mathematics to cross-disciplinary research, industry, technology and education.

Currently, the group is working to include mathematical research in areas such as chemistry, robotics, visualization, computer-aided design and database indexing.

Stiller said in the process of releasing the grant will draw peoples' eyes to mathematics research.

"People typically don't think of mathematics as a field where new technology and tools are being developed," he said. "The general public does not realize that mathematics are being developed all the time and are being their way into the technologies."

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