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fiscal year 2003. Southerland will make his own decision regarding the student service fee budget. Board members answered questions from the senate regarding the fee and explained their reasoning for not recommending the increase of the fee. "If we wouldn't have had the \$11.86 million surplus, then it would have been necessary to increase the fee," Bolduc said. Although the senate endorsed the board's recommendation for the student service fee, it did not support the Health Center Fee Allocation Act bill, which would increase the Health Center fee from \$50 to \$55.

The senate's consideration of the Student Services Fee allocation proposal is perfunctory; decisions are made by Southerland, A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen and the A&M System Board of Regents. Even though the senate did not endorse the SSFAB's recommendation regarding the health center fee, the SSFAB will still submit their proposal of the fee increase to Southerland. The Q-drop Compromise bill and the West Campus Bus Route bill were also passed at the meeting. The Q-drop compromise bill will increase the Q-drop day from the 50th day to 60th day. "[The Q-drop extension] will enable students to have a better idea what their expected grade

in the class would be," said Lara Pringle Academic Affairs Chair and junior finance major. "Seventy percent of the coursework is completed by the 60th day of class, compared to the 50 percent that is completed by the 50th day." The deadline for changing a kinesiology class for Pass/Fail will also be extended to the 60th day. The Q-drop bill, if accepted by the administration, will go into effect in Fall 2002. The West Campus Bus Route bill recommends a new bus route that will stop at the MSC, Fish Pond and Wehner via University Drive. The route, which will be named Wehner Express, would begin operation on the first day of class next semester if Bus Operations approves.

HOPGOOD

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Cadet retention rates also increased. "General Hopgood had a big impact on me and other cadets," said Trevor Voelkel, Corps public relations officer and senior finance major. "He mentors us and offers guidance and even fatherly advice. He is very experienced in the military and gave us new angles and ideas for projects." University officials expect to have a new commandant by summer, and current Deputy Commandant Brig. Gen. Donald Johnson said he will fill in as interim commandant. Hopgood obtained a physical education bachelor's degree from Texas A&M in 1965 after serving as a cadet, yell leader and Ross Volunteer. He joined A&M after 31 years of service in the

Marine Corps.

His previous experiences in leadership training include a term as president of the Marine Corps University and command general of Marine Corps Schools at Quantico, Va. A decorated combat veteran, Hopgood has served from company level to the Pentagon. This included three tours of duty in Vietnam as an infantry platoon leader and company commander and a deployment to Somalia for Operation Restore Hope in command of the 1st Force Service Support Group. "The number one strength Gen. Hopgood has had is a tremendous role model for cadet students and all others that come in contact with him," said Dr. J. Malon Southerland, University vice president for student affairs. "He has showed great integrity and caring in his role."

WAR

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country blaming the United States for the attacks. Many of the remarks referred to Americans as terrorists, with Professor at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst calling the American flag "a symbol of terrorism and death and fear of destruction and oppression." Dr. Charles Wiggins, political science professor at A&M, said that a long history of war existed between students and faculty in both the United States and Europe, the most recent and dramatic in America against the Vietnam War.

In response to the reports, Wiggins said, "What's new?" "Opposition to government foreign excursions has come naturally from academia," Wiggins said. Wiggins said that compared to Vietnam, there is little opposition to the war on terrorism, though it has not yet developed into a long, drawn-out campaign.

The University of Texas student newspaper The Daily Texan reported that politically conservative UT students feel intimidated by their liberal professors and often fear giving their opinions in class. A UT journalism professor is quoted in the report as saying that the terrorist attacks were no more despicable than the passive acts of terrorism ... that the U.S. government has committed during my lifetime."

Portis said he is not aware of opposition among faculty members at A&M and feels military action seems justified as long as the American government accomplishes its original goals. He adds that the military tradition at A&M may contribute to its generally conservative sentiment.

Dr. Christopher Sprecher, a political science professor at A&M, is concerned that America's objective may only be revenge but said he is unopposed to the war effort. Sprecher points out that schools quoted in the report such as Brown University of California-Berkeley, and even Texas are known as liberal universities.

Students at A&M will come ask him if America is deserving of the attacks, but there is never any clear opposition, Sprecher said.

While The Daily Texan characterized the tension at UT as a quarrel between "conservative" students and "liberal" professors, Portis said the arguments are not black and white. He said that before World War II the isolationist movement in America was mostly a conservative movement, not a liberal one. "I don't look at it as an ideological issue," Portis said.

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