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## Lead

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Coventry said living a respectable life should encompass all aspects, and that when you drop off a date at the end of the night, her father should be proud of the way she was treated.

Equally important to setting a positive example is making sure that image is communicated to the student body by getting to know the students and being involved in their lives, Coventry said.

"Let them see how you live your life and be genuine with them," he said. "I think that's how you foster leadership by example; it's the personal touch."

Leaders of the University must have a vision of where they are going, said candidate Lara Pringle, referring to a quote that states, "The very essence of leadership is vision."

She also believes it is the responsibility of the student body president to represent the students through actions and be held accountable for those actions.

"I would want to make sure that the person representing my views is trustworthy, honest and respectable," Pringle said. "If those are in place, I have trust that they will do an excellent job of representing those views."

Pringle feels it is important to maintain an untarnished reputation as a student leader to keep students from losing faith in the leadership.

Holding herself to high Christian standards in her personal life enables Pringle to exude the positive example she feels necessary for any student leader. She said people individually decide what are their values and morals and then should hold themselves to that standard.

## Increase

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political science major, told the board she supports the fee.

"Current students need to realize we may have to pay more, but in the end it will increase the value of our degrees," Sommers said.

Brady Creel, a junior journalism and management major and a representative of the A&M chapter of the Young Conservatives of Texas, told the board that more emphasis should have been placed upon reducing spending and expenses before inciting such a "massive" fee and allocating money for new programs, such as the top 20 percent plan.

"We need to stop proposing programs for which we cannot pay while we are in a budget crisis," he said. "Our fight is not over today. The YCT is prepared

to challenge this in legislature and in courts if it is necessary."

Committee members also discussed legal council's report on the fee's apparent legality, and considered reported opinions of Sen. Steve Ogden and state Rep. Fred Brown, who have publicly acknowledged the fee's necessity.

University of Texas students recently raised opposition to a similar fee proposal.

Administrators and students came to a compromise last month when a reduced fee than that initially proposed was approved. Although UT's fee is comparable in amount, it is designated for different use and will charge both current and future students beginning next fall. The fee is currently undergoing legal scrutiny in its use for campus buildings.

Last fall, the Student Senate surveyed 900 students about the

fee, and found that 66 percent said they had not heard about the fee. Long said the senate took further measures to educate the student body about the matter.

"It is hard to get them to care about something that does not affect them," he said.

Board Chancellor Earl Ny said he was pleased with the student input.

"The board would always welcome more contact with students because, after all, it is for the students that all this effort is going to be put forward," he said.

In other business, a \$500,000 quasi-endowment was installed to help students injured in the Bonfire collapse pay for medical expenses not covered by insurance. Various private donors and a fund established after the collapse by the Association of Former Students provided the funds for the endowment.

## Veto

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ordering a president to do something would make him or her more likely to do it simply for the sake of getting it done, and the amendment could obstruct the plans of future senators.

"You're still going to be bound to the forum," she said.

In response, the supporters of the amendment reminded senators that the laws set forth by the senate remain pliable.

"These rules are not set in stone," said senator and freshman business administration major Logan Renfrow.

Opponents of the amendment said the student body president should be trusted to communicate with the students and noted that there are procedures for removing an uncommunicative president. Additionally, challengers suggested that the senate should not infringe on the authority of other student government branches.

"We are dictating the schedule of the [president]. We should respect each other's spheres of influence," said senator and sophomore political science major Derek Mercer.

Supporters of the bill said the amendment was in no way a reflection of Houser's time in office.

"This is nothing personal," said Brock Landgraf, rules and regulations committee chair and a junior political science major.

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