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Gates said he has spoken to Washington, D.C., about this problem to help change policy in support of education.

Gates said the A&M System Board of Regents will review the proposed tuition increase at its meeting later this month. The increase of \$19.50 would raise tuition to \$74.50 per semester credit hour.

Gates said this is a smaller percentage increase than the one that University of Texas students will experience.

A tuition policy advisory committee made up of students, former

students, parents and faculty will be formed to discuss possible tuition plans, Gates said.

Jan Swearingen, the liberal arts caucus leader and a professor of English, said Gates' speech gave good news, budget wise.

"Compared to some states we're doing much better on funding because we've been able to keep tuition rates way down compared to other universities in the state," Swearingen said.

Gunn said that, although it is a shame to have to increase the tuition, the numbers speak for themselves.

"It is a pity that Texas doesn't support education in the same way as other states like Michigan and California do;" Gunn said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New constitution approved assembly writes a replacement.

"For the next 100 years this day will be mentioned as one of the most important in Iraq's history," said council member Samir Shaker Mahmoud. "This will be remembered in the annals of history as a turning point in relations between the state and citizens in this country and in the region.'

The precedent-setting constitution, which is to be signed by top American administrator L. Paul Bremer and made public Wednesday, has been described as one of the most liberal in the region. Some aspects, such as the goal of a parliament with women as 25 percent of its members, were declared even more progressive than those in the United States.

Pentagon alerts soldiers to prepare for duty in la

WASHINGTON (AP) - About 18,00 National Guard soldiers from four ma units have gone on alert for likely deg ment to Iraq late this year or in early 20 the Pentagon said Monday.

The announcement underscores the de ening involvement of Guard and Rese forces in U.S.-led efforts to quell the ins gency in Iraq and stabilize the country far 45 Guard and Reserve members been killed in action in Iraq and 42 n have died of nonhostile causes.

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Qanbar, spokesman for Governing Council

member Ahmad Chalabi. "After what we've

Iraq's U.S.-picked Governing Council spent

two months wrestling with the interim con-

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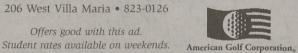
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