

New fiscal branch lacking business

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To reduce overcrowding in the main fiscal office in the Coke Building, a branch office opened on the first floor of Rudder Tower November 4.

Business at the branch office has been slow, Pam Behling, asst. cashier, said in a recent interview. "There's never a line," Behling said. "For the first two days, we didn't have anyone," said Robert Smith,

assistant controller of the fiscal. In the main fiscal office, each cashier handles an average of 178 persons a day. Only on two occasions has the new branch office handled more than 100 people. "I had hoped it would take at least

one third of the load," Smith said. "We would be delighted at anything beyond that." Smith said he thought business at the branch office would increase when students became aware of the office.

"It's just a matter of getting people re-oriented," Smith said explaining that students are in the habit of going to the Coke building.

Add-drop and hot checks are not handled at the branch office. Unlike the main office, the branch office does not have anyone to answer questions students might have about fees.

Handling of add-drop might be added in the future if enough students use the service in the tower.

The location in the tower was chosen because it would be convenient for residents of Krueger-Dunn and the Corps area and students on their way to the MSC.

Planning for the office began in June. Smith said the fiscal office had not been enlarged since it opened in 1952 to accommodate the 6200 students then attending Texas A&M.

The Battalion

Thought for today: Being a woman is a terribly difficult task since it consists principally in dealing with men—Joseph Conrad, 1857-1924.

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Board meets Pahlmann gets extension

By BARBARA WEST
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The Board of Directors today granted a three and one-half month extension on the contract for interior design in the University Center by William Pahlmann Associates, Inc.

The cost of the contract extension will be \$40,000, bringing Pahlmann's salary and expense expenditures for furnishing the center to \$402,600.

L. F. Peterson, chairman of the Building Committee, said Monday he "hoped to be finished with him by the first of the year." Pahlmann's contract now runs until April 15, 1975.

Questions were raised about the necessity of having Pahlmann there to supervise placement of the furnishings. Gen. A. R. Luedcke, executive vice president, assured the members that it was necessary.

The board also approved construction of a parking lot west of Kyle Field, for a cost of \$459,644. The lot will have space for over 400 cars, and when not in use for events at Kyle Field, it will be designated a day-student lot.

A contract for landscape development of the East Plaza Mall and general campus development was also awarded.

The East Plaza consists of the area

between the Systems Building and Spence Street. This region will be grassed and sloped toward Spence.

General campus involves Lamar Street from the University Center to the Physics Building. This area will be converted to a pedestrian thoroughfare.

In other actions the board appropriated funds for the third phase of street renovation, rehabilitation of the 2nd floor of the Systems Building, renovation of the Biological Sciences Building and for construction on other campuses within the system.

Prairie View A&M will soon have a new health center worth \$2.4 million and an Arts and Sciences Building valued at \$3.5 million.

Building use fees double

Building use fees will be raised to \$6 per semester hour from \$2.50, effective Spring, 1975, said the Fiscal Office Monday.

The Board of Directors authorized the 140 per cent increase of building use fees at its Sept. 10 meeting.

Bellard gets new contract

The TAMU Board of Directors announced Tuesday a new five-year contract for A&M Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Emory Bellard, even though he has two years remaining on his present contract.

Acting on a recommendation by the university's administration, the board agreed to replace Bellard's current five-year pact, which went into effect Dec. 1, 1971, with a new five-year contract, effective Jan. 1, 1975.

In presenting the recommendation to the board, Texas A&M President Jack K. Williams said it was

made unanimously by the Athletic Council. The recommendation was accompanied by the council's commendation of Bellard's effectiveness in building an overall intercollegiate athletic program and in general representing the university in an unusually fine manner.

"I know that I speak for the entire Athletic Council in expressing appreciation for the way in which Coach Bellard has given leadership to our athletic program, for the manner in which he has represented Texas A&M and for the full cooperation he has given the council," said Dr. C. H. Samson, Jr., council chairman.

period. Evidence of their great concern for the university is seen in front of the entrance to the campus. (Photo by Steve Krauss)

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Weather

Fair and cool Tuesday and Wednesday. High today 63°; low tonight 39°; high tomorrow 58°.

Kyle turf needs replacement

Astrodust causes ungluing

By JIM PETERS
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Kyle Field's five-year-old artificial turf is wearing out and most likely will be replaced this spring.

"Large lumps of astrodust are forming under the surface," Asst. Athletic Director Marvin P. Tate told the TAMU Board of Directors building committee yesterday.

"Astrodust" is dust that filters through the Astroturf webbing.

These "astro lumps" and moisture underneath the turf have caused areas of the synthetic surface

to "come unglued" from the insulated shock pad underneath.

Various attempts at patching the field this season have not corrected the problem.

The solution, Tate said, is to rip up the old magic carpet and lay down a new 96,500 square foot rug at a cost of \$350,000.

Installation would take about 60 days, with completion before spring football practice.

Almost every other facility using the Monsanto-made product have also had to replace their artificial grass, Tate said.

"With all the wear the fields are getting, five years is about all you can expect," he said.

The material carries a five-year guarantee.

The practice field, south of Kyle Field, will also have to be repaired. But Tate suggested that pieces of the old Kyle Field rug could be used for patching.

Dr. Charles H. Samson, director of the Athletic Council said the field is in use 18 hours a day. The Athletic Department only uses it half that time.



Bonfire time brings lots of hard work and "good bull." While some students, like the one on the left, are stacking logs for the annual fire, others are spending their energy and time on other pursuits. This group of cadets on the right is being paid back for a trick they played on their commanding officer. (Photos by Chris Svatek)

