

Pavilion offices work well

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After almost a year in the Pavilion office, Student Government officials say the new location has been good and bad. The good part is they now have new facility with plenty of room. The bad part is they had to give up their conveniently located office in 216 MSC.

"The move as been nice as far as providing us with more space but the MSC had more traffic and it was easier for students to stop by," says Diane Baumbach, senate speaker pro tem.

But Baumbach figures the advantages of the new offices outweigh the drawbacks.

"The senators aren't under each other's feet now, and when we moved it relieved the crowded conditions and tension in the Student Programs Office," she says.

Dr. Carolyn Adair, the student government adviser, had been looking for larger offices for sometime, and the renovated Animal Husbandry Pavilion finally provided it.

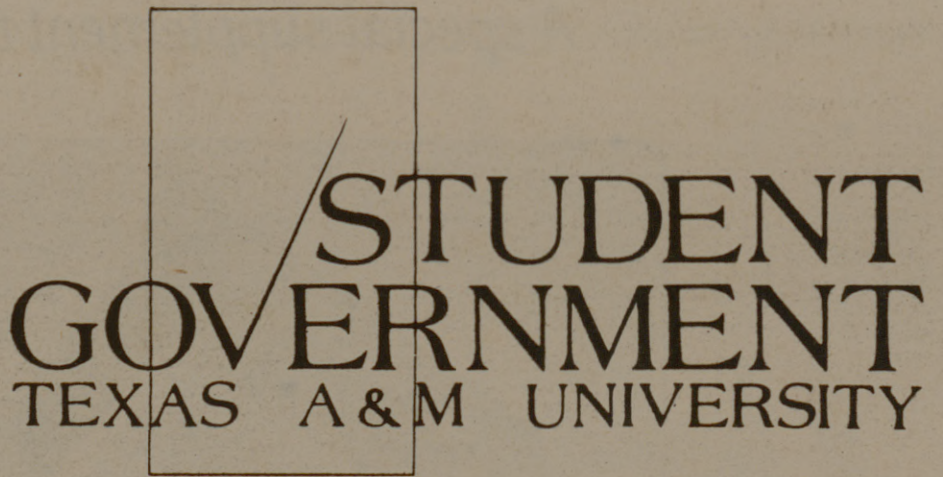
Melissa Cospers, executive vice president, says the new location has had little effect on SG.

"The Pavilion isn't the MSC yet," she says, "but give it time. We now have more room, more phones, and nicer facilities. For several years there had been a need for a new office, so when the second floor of the Pavilion was made available, we moved."

Cospers says students quickly became accustomed to Student Government's new location.

"They just make two stops to get whatever they need instead of one," she says.

The Pavilion houses more than Student Government.



Cospers calls it a "catch all building".

"KANM radio station is right next door to our offices and

sometimes when they get rocking, our walls start shaking," she says.

One thing that hasn't changed in the new location is Student Government's workload.

Student center fee increase on ballot

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In addition to electing new leaders in the upcoming election, students also will be making a decision concerning the money they pay to the University.

The University Center Fee Referendum is up for a vote, and students have the final decision on the future course of the University Center and its programs.

Students currently pay \$10 per semester (\$5 per summer session) for a student center complex fee. This fee has not increased in more than 10 years, a fact which is beginning to take its toll on the increased programs and facilities of the University Center.

Last year the center oper-

ated with a \$121,000 deficit. A special reserve fund with money from previous years when the center operated at a profit has provided some much needed relief. However, this fund has rapidly dwindled, and it is expected that by Sept. 1 the reserve fund will be so depleted that the center will be unable to continue to offer its present services without increasing rates.

Services offered by the University Center include check cashing, video games, bowling, banquet facilities, meeting rooms and ballroom facilities for formals and mixers.

More money is needed, and students will be footing the bill. What students will be

voting on is how to foot the bill.

Three options are available:

- Increase the Student Center Complex fee by \$6 over a three year period. This option would raise the fee to \$12 per semester in the fall of 1984, \$14 per semester in the fall of 1985 and then to \$16 per semester beginning in the fall of 1986.

- Increase the Student Center Complex fee by \$10 over a three year period. Student leaders favor this option, as it provides the soundest financial future for the center. The fee would be raised to \$14 per semester in fall 1984, then to \$18 per semester in fall 1985 and finally to \$20 per semester begin-

ning fall 1986. Half of the increase during the first two years (\$2 per student per semester) would be placed in a new reserve fund, controlled solely by students.

- Leave the Student Center Complex fee as it is, and either decrease services provided or charge more for them on an individual basis. With this option, students will not have to pay more at registration, but when they want to use the center it will cost them more. This option may also result in a decrease in some of the free services, such as check cashing.

Eric Conner, executive vice president for administration

and student coordinator of the referendum, estimates that within a four-year period the new reserve fund would have more than \$1 million in it, if the second option is voted in. This would enable the center to expand and offer many more services to the students.

"I urge students to sacrifice a little now to build for the future," Conner said.

Because this referendum involves an increase of student fees, it had to be approved by the Texas Legislature. The Legislature set a ceiling on the fee of \$20 per semester, pending student approval.

Poll locations

Voters in this year's student body elections will have only three polling places to choose from, instead of last year's nine.

The Student Government office explained that there are fewer polls this year because there were problems last year with staffing so many polls, causing two polls to be closed before the election ended.

This year's polling places are:

- the first floor of the Memorial Student Center
- the first floor of the Pavilion
- in front of Sbisa.

The polls open at 9 a.m. Tuesday and close at 6 p.m.,

the same hours they will be open Wednesday.

In order to vote, students must give their I.D. card to the officials at the poll, who will punch it with a specially shaped hole punch to eliminate multiple voting.

Any student can vote at any poll.

Ballots will once again be computer forms with circles to be filled in with a number 2 pencil, supplied at the polling place.

All active campaigning must stop at midnight tonight, and no campaign material may be worn at the polling places. All campaign signs, flyers and posters must be taken down by Thursday.

Voter's guide

The Voter's Guide is a special supplement to The Battalion. It was produced by members of The Battalion with the aid of Student Government and the candidates themselves.

Don't forget to vote — and when you do, please use the guide to assist you.

On the cover

The Sterling C. Evans Library is a familiar landmark to many Texas A&M students, and was captured here by Battalion photographer Dean Saito.

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