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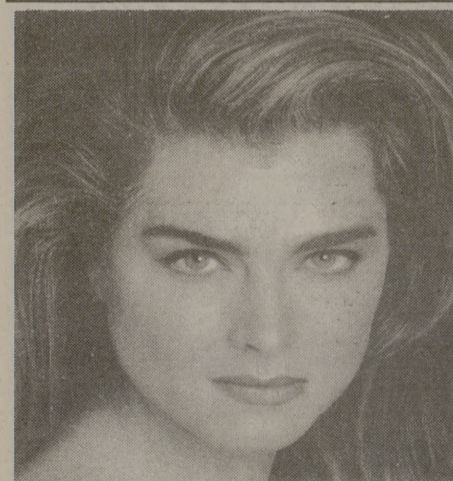
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Easterwood Airport opens aviation terminal

By Eloise Flint
The Battalion

Through combined financial efforts from the cities of Bryan and College Station, Brazos County and Texas A&M University, Easterwood Airport has opened a General Aviation Terminal, which will be utilized by corporate, military and private aircraft arriving at the airport.

The terminal opened April 11 after approximately eight months of construction.

Richard Arnold, associate director of aviation, said under the Airport Improvement Plan the McKenzie Terminal receives federal funding from ticket and fuel tax, but the new terminal does not qualify.

"None of the new facility is eligible, so the community pulled together and put the terminal into being," Arnold said. "The three public entities of Bryan-College Station and the Brazos County, as well as the University rose to the challenge of putting it together."

Arnold said the terminal is oriented toward the pilot and the crew.

"The passengers that come through here are usually on business, and they transit through to the city or University for business," Arnold said. "The pilot stays here, and we take care of the plane and provide a place for the pilot to stay with a full range of amenities."

Rick Floyd, associate vice president for finance and administration, said the terminal was necessary because of a shortage of space to accommodate privately owned aircraft flying in for the day and leaving.

"We need to accommodate pilots with down-time, providing them with amenities and encour-

aging them to come," Floyd said.

Floyd said transportation is a critical factor in the economic vitality of the community.

Arnold said prior to the opening of the General Aviation Terminal, facilities for corporate, military and private aircraft were very limited.

"We offered the same services, but not in a setting leaving a great first impression," Arnold said. "We have upgraded our facilities to provide a first class impression of a first class University."

Robert Smith, vice president for finance and administration, said the terminal will enhance a visitors' first impression of the University and its surrounding areas.

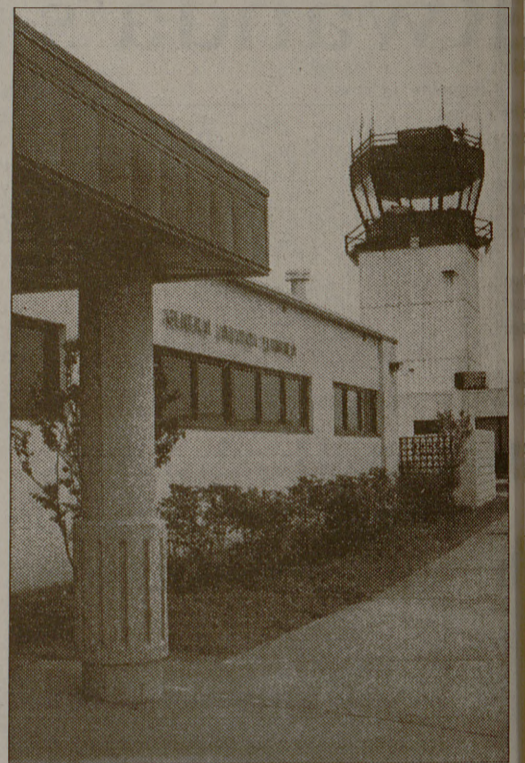
"These services include a passenger waiting lobby, small conference room, snack machine area, pilot lounge with bunk room, and a flight planning area," Smith said.

Arnold said a courtesy call board also is available which links customers to hotels, and they are working on providing restaurant information.

"Passengers can also call us ahead of time to request a rental car, and we will call the rental agency, arranging to have the car here for them when they arrive," Arnold said.

In the four weeks the terminal has been in operation, everything has run smoothly and feedback has been positive, he said.

"Problems we had in getting the building open and business underway was minor, due to planning and inception up until we turned the key and opened the door," Arnold said. "Customers are very impressed with its functionality, and people that frequent airports from all over the country and state will notice an extreme difference."



Blake Griggs/The Battalion

Relations office wins television production award

Texas A&M's Office of University Relations won top honors for television productions at the Worldfest 1994 Houston International Film Festival.

The University was awarded a silver medal for its 30-second promotional spot that aired during its televised football and basketball games. A bronze medal was awarded for the 11-minute video program, "George Bush Talks About His Presidential Library."

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Rene A. Henry was executive producer and Sherylon Carroll associate producer of both productions. Craig T. Weaver was the editor for the television spot and Kyle Netterville for the Bush Library video.

Architecture students sponsor movie showcase

Texas A&M architecture students will showcase their com-

puter animation and multimedia talents Friday at two presentations that are free and open to the public.

From 1 to 5 p.m. in Room 414 of Langford Architecture Building C, attendees will have the opportunity to interact with prototypes of computerized digital imagery, text, video and original sources of music.

At 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Forum, "Viz-a-Go-Go," a movie extravaganza produced by students in the College of Architecture's Visualization Laboratory will be held.

University System appoints new comptroller

Linda N. Johnson, director of reporting for the Texas A&M University System comptroller's office, has been promoted to the position of System comptroller.

As comptroller, Johnson will coordinate and supervise preparation of the System's annual financial report, indirect cost proposal, financial resource plans and capital budgets.

Johnson replaces Mark H. Wright who left to accept another position out of state.

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