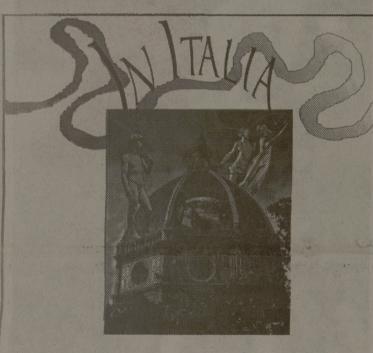


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Physicians test telecommunications technological

By Heather R. Rosenfeld THE BATTALION

Physicians from Texas A&M University's Health Science Center and the Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple teamed up Thursday morning to consult with physicians in Mexico City using a high-resolution satellite video link.

Dennis Myers, associate professor in the College of Medicine and administrative director of the research and education department at Scott & White, said the conference is a unique experience.

"We are very excited about doing this," Myers said. "Typically, this type of conference would be held in an auditorium, but now we have the amazing ability to do this (via the technology).

Myers said the primary purpose for the meet-ing was to see if images such as slides could be transmitted successfully with the technology. "We knew that we could consult as talking heads on a TV screen," Myers said. "What we

wanted to find out was if the equipment could handle microscopic and similar images.

Janice Mauren, public relations official for the College of Medicine, said this method of communication is not fully developed.

"I can see the big picture [and] we are entering the embryonic stages of this technology," Mauren said. "In 20 years, we will look back at conferences like these and it will look the way black-and-white TV looks to us now. I think there is a lot of potential we haven't tapped into yet.

Ron Rodgers, Radio and TV technician, said although the technonlgy can be practically applied, the visual aspect still requres some improvement.

The information is first sent through special telephone lines, but there is too much information even for those lines, so it has to be condensed," Rodgers said. "You don't see every frame of movement; therefore, at times the movement that is seen might appear a little jerky." Mauren said videoconferencing allows

physicians to consult with one and ly in a situation typically requiring "The potential for this is importa

cially] being able to go across the Mauren said. "The doctors have acce is going on medically in both count Brent Michener, a senior bion

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Scott Poole, a communication te professor in the speech comm partment, said doctors will also be the technology.

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will support the improvements."

Matt Grunenwald, president

By Ann Marie Hauser THE BATTALION

The initiation of improvements at Easterwood Airport was approved Thursday at the Texas Â&M Board of Regents' meeting in Stephenville

The first phase of the 20-year master plan consists of high-priority items and will take about five years to complete.

Harry Raisor, director of aviation at Easterwood, emphasized the large amount of service the airport provides for the Brazos Valley. "[Nearly \$26 million] a year

goes to serving the Brazos Val-ley," Raisor said. "You've got to continually maintain everything and keep everything going.

The process of improvement will undergo several phases before the actual construction begins.

Dr. Jerry Gaston, interim vice president of finance and administration, oversees airport operations and said there is good and bad news with the future improvements.

"The bad news is that we need to improve some things,



Regents approved a 20-year master plan to improve Easterwood

year travel through Easterwood Airport and improvements are constantly being made. Whitworth said, as an air traffic

the new changes will enhance controller, it will be more convenient when directing heavy traffic. "It will be a nice thing for us

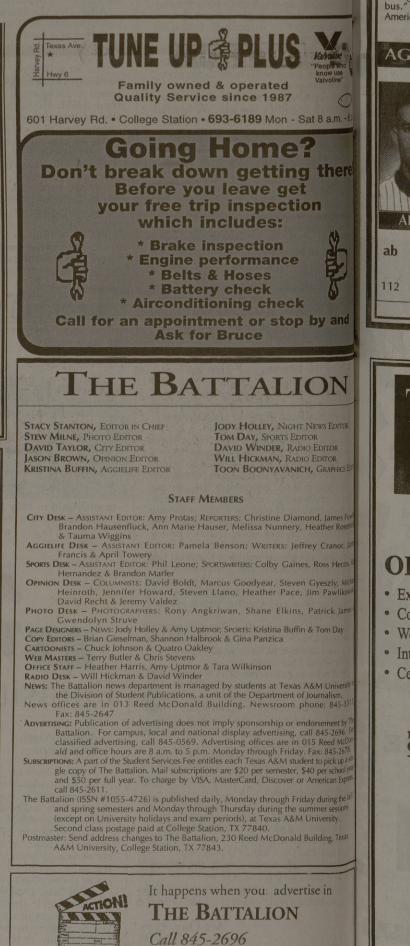
to have and makes it easier for us to man our job up in the tower," Whitworth said.

Runways and taxiways are areas slated for improvement:

· Construction of north-south taxiway on the side of the airport. • The application of

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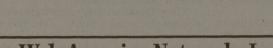
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