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# Ags gather food to give to needy

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A Thanksgiving meal will be served to the needy of Bryan-College Station thanks to the combined efforts of 11 student organizations and several church groups.

Food and money is being collected at various locations and the proceeds will go toward preparing a free meal for those who come to Twin City Mission on Thanksgiving.

The Newman Association, a Catholic student organization on campus, initiated the idea and approached other student organization for help, said Mike Briggs, chairman of the project. Briggs is also chairman of Social Awareness, a subcommittee of the Newman Association.

"Everyone was enthusiastic about the idea and wanted some part in it," Briggs said.

The Twin City Mission was picked to host the meal, Briggs said, because it is an established organization involved in reaching the community 365 days a year.

The Rev. Warren Barnes, a worker with the Mission, said it served 23,277 meals last year.

The Thanksgiving meal operation begins this week. Food, money and clothes will be collected by the students. The leftover food donations will be given to Twin City Mission.

Donations will be taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at the MSC, from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday at Sbis and from noon to 6 p.m. Friday at the Commons.

The canned food collected will be built into a pyramid in the student lounge of the MSC. Briggs said the pyramid will be a visual indication of the drive's progress and might spur people to contribute.

The Mission is at 500 N. Main St. Anyone in the Bryan-College Station area who needs help getting there on Thanksgiving should contact the Mission.

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Lanes of Texas Avenue have been closed to traffic to allow workers to clean them. The work is being done preparatory to resurfacing 5 miles of the street. Battalion photo by Sam Stroder

## Cost more than \$700,000

# Texas Ave. being resurfaced

By SANDRA SEFCIK  
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Afacelift costs a lot of money these days, especially when it is performed on a street.

Texas Avenue is currently being resurfaced and leveled at a cost of \$739,006, said B.C. Bockmon, supervising resident engineer for the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The project covers 5 miles of Texas Avenue from Highway 21 to University Drive. The contractor will be allowed 60 days — excluding weekends, holidays, and severe weather — to complete the project.

The resurfacing is being done with a substance known as a hot-mix being applied to the road surface.

So far, the hot-mix has been poured from Highway 21 south to Coulter Drive.

A hot-mix consists of three major materials, Bockmon said. They are a

coarse aggregate, fine aggregate and asphalt.

The coarse aggregate works to give friction and skid resistance to

the road surface. The fine aggregate fills the empty spaces between the coarse aggregate. The asphalt works as an adhesive to hold the mixture together and gives the hot-mix a water-proof finish.

The Texas Avenue project itself consists of three steps, Bockmon said. First, the contractor, L-W-B Construction Co, Conroe, has to remove the excess hot-mix left from previous projects. Second, the contractor must repair all the bad sections in the road. Finally, the hot-mix is applied to the road surface.

Along with the resurfacing of all four lanes of Texas Avenue, concrete medians will be added at intersections with traffic lights, Bockmon said. In addition, 4-inch concrete medians are being used to help control traffic and to help prevent accidents, Bockmon said.

The raised asphalt medians, Bockmon said, can be driven over and to allow people to turn over them if necessary. The concrete medians will be harder to drive over and will discourage sudden turning moves.

a two-way left turn lane will be added for the entire 5 miles. This will provide better access to properties along Texas Avenue, Bockmon said.

The entire surface is being resurfaced because failing sections in the road have been patched and repatched for years. Also, chugholes washed out after every rain made for a rough riding surface, Bockmon said. The project will repair all the bad sections and will make for a smooth riding surface.

In addition to the hot-mix level-up project, Texas Avenue will be marked with reflective discs. This was just funded recently, Bockmon said and installation will start next week.

The markers are good for major streets because they are a traffic safety mechanism, Bockmon said. Bockmon said the additional cost for the markers, which serve as safety mechanisms, was \$52,700.

Between 25th and 29th streets, a continuous concrete median will be erected, Bockmon said.

Along with the concrete medians,

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