



Restricted access

photo by Donn Friedman

The main entrance to the Academic Building has been blocked as renovation continues. The building can be entered at

the north and south ends and the wheelchair ramp at the front of the building. Renovation to the building began in August.

Parking

High cost of striping not mere lines

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Restriping campus parking lots goes well beyond the mere painting of the lines, Eugene Ray, director of grounds maintenance, says.

"Restriping is not a really good term," Ray said. "It's actually a reworking, and sometimes a partial rebuilding of a lot. There are quite a few things that go into it other than just the simple relining."

"First, you have to determine if there are any base failures; that can be very costly. Then you have to go in and erase the other marks. That's so you don't have the marks all jumbled up. You do that by a procedure called sealcoating, which is an asphalt emulsion or a light concrete overlay that is sprayed on, or by asphalt overlay."

The \$400 price tag for restriping parking lots quoted at the recent Texas A&M Board of Regents meeting is not for the restriping alone, he said. Res-

tripping a parking lot is not that expensive, he said. It only costs about 25 to 30 cents a foot. Repair on base failures is what is expensive.

When the Langford Architecture Building was built, trucks hauling precast beams drove into parking annex 54, Ray said. This caused extra wear and tear, and many base failures.

Base failures are caused when water penetrates an asphalt crack causing it to become waterlogged. When weight is applied to a waterlogged asphalt crack, it causes the base compaction of the street to soften and give away and become a pothole.

"The cost for repairing the lots won't be too far from the \$400 quoted at the regents meeting by the time you take a gross average of all the repair

costs," Ray said.

"There are probably a lot of spaces that could be handled for \$150 to \$200 a space, maybe if just a sealcoat and restriping are involved," he said. "Then there are some where you could spend \$600 to \$800 a space, that cost would be for something like in lot 54 where there was a total rebuilding done."

Most of the larger parking lots will be considered for the "restriping," Ray said.

"Most of the large lots will receive some consideration if this plan goes through," he said. "We'll look for base failures and possible failures, fix those and then do the restriping. You just have to remember that \$400 is an average of the all the repair costs and not just the relining of the spaces."

Wall on beach interferes; state sues after hurricane

United Press International
AUSTIN — A West Galveston Island resident who was sued by the state because a retaining wall in his property apparently became situated on a public beach after Hurricane Alicia, said Monday the suit was an attempt to take his property without compensation.

Mattox instituted the suit against John M. Arrington, alleging the retaining wall's presence violated the Texas Open Beaches Act.

Mattox asked a Travis County district court to order the removal of the retaining wall, saying it interfered with the public's right to "free and unrestricted" access to public beaches. The Open Beaches Act stipulates that all land between the tide line and the line of vegetation on the beach is public property.

Arrington's retaining wall and his home both were behind the vegetation line prior to Hur-

ricane Alicia.

Arrington maintained that the previous vegetation line would grow back in time and

that Mattox has attempted to take his land without a condemnation proceeding or just compensation.

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