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Students win choice of spaces in south side parking garage

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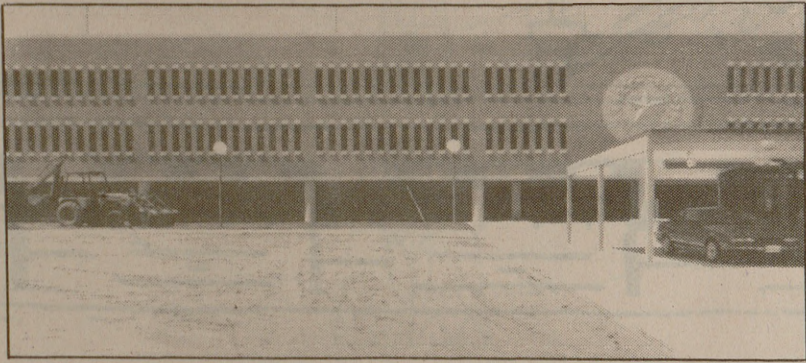


Photo by Eric H. Roalson

Ten students won a choice of spaces in the south side garage.

A group of 10 lucky Texas A&M students won the right to choose their own spaces in the new south side parking garage after a computer randomly selected their names.

The students were chosen from the 2,000 students who bought tickets for the garage.

Tom Williams, director of the Department of Parking, Transit and Traffic Services, said the 10 students were contacted before the start of this semester.

Six of the students were able to come to A&M early and select spots near the garage entrance on Spence Street next to new dormitories.

The other four fortunate recipients allowed us to choose spaces for them," Williams said.

The group will park next to the other six students near the entrance on Spence Street.

Williams said this is the second time a group of students has been allowed to select their own parking spaces.

"We did this last year when the north side garage opened," Williams said. "We found that students liked the policy so we decided to continue it at the new garage."

The remaining students who will park in the new garage have been assigned spaces by a computer program, Williams said.

The new south side parking garage has four levels for parking — three floors and the roof.

The garage, which took a year to build, has 2,000 student spaces and is similar to the parking structure on University Drive, which has a capacity of about 1,900 spaces, Williams said.

The new south side garage, however, has more square feet than the building on the north side of campus, he said.

"The two parking garages have

the same basic parking capacity," Williams said.

The garages have full security systems which operate 24 hours a day.

Each structure has a security booth staffed by University security personnel around the clock.

Forty-eight video cameras scan the garage and nearby areas to maintain safety around the parking garages.

"We have a tight security system," Williams said. "At A&M, the safety of the students is one of our main concerns."

Friends, relatives mourn deaths of reservists

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The mood was somber at Kelly Air Force base Wednesday as airmen, friends and relatives mourned the deaths of nine volunteer reservists in a military plane crash in Europe.

"The mood is very solemn, and many people are sad because of the incident," said Lt. Mike Franco, spokesman for the 433rd Military Airlift Wing based at Kelly. "It's been quite a blow to everybody here."

The plane was from the 60th Military Airlift Squadron from Travis Air Force Base in California and was en route to Rhein-Mein Air Base in West Germany, authorities said.

The C-5 was carrying food rations, medical supplies and other military cargo as part of Operation Desert Shield, the U.S. military buildup in the Middle East.

All but one of the victims was from San Antonio, military officials said.

It was not immediately known when their bodies would be returned, officials said.

"Everybody's in shock at the wing," said Maj. Meade C. Warthen, public affairs chief for the reserve unit.

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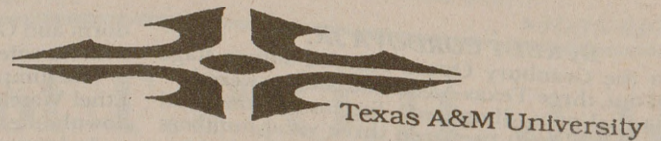
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