

National Night Out slated for tonight

The 12th Annual National Night Out is monitored by a satellite that will measure the density of light emitted from house lights turned on to deter crime.

By Michael Simmons
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Texas A&M students and residents of Bryan-College Station can turn on their lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement agencies in a nationwide stand against crime tonight.

The 12th Annual National Night Out is a crime prevention program

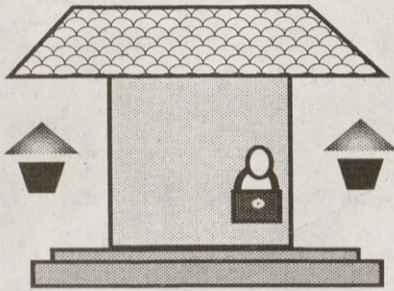
started by the the National Association of Town Watch. More than 27.5 million people from 8,750 communities across the United States and Canada participated in last year's event.

Residents of Brazos County are encouraged to spend a few hours tonight, between 7 and 10 p.m., outside with their neighbors.

Louis Korounka, a Brazos County deputy sheriff assigned to crime prevention, said National Night Out is a crime prevention program regulated by law enforcement agencies from Bryan, College Station and A&M.

"We want to encourage everyone to turn on their lights and get to know each other," Korounka said.

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A&M's Student Health Services names director

Dr. Lucille Isdale will head operations of the A. P. Beutel Health Center and begin supervising a staff of 80 full-time employees.

By Wes Swift
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Dr. Lucille Isdale, director of the Student Health Center at the University of Illinois, was announced as the new director of Texas A&M's Department of Student Health Services yesterday.

Isdale's appointment ends a 6-month nationwide search to replace Dr. Kenneth R. Dirks, who will retire in mid-August after 6 years as director and 15 years on the College of Medicine faculty.

Dr. Bill Kibler, associate vice president for student affairs, said in a state-

ment that the University is elated to have Isdale on board.

"We are pleased to have a new director with the extensive experience and background that Dr. Isdale brings to the position," Kibler said.

"The Student Health Center is a valued service for our students, and we look forward to the opportunities to move forward under Dr. Isdale's leadership."

Isdale was the selected over two other finalists: Dr. L.E. Hoffman, clinical director and director of ancillary services at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and Dr. Donald Freeman, a staff physician at A&M's A. P. Beutel Health Center.

Isdale will supervise a staff of 80 full-time employees, including eight physicians, and she will oversee all operations of the A. P. Beutel Health Center on campus.

Dirks said the biggest challenges facing Isdale are continuing the high level of student health care and making a smooth transition to a new

working environment.

"Usually, when a new director comes in, she'll want to get her new team together," Dirks said. "I'm sure [Isdale] wants to come in and establish her own style and way of working."

Dirks said Isdale should take advantage of the unique opportunity that A&M provides.

"I encourage her to enjoy life in Aggieland," he said. "Working with the students here is very rewarding. I think we have the best students in the world."

Isdale, who received her doctorate from the University of Illinois in 1983, has worked at the Urbana, Ill., campus since 1971.

She served as director of laboratory services and assistant director of clinical support services before taking the director's position in 1990.

Prior to 1971, she was a medical technologist at hospitals in Decatur, Ill., and Lake Charles and Baton Rouge, La.

Northgate Revitalization Project includes long-term master plans

As construction on College Main comes to a close, city officials consider three alternative master plans depicting Northgate as it could be 20 to 40 years from now.

By Tara Wilkinson
 THE BATTALION

Several Northgate business owners said they are more interested in seeing immediate improvements in plans for the distant future result from the Northgate Revitalization project.

Bernie Gessner, owner of Aggie Cleaners, said his business was disappointed with last week's community meeting because the content was more theoretical than practical.

"We thought it (the focus of the meeting) was going to be more short-term and oriented toward our problems," he said.

Northgate project consultants from Ellmuth, Obata, and Kassabaum, Inc. (EOK) presented three alternative master plans last week depicting Northgate 20 to 40 years from now.

Gessner said he hopes the third community meeting, scheduled for Sept. 15, will provide a realistic plan of action and will be a "connective bridge" between last week's meeting and the first meeting, held May 31.

The first community meeting focused on the goals of the Northgate Revitalization Project and problems

the area faces.

"All in all, it's kind of like the construction on College Main," Gessner said. "I guess coming up with a master plan is something that has to be done."

Todd McDaniel, Northgate project coordinator, said he is confident that significant progress will be made on the Northgate project before the end of this year.

The city of College Station's budget for fiscal year 1995-96 includes \$300,000 for Northgate improvement projects, and an additional \$200,000 is budgeted for Northgate construction for fiscal year 1996-97.

McDaniel said this money possibly will be spent on parking structures, a plaza on Patricia Street, cleaning up the appearance of Northgate and developing a unique motif for the area.

"\$500,000 isn't a lot of money," McDaniel said. "But it's a start."

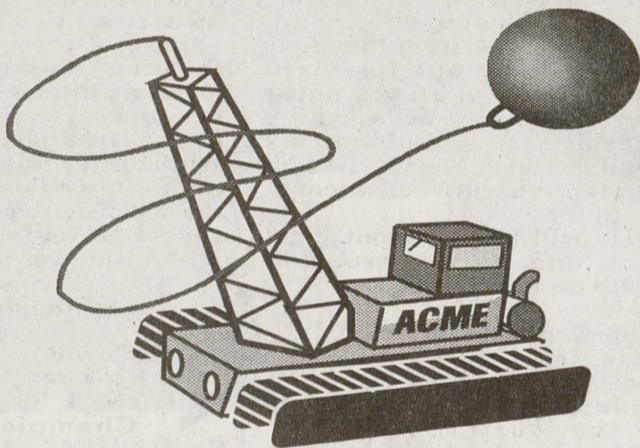
McDaniel said a two-block span of property owned by Texas A&M, with only the foundations of demolished duplexes on it, is essential to Northgate development. The property is located off Nagle Street, behind North Rampart Condominiums and Newport Condominiums.

Each of the three master plans presented last week included this property in their depiction of a dynamic future Northgate.

"That's a gap that needs to be filled in Northgate," McDaniel said.

McDaniel said he hopes A&M officials, who contributed \$25,000 toward the fee to pay for HOK services, will cooperate with the city to come up

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Rain wrecks Aug. 1 construction deadline

College Main will reopen before students return for the fall semester.

By Tara Wilkinson
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Most Northgate merchants on College Main said they are satisfied with results of road construction done on their section of College Main because the project has remained relatively on schedule.

Today is the target date for completion of construction on the section of College Main Street from University Drive to Church Street, as set by city officials when construction began at the beginning of the summer.

Todd McDaniel, Northgate Revitalization Project coordinator, said the College Main road construction is not finished today because of rain, which has delayed the final stages of the project.

This delay does not bother College Main merchants, who said their top concern was for the street to reopen before Texas A&M students return for the fall semester.

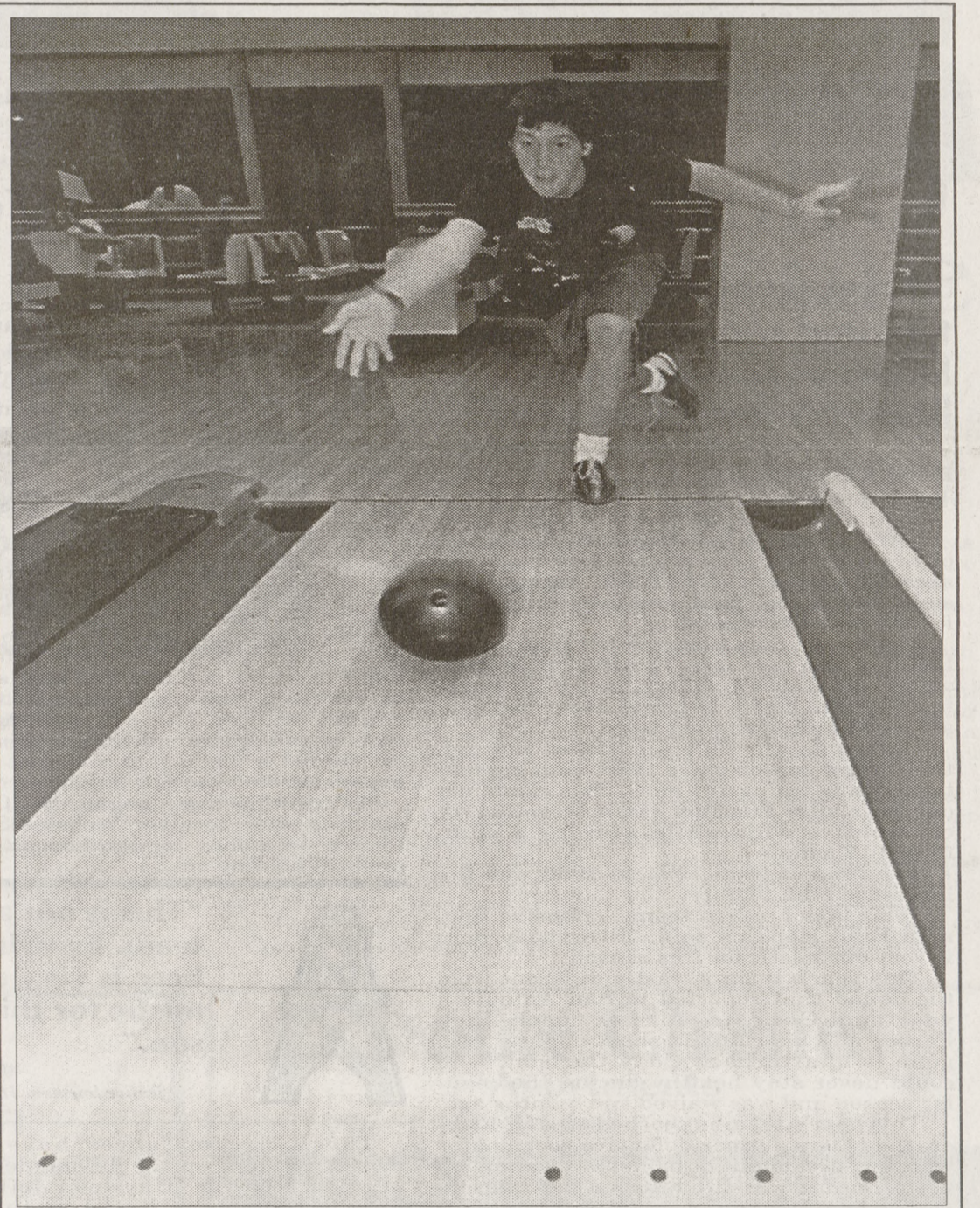
The majority of work on College Main, which included replacing utility lines, putting in a concrete street and widening the sidewalk, has been completed. The finishing touches will be done in the next few days.

A street dance to celebrate the improved College Main is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 25.

Bernie Gessner, owner of Aggie Cleaners, said city officials and the construction crew did a thorough and well-organized job.

"It's great," Gessner said. "We're going to be open well in time for school. Our big apprehension was that it wasn't going to be done and that we'd be sitting out here with the street closed down

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COUNTIN' ON A STRIKE

Mike McCann, an incoming freshman chemical engineer major, goes for the strike during a game at the MSC Monday afternoon.

CompuServe links researchers in Arctic with Aggies at home

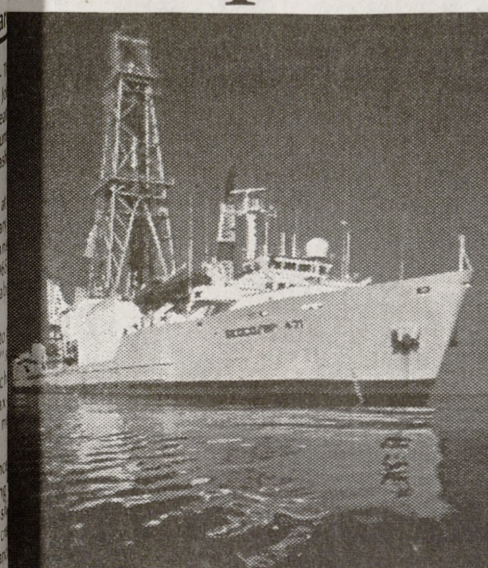


Photo courtesy of Texas A&M Ocean Drilling Program
 The crew of the JOIDES is analyzing material left behind million of years ago.

Anyone with access to CompuServe can ask questions of A&M researchers studying ocean floor sediment in the Arctic Ocean.

By Katherine Arnold
 THE BATTALION

The information superhighway is hitting the high sea with a CompuServe program which links subscribers to Texas A&M staff and operators of a ship in the Arctic Ocean.

CompuServe is a software program that provides users access to the Internet.

The link is a joint project between U.S. News & World Report and the Ocean Drilling Program (ODP), an international

research program funded by the National Science Foundation and 18 other countries. A&M is the central location for ODP's science operations and is responsible for the majority of ship operations.

Until Aug. 13, CompuServe users will be able to ask questions of the crew of the JOIDES Resolution, which is the largest scientific drill ship in the world.

The crew of the JOIDES Resolution is conducting research near the Arctic Ocean for 54 days. The staff scientist on board the ship is Dr. Peter Blum, a research scientist from the ODP at A&M.

Also aboard the ship are 25 scientists representing several institutions around the United States, scientists from a total of seven different countries and 17 technicians from A&M.

The purpose of the research in the Arctic Ocean is to ana-

lyze material left behind millions of years ago, Blum said in a press release.

"Continuous sections of sediment cores from the deep ocean floor will allow us to reconstruct physical and chemical changes of these deep water masses with time, at scales of tens to millions of years, through analysis of biogenic, geochemical and lithological records," Blum said.

Aaron Woods, spokesman for ODP, said the CompuServe forum provides a link between the general public and the scientific community.

"This gives the public a unique opportunity to ask the scientists what it's like, what they are doing and why it's important," he said. "Instead of seeing a report on television, people can talk directly to the scientists."

Questions usually are an-

swered within two days of posting them, Woods said. All questions and answers remain posted on the forum for CompuServe users to view.

Woods said the expedition will analyze how the Arctic Ocean has influenced environmental conditions such as the Greenhouse Effect, which is gradually increasing global temperatures caused by trapped heat within the Earth's atmosphere.

"The ocean floor is a permanent archive of history," he said. "It is a recording of history that we can look at and examine what life forms existed during certain times and what the climate was like."

The JOIDES Resolution will be drilling 400 meters into the ocean floor in 1,000-meter-deep water. This is a fairly shallow

How to access the news forum:

- Load CompuServe
- Select the Services menu
- Select Go
- Type in the window, "USNForum"
- Select Go
- Go into "Messages"
- Select science/technology

All questions previously posted and answered will be available for browsing. Users may also post new questions which should be answered within two days.

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