

Merchants hold party in honor of College Main's renovation

To celebrate the end of construction on the Northgate street, a dance will be held tonight.

By Tara Wilkinson
THE BATTALION

People will be singing and dancing in the street tonight — the new and improved College Main, that is.

Northgate merchants are sponsoring the Northgate Kick-off, a street dance celebrating the completion of College Main construction from University Drive to Church Street.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. and include performances by two bands, Bobby Hall and the Ice Cold Blues Band and Last Call.

The summer construction, the first step of the Northgate Revitalization Project that will preserve the historical aspect of the area and improve facilities, replaced worn-out underground utilities and widened the side-

walks with stamped-brick.

Bernie Gessner, owner of Aggie Cleaners, said the street dance will be a way to get something positive out of the noisy, inconvenient summer construction project.

Hot dogs, pizza rolls and soft drinks will be sold, and all profits will go to the Northgate Scholarship Fund, which is being created by the Northgate Merchants Association.

At 6 p.m., a ribbon-cutting ceremony will officially begin what Northgate merchants hope will be a period of revitalization and growth.

John Raney, owner of Texas Aggie Bookstore, said he hopes the street dance will increase awareness of Northgate services.

"We want people to come see the new street," he said. "We want people to get accustomed to coming to Northgate. Northgate has a lot to offer."

Richard Benning, owner of Dudley's Draw and Fitzwilly's,

said the celebration will be a way to show off the work that has been completed in the revitalization project.

"Everyone can get an impression of what Northgate is going to be like," he said. "We're doing this so the citizens of College Station can see how the money is being used."

Northgate merchants said they hope the street dance, which was organized quickly

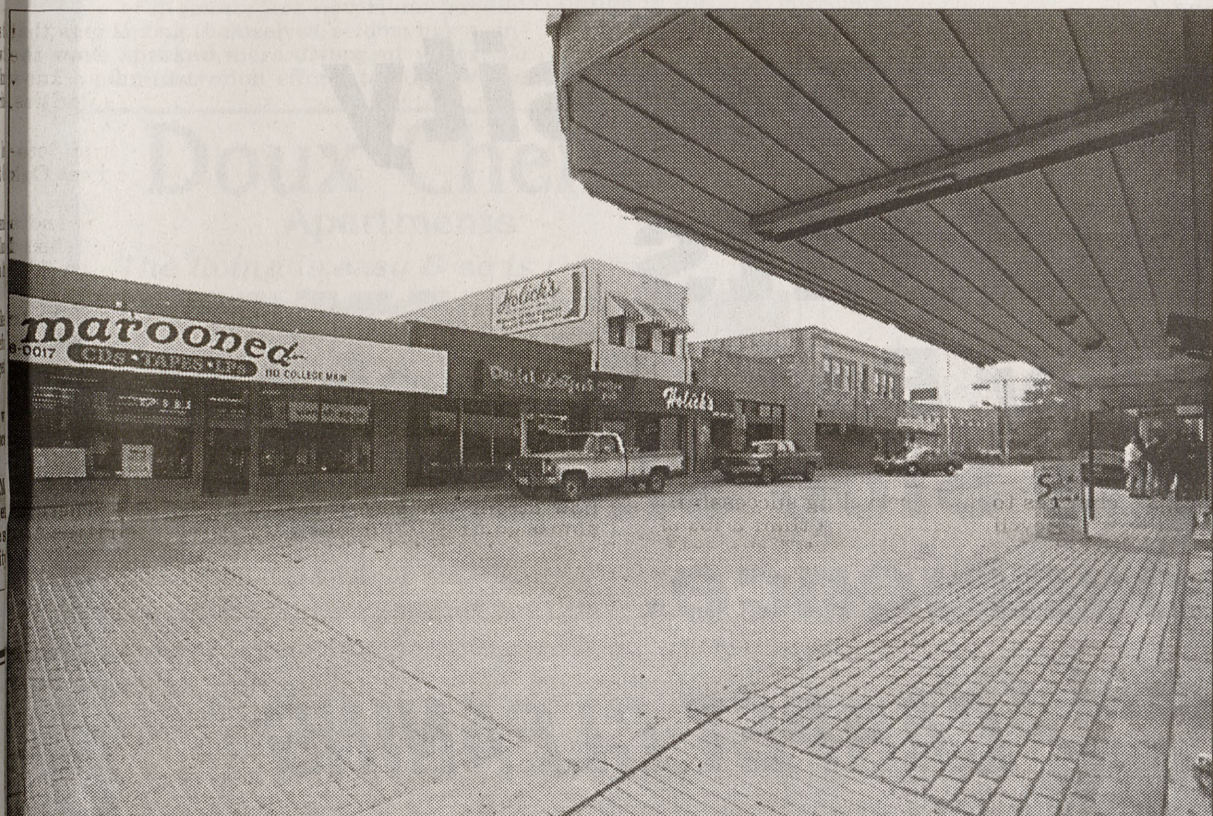
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this month, will become an annual event.

Benning said that next year the dance might be expanded to include children's games and hay rides.

In order to comply with city noise statutes, the celebration will end at 11 p.m.



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Worn-out underground utilities were replaced and the sidewalks were widened on College Main this summer. The construction was the first step of the Northgate Revitalization Project.

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- C. Skip class for the next two days and drive home for dinner.
- D. None of the above. (See below).

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