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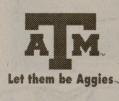






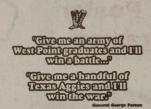












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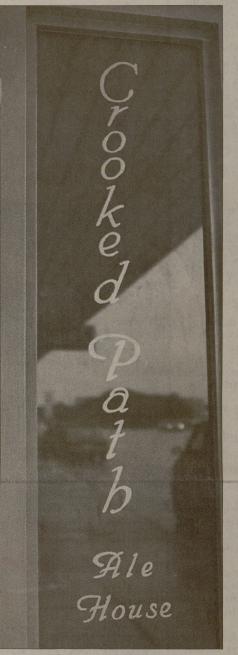
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Off the Beaten Path

New bar combines mature atmosphere with travel theme to bring new personality to Northgate





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Laura Gerkey, a senior chemical engineering major, serves one of the 14 beers Crooked Path keeps on tap. The bar also offers specialized beers, wine, cappuchino and some foo

By April Towery THE BATTALION

nometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your name. Crooked Path Ale House on

Northgate is bringing a friendly bar atmosphere to Aggieland.

Manager David Harger said Crooked Path hopes to target people who want to enjoy good, fresh beer, wine and champagne.

"When I was younger, I drank for quantity," Harger said. "Now I drink for quality. We hope that the people who come here will be looking

Crooked Path opened for business Aug. 23, and Harger said it has had a good response. "We already have a few regulars," Harger said. "I'll buy them a beer — we try to give

them good treatment." The bar has a travel theme, which owners Don and Cheryl Anz chose because of their

"We went to Europe and really liked the ale houses there," Don Anz said. "We drove by Northgate Cafe one day and noticed it was for lease, so we checked it out. It had the English style beams and windows, and the brick front that made it look like a pub."

The bar has taken on a sophisticated character because the employees plan to strictly enforce a 21 and up policy.

"Our customers just come in, sip on a beer, read a magazine or just talk," Harger said. "We've already had several people say, 'This is going to be my bar, where I'll hang out.'"

Cheryl Anz said their involvement in the

Northgate Revitalization project makes Northgate an important location for them.

"We want to be a part of improving the Northgate area," Cheryl Anz said. "We were stu-

dents here ourselves, so it means a lot to us." The Anzes hope to make the bar more accessible with the addition of a 153-space

parking lot next August. 'We plan to have a supervised, landscaped, free parking lot so that people can get a ticket and walk around Northgate with-

out having to park six blocks away in the mud," Don Anz said.

Crooked Path features 20-ounce impe pints, instead of the usual 16-ounce. Most of beer is micro-brewed and unpasteurized. If bar also serves coffee, espresso, cappucci non-alcoholic beer, soda and pink lemmade

Harger said the music played in the pu provides a different atmosphere than mos local bars.

"We have a DSS satellite dish and playa eclectic station or some blues, but no cou try," Harger said.

Bartender Laura Gerkey, a senior chemic engineering major, said she was drawn other bar because of its different style.

"I love it," Gerkey said. "I think peopled like it because you can just come in andm low out. It's very clean and looks rich."

Don Anz said he wants the bar to have character of its own.

"We do want it to be fairly mainstreat- In late Apri unique but accessible," Don Anz said. Crooked Path will not host local bands

now, but may have a few acoustic acts. "It will be rare, but we may let someceived first acoustic acts play upstairs," Don Anz sait writer categor think we'll let other people host the alternating five in the

grunge bands. The Anzes also own Cafe Eccell Flood" becan

Rosalie's Pasta. They said operating a ballpast summer, much different than operating a restaurant "At Cafe Eccell, we make everything for Armstrong's

beer off a tap," Don Anz said. "Our food menu at Crooked Path is limit right now, but it might be broadened as peo

make requests," Cheryl Anz said. The Anzes encourage people to come

visit Crooked Path, as the cover of t menu reads: Welcome to the Crooked Path,

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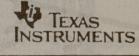
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