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Construction slows traffic on Anderson

Length between Park Place, Southwest Parkway undergoes resurfacing; completion scheduled for Aug.

BY RACHEL HOLLAND
The Battalion

The stretch of Anderson Street between Park Place and Southwest Parkway in College Station is being resurfaced to repair potholes and cracks in the street.

After the resurfacing, the street will be widened.

Frank Simoneaux, graduate engineer with the City of College Station, said the construction is an effort to create a smoother and stabler driving surface.

He said workers with Young Bros. Contractors, Inc. are removing six inches of pavement and applying new base material and asphalt.

"We ask that people be careful in the work zone where the lanes are narrow," he said. "The number of lanes is reduced because we are moving traffic onto half of the road while base material is applied to the other half. Then we

will move traffic again while the other side is worked on."

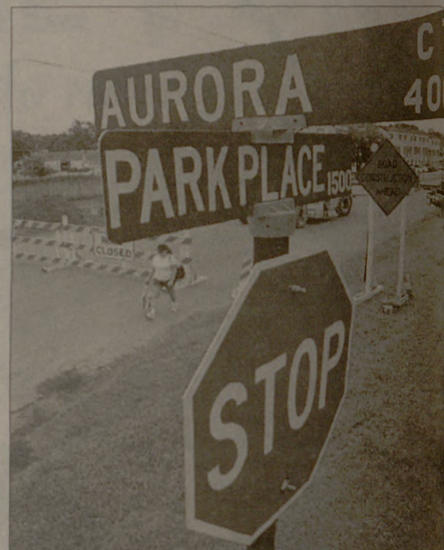
Ashley Wray, a resident of College Station who lives off Anderson street, said the street is rough and in need of resurfacing.

"It is a good time for the work to be done with summer approaching," she said. "But I wish someone had told the residents what was going on first, because it is a big inconvenience."

Simoneaux said reducing the number of lanes is an inconvenience, but it is the only way to keep the traffic on Anderson Street while the work is being done.

He said the expected completion date for resurfacing Anderson is Aug. 17, and work to widen the street will begin in the summer.

The street will be widened from its intersection with Park Place to its intersection with George Bush so that a left turn lane can be added.



MIKE FUENTES/The Battalion

Ashley Wray, a freshman at Blinn College, waits along the closed stretch of Anderson Street.

Block party welcomes inductees

New procedure brings seniors into Association

BY APRIL YOUNG
The Battalion

The Association of Former Students has a new procedure for inducting seniors — a celebratory block party to welcome students into the Association.

The block party will be May 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center and will offer a live band, free food, door prizes and activities.

Coordinators hope the new induction method will break barriers between former students and new graduates.

The formal induction, the Association of Former Student Oath, will now take place at the commencement ceremonies.

Patrick Williams, director

of campus programs for the Association of Former Students, said the decision to change the format stems from the Association's committee of staff members, interviews, focus groups and the declining number of students attending the induction banquet.

The previous procedure consisted of a formal banquet held in early April.

Williams said the prior format put too many restraints on students.

"With the old format, students had no time to interact with staff or board members," he said. "They had no time to mingle with their fellow students for the last time."

Williams said the new format will make former students feel comfortable inter-

acting with the University.

"We want students to understand that whether you have been out of school for two days or 20 years, this is your new home at Texas A&M University," he said. "You don't have to have been highly successful in the business world to come back and play a role on the Texas A&M campus."

As a part of the new format, Williams said the Association of Former Students will sponsor half of the amount of money century club membership students pledge to the Association.

The funds are used to give back to the University in the form of scholarships, library funds, student organizations and other programs.

The association raises about \$3 million a year.

'99 Achievement Awards honor faculty, staff efforts

Texas A&M recognized faculty and staff members at the 1999 Distinguished Achievement Awards.

Award recipients for teaching were David S. associate professor of accounting; James M. Namara, professor of educational psychology; W. Morgan, professor of engineering technology; industrial distribution; David W. Reed, associate department head of horticultural sciences and A. Roussel, associate department head of large mal medicine and surgery.

Research awards went to Robert B. Ames, distinguished professor of health and kinesiology; Way Kuo, head of the Department of industrial chemistry and biophysics and Lloyd W. Roomer, professor of soil and crop sciences; B. Don Rouse, deputy director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and associate vice-chancellor for engineering research of the A&M System and Marian S. professor of physics.

Awards for continuing education and external and professional development were given to Malota, project director for the Student Information Management System and Sue Melton, coordinator and office manager of the College of Agriculture, life sciences' academic office.

William L. Perry was presented the administration award and Ganesa Gopalakrishnan, professor of chemistry was selected as a Piper professor.

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