





# NORTHGATE

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This plan was adopted by the City Council this month along with the rest of the parking proposal.

The parking lost on College Main will be absorbed by the Promenade Lot during daytime hours. Mies said the lot is at approximately 30 percent utilization during daytime hours.

Traffic — including bicycles and pedestrians — along College Main is substantial, and is likely to increase with the construction of the new private dormitory at Northgate, which will house an estimated 600 students.

"With that many students in that area, it is going to generate a considerable foot traffic by [Northgate] businesses,' Mies said. "We have also seen plans for additional multifamily high-density development on the Mud Lot.'

Despite some concerns among merchants about the potential problem the shortage of parking, some do not foresee significant loss of business.

"It is not going to affect business," said Sean Lambert, manager at Duddley's Draw. "Northgate is going to be Northgate. There is nothing we can do about parking.

Lambert said he simply expects more complaints from customers because they will be forced to park further away.

However, Mies said the residential parking at Northgate will go into a permit-based system. This is an effort to keep Northgate customers from consuming all of the residential parking for apartments. Once the system is in place, those parking in residential areas without a permit will be towed.

"I understand how sensitive this area is," Mies said. "But parking is always going to be a problem at Northgate."

One solution is in the works, however. A parking garage is in the final phases of design, and construction on the project is scheduled to begin this summer.

Mark Smith, a public works administrator for the City of College Station, said the four-story garage will have 729 parking spaces. It will be located directly north of Burger Boy with the main entrance on College Main. The garage will span from College Main to Second Street. Revenue bonds will be issued to pay for the estimated construction cost of \$5.7 million.

Mies said parking revenues from the garage and the Promenade Lot will go to repay the debt of building the two projects, creating self-perpetuating facilities. Smith said he hopes the garage will be online by August 2001.

We are not trying to make this high-dollar and make a lot of money off of these meters," Mies said. "Our goal is to make it where it is not expensive and will pay for itself." "We are trying to be as user-friendly as possible and sensitive

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struction. The parking lost while the lot was underconstruction had only a mild effect on business at Fitzwilly's.

"Anytime you take away parking spaces, it is going to affect business because there is such a limited supply to start with," Willett said. "I think the parking garage will help because those are spaces we wouldn't have had.'

Not only will parking spaces be removed, but others will become metered. Street parking from Boyett Street to the Deluxe Diner on University Drive will have meters, which will be managed and regulated by the City of College Station.

However, street parking from Tauber Street to the Dixie Chicken is private property, and out of Texas Department of Transportation's authority

'The merchants will determine how they want to manage their own parking spots," Mies said.

The meter system will include an debit card system, which will allow users to electronically pay for the amount of time they actually occupy a parking spot.

The only way everyone is going to be happy is if all parking at Northgate is free," Mies said. "Our goal is to make it safe, as convenient as possible, and financially feasible."



Bryan/College Station's private dormitories are looking for motivated individuals to be a part of the 2000-2001 Resident Advisor Staff. All applicants must have at least one year of college. Applications can be picked-up at the front desk of University Tower in the lobby and are due Monday, April 3rd by 5:00 p.m.

## WOMEN

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Dr. Sherry Yennello, the chairperson of Women's Week 2000, said she wanted to challenge luncheon attendees to keep the spirit of Women's Week alive all year long.

"Every one of us can help other women be the best they can be ... we should make that a way of life here in Aggieland," she said. "We need to form a fabric of women

- to work together to form a stronger group than any one woman individually." Harris spoke about her work with the Pathfinder to Mars and the teamwork and problem-solving involved.

"As a flight director of a group of specialists, it was amazing to see how much we needed to know and figure out together. ... Teamwork and believing in the need for everyone on the team was important," she said.

"I was 30 when I went back for [an engineering degree]."

might have initially influenced how she was treated, but she encouraged young women to persevere despite obstacles and prove doubters wrong about their abilities. Holland said she does not think she would have gone through so many differ-

ent fields of study if she had been a man.

"Women didn't do engineering when I was in college," Holland said.

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2000 Aggieland Straight Shot: There w races to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater at 8:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, March 26

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Forrest Lane, a senior political major, said the key to getting m norities is to communicate to pro students that A&M embraces div

"We need to make sure that the ple we're recruiting understand th a tolerant atmosphere because w want to give any negative ideas in one's mind because getting herei challenge; once you get here you stand that this is an incredible pla Lane said

Though the overall picture is a Lane said campus organizations must together on mutual problems and god continue to increase diversity on can

'If we can bridge that gap a little and bring all those organizationst er, everything from Multicultura vices to the Greek system to the Co Cadets. Bring them together and find what their opinions are, what the cerns because the more we educat selves on all our concerns, I think it ing to make us better when we goo put those people in organization out and recruit," Lane said.

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TAMU Navigators: Everyone is eagerly invited to

participate in Navigators at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder

302. Contact John Scholl at 847-5884 for details.

Friday, March 24

## Aggies Up All Night: There will be a general meet ing at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder 402. Contact Chelette

Wednesday, March 22

Austin at 695-0820 for more information.

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