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## A&M-area parking to change

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Different parking changes on campus and in the Northgate area will take effect Fall 2000. The Department of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) and the city of College Station are working to make Texas A&M University and College Station a less confusing traffic area and safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Douglas Williams, associate director of PTTS, said, during the upcoming fall semester students with red parking permits will only be allowed to park on main campus. Students with blue parking permits will only be allowed to park on West Campus, with the exception of the blue Zachary Lot.

Williams said they are making lot changes due to the construction of the future 932-space West Campus parking garage, which will be located between John Kimbrough and the Recreation Center and the pedestrian passage way.

"We want to reduce the vehicles and pedestrians from crossing Wellborn Road during construction, because the roadway capacity will not accommodate the expected demand," Williams said.

Williams said in order to complete this project they will have to close John Kimbrough from Olsen to Wellborn. During construction Wellborn Road will reduce its five lanes to two lanes northbound, one lane southbound and no turning lanes.

"There will be less options available to enter West Campus," Williams said. "A temporary railroad track will be built to accommodate construction of the passageway."

Williams says there will be more parking available for off-campus students and, during the evenings, students with blue parking permits will only be allowed to park in staff lots that are not 24-hour reserved.

"Overall there will be more blue physical spaces on campus, and during the evenings students with blue permits will have more options of parking on main campus, because you will not have red and green permits competing for staff lots," Williams said.

Student Body President Forrest Lane said student government is working with PTTS to develop a concrete solution for parking.

Lane said to help enhance the options of parking on main campus in the evenings, students with blue permits will be allotted free parking in the University Center Garage.

Kofi Barkoh, a junior biomedical engineering major said he feels the changes being made on campus are ridiculous.

"Parking and traffic is going to be outrageous. We're going to have detours around campus and it's going to be a big horrendous problem for those living off-campus," Barkoh said. "I don't see how it's going to decrease traffic too much or safety. You have all those people commuting off-campus. You're going to have a congested Wellborn and a congested George Bush," Barkoh said.

Williams said the desired objective is to reduce the competition for spaces on campus.

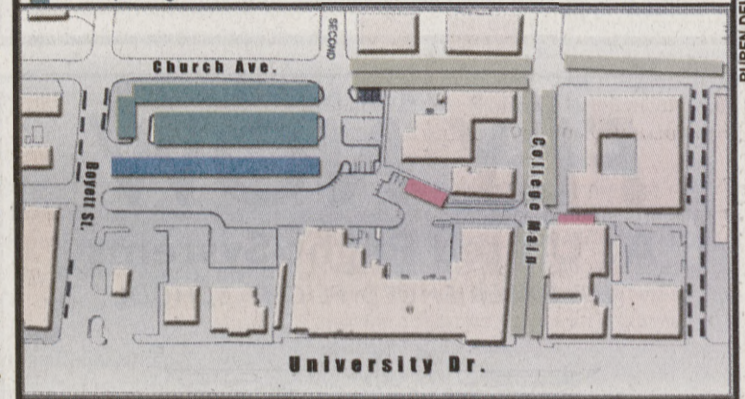
"It will reduce the competition for spaces and the blue permit population will not add to traffic congestion on main campus," Williams said.

Williams said the benefits of these new lot changes are less pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

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### Parking changes in the Northgate Area

- Parking removed
- 3 free 15-minute spaces on Patricia Street east of College Main
- 6 free 15-minute spaces on Patricia Street west of College Main
- 30 free one-hour spaces in the Promenade Parking Lot from 7:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Paid parking



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## Printing fees added to bill

Students to be charged for printing excessive copies

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Students accustomed to multiple-copy printing in the student computing labs on campus will notice changes this fall. Beginning Fall 2000, students printing more than 150 pages per semester will be charged for each additional page they print.

Thomas Putnam, director of Computing and Information Services, said the increase results from the rising volume of printing on campus.

Putnam said printing costs have risen from \$600,000 in 1998 to an estimated \$850,000 in fiscal year 2000.

"We are trying to recover the cost of printing," Putnam said.

Currently, students have unlimited printing privileges in the computer labs. Beginning this fall, each student will receive an allocation of 150 black and white pages per semester to print. The cost of printing is included in the student computing fees.

Once the number of pages has exceeded this amount, a charge of 4.9 cents per page will be added to the student's fee statement.

Putnam said the charges will be added at the end of the semester, so students will need to pay the charge to avoid being blocked from registering.

Onedia Sylvest, associate director of Computing and Information Services, said the new policy is designed to affect only the students who print excessive amounts of pages.

"Most students will not receive a bill," Sylvest said.

Sylvest also said safeguards have been added to computers so students do not accidentally print more than they want.

"Computers in the labs around campus are equipped with pauses that prompt the student before it continues printing when the job is in excess of 100 pages," Sylvest said.

"We want to protect students with the pause from using their allocation by mistake," she said.

Student reaction toward the change is mixed.

Emily Funkhouser, a senior recreation, parks and tourism major, said a type of printing regulation is necessary on campus.

"Some people go crazy printing out things that have nothing to do with school, and that is wasteful," she said.

Michelle Nafegar, a senior speech communication major, said the allocation is too low when considering the amount of printing students must do for certain classes.

"Some students have to print in the labs, and if they need to get something off of reserve and the professor has eight chapters, that can be 100 pages," Nafegar said.

Marie Johnson, a senior agricultural development major, said students already pay enough in computer fees for printing.

"There is so much that we have to print for class, and I think our fees cover that substantially," she said.

## Firing up the pit



Marcel Quintero, a grill and sauté chef at a local restaurant, prepares chicken on the barbie for a customer.

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## Work hour increase proposed

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Student workers who have been accepted into the college work-study program through financial aid may be able to work more hours if a proposal made by Student Financial Aid Services is passed.

Jim Lane, assistant director of financial aid, said some student workers on the work-study program have expressed concern because work-study hours are currently limited to 20 hours per week.

Lane said the 20-hour limit was a problem for students because they were getting paid less than regular student workers who have no limit on the amount of hours they can work.

"Because of the University policy, students would cancel their work study and get loans because [the hours] weren't enough to make it worth their while," Lane said.

Nora Cargo, student employment administrator, said the increase in work-study hours was also brought on by a change in federal policy.

"Federal regulations no longer regulate the number of hours a student can work," Cargo said. "It's now defined by the

amount of financial aid the student has been awarded. For example, if someone is allotted \$1,500 in work study, and they are making \$5.15 per hour, they would be allowed to work more hours than someone making \$7 per hour who has been awarded the same amount."

**"If I ever needed to work more hours, I would just drop work study and take out more loans."**

— Layne Bryant  
junior computer science major and work-study employee

Lane said the increase in student work hours would offer students on work study the same opportunities as students not on work study, as far as the number of hours they would be able to work.

Cargo said if the proposal is passed, students will be able to maximize their work-study privileges.

"The proposal would increase hours

and also increase award, meaning [students] will have the opportunity to earn more," she said. "We are hoping this will make them more attractive to employers on campus and, instead of taking on more loans, we are hoping to give them more work study so they can decrease their debt. This will be less for [students] to pay back when they graduate."

But Layne Bryant, a work-study employee and junior computer science major, said he is unaffected by the hour limit because he has never worked more than 20 hours per week.

"I have always been able to meet my costs, but I can see how if people wanted to work more, the limit could be prohibitive," he said. "If I ever needed to work more hours, I would just drop work study and take out more loans."

From Fall 1999 to Fall 2000, approximately 800 students were on the work-study program and, this summer, more than 260 students are enrolled in the work-study program.

Currently, the Office of Financial Aid is waiting to hear whether the proposal will be passed from Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southerland.

## Court rules on prayer

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court's decision Monday to limit student-led prayer at football games left school board members disappointed, confused and a little defiant, while opponents of the invocations celebrated.

"We were hoping to get some delineation from the Supreme Court, and what we got was a blurring of what citizens' free-speech rights are," said John Couch II, president of the Santa Fe Independent School District board for the last two years.

He was reacting to the court's 6-3 ruling that the high school in this southeast Texas town improperly sponsored religion by allowing the majority-Baptist student body to elect someone to give an invocation before football games.

Two women, whose names have not been made public, sued the district to eliminate prayer from pregame activities. Both still have children in the district and were elated by the decision, said friend Debbie Mason.

"Thank God, thank God," said Mason, an American Baptist who has put four children through the district.

"This time it was football games, next it could have been the classroom," Mason continued. "It is a slippery slope. This school district knew what it was doing and kept pushing and pushing."

During a news conference Monday in the school administration building, just a few yards from the football stadium, three members of the seven-person board decried the ruling that student speech in such a public forum is not protected.

Board member Robin Clayton indicated that formal pregame prayers might be a thing of the past, but noted that the school district cannot control what students or others say on their own.

"Spontaneous things happen, don't they," Clayton said. Board members added that they would address the now-defunct policy at a future meeting and did not know what kind of rules would replace it.

Asked whether a student might be disciplined for trying to pray over a loudspeaker at a football game or other venue, Couch became emotional and broke down as he spoke.

"There could just be no way I would be involved in disciplining a student for their free-speech rights," he said.

A lawsuit filed by Marian Ward, a graduated senior who won an injunction last fall to continue delivering pregame prayers despite a similar appellate court ruling, remains pending. Neither board members nor her father, the Rev. Bob Ward, knew what the Supreme Court ruling meant for the lawsuit.

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