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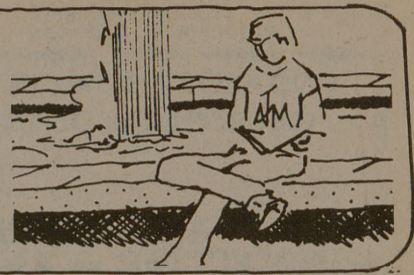
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KAMU-FM could fold if budget is cut

By LIZ NEULIN
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Texas A&M University radio, KAMU-FM, will go off the air Aug. 31, 1978, unless drastic changes are made in the proposed budget for fiscal 1978.

The radio station may cease operations by March of channel funds to KAMU-TV if the budget cut is confirmed, an informed source said Tuesday night. Student Government station KANM is unaffected by any University budget decisions, because its funds come from student service fees.

University officials declined to comment on the proposed budget cuts for the educational television and radio stations. University administrators' only official comment was that budget planning for fiscal 1978-79 had just begun, and that "nothing has been finalized, either for the university overall or any of its divisions."

Effects of the decision are outlined in two memorandums given to station workers Friday.

"Prospects for outside (non-federal) funds for KAMU-FM support are very poor," the memo states. "Prospects for federal funds are worse. . . . Therefore, in view of the recent budget decisions for account 16150, KAMU-FM will go off the air at the end of this fiscal year."

"The \$169,000 worth of equipment involved in the radio station was purchased with HEW funds; it, therefore, cannot be sold or rented for 10 years," the memo continues.

Five full-time staff members, three part-time workers and eight student assistants are supported by the budget.

The memo was sent from Leatha Miloy, director of educational information services, to Dr. J. M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs. It states the five full-time staffers will be absorbed by the television station.

"The student workers will not be re-hired next fall," it says. KAMU-FM carries National Public Radio programs, similar to Public Broadcasting Service programs. Funding from NPR will be approximately \$30,000 in fiscal 1978 and will trip the next five years.

Money for programs purchased by KAMU-TV will be

reduced from \$75,000 to about \$60,000 if the budget decisions are respected.

The cut will have several effects on KAMU-TV, according to a memo sent to Miloy from Dr. Mel Chastain, director of educational broadcasting services. These include:

- Loss of 350 hours of PBS programming per year, from more than 3,350 hours to 3,000 annually.
- Loss of affiliation with the Southern Educational Network (SECA).
- Loss of almost 450 hours of weekend programming from SECA.
- Loss of such PBS programs as "NOVA," "The MacNeil-Lehrer Report," "Great Performances," "Visions" and "The Dick Cavitt Show."
- Loss of Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) funds. Reduction of University support will result in losing \$40,000 in CPB funds the following year.
- Reducing student assistant workers from 20 to seven.
- Reduction below practical limits of funds available for replacement of worn-out electronic parts.
- Complete denial of funds for capital improvements.

To keep KAMU-TV solvent, the station manager, news director and other staffers will also have to double as fund raisers, encouraging businesses to "underwrite" the programs if the budget is increased. Membership drives, auctions and other fund-raising activities common to non-university public television stations will also be used in addition to other cost-saving measures.

"Maybe it's the University's way of telling the stations to be self-sufficient or get lost," said a source, who asked that his name be withheld.

"It's ruined the morale of that station," he added.

Students majoring in communications who want to specialize in radio broadcasting could not secure paid staff positions for practical experience. Eight students are disc jockeys now. Several other students work in production, bookkeeping and news departments.

Cameramen and some directors of local programs are students. Broadcast journalism students might be re-

quired to run the equipment, but the source pointed out that under University regulations a student could be absent or not do his work.

"You work for what you're paid for," he said. "It would be a very tight situation."

Texas A&M spent three years and more than \$261,000 to prepare the grounds, build the station and hire professional staff to operate the station.

Texas A&M has sponsored a TV station since 1970, but KAMU-FM has been on the air about eight months. The Joe Hiram Moore Communications Building was named last month.

Miloy's memo to Prescott noted, "KAMU-TV is consistently below average in total operating budget when national statistics are published. . . . We believe we have made some progress in spite of the fact that support from the University in account 22259 has decreased from about \$80,000 in 1975 to zero in 1977."

Reduction of military forces could help foreign relations

United Press International

WASHINGTON — A reduction in American military strength on Taiwan could help normalize diplomatic relations, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said in his news conference since his return from a week-long trip to China.

He suggested Tuesday an exchange of views by leaders of the two nations and the possibility of trade also would help achieve normal relations.

The key obstacle to normalization of relations remains the future of the 16 million people on Taiwan," Kennedy said. "I did expect and cannot report progress in that issue."

Any change in relations between the United States and China would have to be for peace and security in Asia, Kennedy said, referring especially to Taiwan,

Japan and parts of Southeast Asia.

Kennedy said he told Chinese leaders he thought Americans would be willing to recognize Peking as the actual government of China as long as the Taiwanese were permitted to "continue to exist in peace and security." He added that his talks with Chinese leaders, including Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, helped the Chinese understanding of "the American view that Taiwan should enjoy a peaceful and prosperous future."

Kennedy said acceptance of Taiwan as an independent nation not connected with the mainland would not solve the problem of recognition. He added that the final solution must be determined by Chinese and Taiwanese leaders themselves, not by outside forces.

Kennedy said his China trip left him "more committed than ever to helping

move forward the process of normalizing relations" between China and the United States. He said the Chinese "now consider the U.S. a potential ally" and view the Soviet Union as an adversary.

Heavy storm warnings up

United Press International

Residents of a corridor from Arkansas to Pennsylvania are burrowing out from under a foot or more of snow, while the storm that caused the mess heads northeast.

But the national Weather Service said a temporary and slight reprieve from winter's nastiness is in store. A Pacific system that ominously belted California Monday showed signs of weakening on its trip through the Rockies.

The storm that swept through the South and Ohio Valley on Monday and Tuesday was focusing its fury on the Northeast today. Heavy snow and winter storm warn-

ings were up in portions of Ohio, the Virginias, Pennsylvania, New York and New England.

The National Weather Service said five more inches of snow could fall in these areas. In Altoona, Pa., the accumulation reached 15 inches.

Utility repair crews throughout the Northeast, particularly on Long Island and in Rhode Island, worked frantically to repair lines and equipment damaged in last week's ice storm — before the new system hit.

President Carter authorized the use of giant Air Force cargo planes to carry more

Riding is free and easy

The first week of school is hectic — but traveling across campus by shuttle bus in one way to save time. Buses run from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and stop

near the vet school, west campus, Rudder complex, the Commons, Zachry Engineering Center, Reed McDonald Building, and Northgate.



Battalion photo by Susan Webb

Snowfall continues in North

than 24 dozen utility trucks and 50 personnel from utilities in Chicago and Detroit Tuesday night.

Late Tuesday, Louisville, Ky., had 17 inches on the ground. Gov. Julian Carroll declared a state of emergency, ordered all trucks off the barely open interstates and placed the National Guard on stand by.

Near Cairo, Ill., residents thrust a yardstick into the snow and it sank 18 inches. No official total was available because weatherman Don Semancik, who lives in Missouri, couldn't get to work.

Millie Mignone, a weather observer who lives about 300 feet off a county road

north of Marion, Ill., said she measured 16 inches of snow Tuesday morning.

"If we needed help, all we could do is just sit here and scream," she said.

The winter shipping season on the St. Mary's River system in Michigan nearly stopped when six feet of slush trapped 21 freighters. The Coast Guard ice-breaker Mackinaw slowly moved one ship at a time through the frozen areas.

In the South, thunderstorms moved north into snowstorms over northern Texas. Heavy snow warnings were posted in the Colorado and New Mexico Rockies, where the Pacific system was moving.

But the NWS said the Western system "is becoming less of a threat as it moves eastward." Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley called for an end to his city's mandatory water conservation program, begun last July, because of the plentiful rains, which have hit Southern California in recent weeks. As Bradley was speaking, a new system was on its way with more rain and snow.

Registrar, P.E. officials differ about Concepts requirement

By LIZ NEULIN
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Registration and physical education department officials will soon have to settle a controversy over whether or not a course called Concepts is needed for graduation.

FBI releases final pages of investigation

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The FBI is laying bare the remaining 58,754 pages in its investigation into who killed John Kennedy and — the question it still can't answer — why.

Heavily censored raw files released today were expected to shed light on how the FBI helped persuade the Warren Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald, whatever his motives, acted alone and not as the agent of a conspiracy.

All told, the FBI was making public 50,604 pages of investigative files and 8,150 pages of its communications with the Warren Commission.

Except for material the FBI is permitted by the Freedom of Information Act to withhold, this opens the bureau's entire Kennedy file to public scrutiny for the first time.

An earlier release of documents Dec. 7 showed the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover concluded that Oswald fired the fatal shots, but Hoover initially was skeptical that Oswald had acted alone. He put Oswald "in the category of a nut."

Twenty days after the slaying, the files showed, Hoover was still expressing "great concern" over whether he was the only man involved.

In classes Tuesday, P.E. teachers told students the course was necessary. Representatives of the registrar's office also said Tuesday that no student had been denied graduation because he did not take Concepts, a course similar to many high

school health courses. Many students believe the course is necessary and have included it in their schedules.

None of the required physical education courses are described in the 1977-78 undergraduate catalog. Students taking concepts study physical fitness, some first aid and participate in labs designed to measure aspects of fitness such as cardiovascular endurance, flexibility and strength.

Beginning last semester, all students who signed up for P.E. 101 were given Concepts. When classes are full, the computer assigns P.E. 102, and students are required by the P.E. department to take 101 later.

"I don't even know what concepts is," said an official in the registrar's office. The catalog only requires P.E. 101, 102, 201 and 202. It does not specify Concepts as P.E. 101, a and a student's record does not list Concepts either.

"They could in fact require students to take a course they call Concepts," he said in an interview Tuesday.

The official said he knew of no student denied graduation for lack of Concepts. Emil Magmaliga, head of required P.E. and elective activities programs, said the P.E. department requires the course for all students.

He compared it to University requirements in the English department.

"Nobody tells them what to teach in English 203," Magmaliga said. But a general description of the English course is published in the catalog while Concepts is not described.

Registrar officials said students who take two semesters of P.E. 102, P.E. 201 and 202, have been cleared for graduation.

"I probably would let that by," said the official.

Department head Carl Landiss and registrar Robert Lacey were unavailable for comment.

Health center provides new, faster service

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"All right. Those of you with fewer than four symptoms — to the left."

Well, maybe you don't have to count your symptoms, but you can get faster service in the Express Line, a new service provided by the Health Center at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Claude Goswick, director of the center, said Tuesday the new Express Line was allowing a doctor to see three times as many students who have minor complaints like fevers, earaches or rashes.

Goswick said the service will open when the clinic becomes crowded, and will provide a brief diagnosis and treatment by a doctor. He said doctors spend three to five minutes with each patient.

The Express Line differs from the cold clinic because a doctor is present and can issue prescriptions for medication. In the cold clinic only over-the-counter drugs are dispensed, and no doctor is present. Nurses make the diagnosis.

"It's worked quite well so far," Goswick said. "I don't think the students feel rushed. If anything, that's what they want."

He said those who want more privacy or have more complicated problems can wait to see a doctor in the regular clinic.

Because of the cold, wet weather now in College Station, Goswick predicted, "In about a week, there will be a full-fledged epidemic of flu. I feel like a prophet of doom."



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The ice man cometh

Diane Simmons, majoring in agronomy, gets a cold shoulder as she begins the new semester. The junior from Houston discovered these patches of ice near her apartment Tuesday morning.