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Prairie View A&M plans 10,000-watt radio station

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While Texas A&M University stands a good chance of losing its FM radio station, Prairie View A&M is planning to open a new one.

Prairie View's station, KPVO, is slated to be non-commercial and to operate at a frequency of 91.3. It will have 10,000 watts of power, according to Shirley Staples, head of the Department of Mass Communications at the school.

The proposed budget for Texas A&M in the 1978-79 school year does not include sufficient funds for its 3,000-watt station, KAMU-FM, to operate. Officials say the 1.7 percent increase in University operating funds is not enough to support the station and a growing student body. The budget will be presented to the Board of Regents for final approval at their June 8-9 meeting.

The possible closing of KAMU-FM is not the cause of the opening of the new station, said Adolph Koenig, an official in the broadcast facilities division of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C.

If KAMU-FM is closed it will be because of a lack of funds from the Texas A&M budget, not because of a cessation of HEW funds.

Prairie View officials are uncertain when construction will begin on KPVO.

"I see that (opening the station) at least a year away," said Dr. C.A. Wood, director of student publications at Prairie View A&M and official in charge of publicity concerning the station.

According to HEW regulations, the station must be operating by January 1980.

"They have a two-year period from the date the grant is made to put this thing on the air," Koenig said. He said a \$125,000 grant had been given to Prairie View A&M Jan. 3 to install a station. He said the school was required to match the grant

with \$44,351 and that construction costs should amount to around \$170,000.

"Broadcasting" magazine reported that the Federal Communications Commission granted Prairie View A&M a construction permit Jan. 23.

Staples said that the station will base its programming on the results of a survey to be taken throughout the broadcasting area of KPVO. She said the prime aim of the station would be "providing first-class educational programming to Prairie View and the surrounding counties."

Staples said the projected operating budget for the station for the first year is \$60,800. Don Simons, manager of KAMU-FM, said the 1977-78 budget for the Texas A&M station was \$115,000. The operating budgets of both stations are funded by their universities.

Asked how Prairie View A&M can afford to operate a radio station, Staples said she viewed the funding decision as a problem of priorities.

"It's not a matter of cost, it's a matter of wanting it," she said.

In contrast, Texas A&M officials say funding does matter.

A Texas A&M University News release said that state funds for the 1978-79 Texas A&M budget were appropriated last year and based on outdated enrollment figures.

The appropriations are based on a complex system in which a certain amount is allotted to a state university for each student, with the amounts varying for types of students. For instance, an engineering student is considered to be more expensive to a university than a liberal arts student.

Enrollment at Texas A&M has increased from about 21,500 in 1975 to 29,414 this spring, Prairie View A&M's has increased from about 4,900 to 5,100 in the same period.

"The University administration was ad-

vised that the FM operation had the lowest priority," the Texas A&M news release states. "On the basis of that assessment, the possibility has been advanced of discontinuing the radio service to allow maximum funding of television service."

Since that time, President Jarvis Miller has approved a budget which would force closure of KAMU-FM.

Simons said that no mention had been made of transferring the equipment from KAMU-FM to KPVO. Koenig said that if KAMU-FM is permanently unable to go back on the air, it is possible that the materials would revert to HEW. He said that it would depend on several factors, mainly whether other use can be made of the equipment. The situation is "not as if it is going to be repossessed," Koenig said.

Students no longer in intensive care

Two Texas A&M University students have been removed from intensive care at Methodist Hospital's neuro-sensory center in Houston, and have been placed in intermediate care at the hospital.

Barbara Miller and Cynthia Hertz were rushed to Houston April 28 with head injuries they suffered in a head-on collision west of College Station on FM 60. Three other Texas A&M students were injured in the wreck and have been released from St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan.

Both Miller and Hertz are in fair condition. Hertz was listed in serious condition

until early this week. Miller has been in fair condition the entire time at the hospital, but was kept in intensive care until this week.

Both are conscious and in some pain, but their vital signs are within normal limits, said a hospital spokesman.

The two were in opposite cars when the wreck occurred. Hertz was in a car with Gary Woodring, also a student, when it collided with a tractor-trailer truck, skidded almost sideways down the highway, and glanced off the car containing Miller and two other students.

Edwards wants recount

By United Press International
BRYAN, Texas — A district judge Tuesday night ordered a recount in the 6th Congressional District Democratic primary, a move requested by candidate Chet Edwards.

Edwards, who near-complete figures showed to be 471 votes behind leader Ron Godbey and 55 ballots behind second-place finisher Phil Gramm, filled for the recount about 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The recount order was issued by 85th District Judge John M. Barron Sr. a short time later.

The 6th Congressional District primary is the closest of congressional primaries this year, with the three top candidates all receiving votes in the 22,000 range in their bids to succeed 32-year veteran Olin

Teague, D.-Texas. An election official said he expected the recount could be completed within two days.

No official winner has yet been declared in the race as the state Democratic committee has not certified the election.

In near-complete figures released late Monday, Ron Godbey had 22,743 votes with Phil Gramm close with 22,327, followed by Chet Edwards with 22,272.

Lagging behind were Don McNeil, Kay Jones and Bill Power.

"If the current vote totals hold up, I will be in a runoff with Ron Godbey," Gramm said late Monday at College Station. "I personally hope that there will be no recount as I believe the loss of time will give Godbey an advantage."

Mexico credited for drug overdose drop

WASHINGTON — White House and state government officials Tuesday praised Mexico's war on narcotics and urged Congress to streamline their own operations.

Peter Bourne, special assistant to the president for health issues, credited the Mexican government's efforts to destroy marijuana crops for the drop in American drug overdose deaths and scarcity of pure marijuana.

"Most of the credit goes to the vigorous eradication program the Mexicans have implemented," Bourne told a Senate foreign relations subcommittee.

Attorney General Toney Anaya of New Mexico, who called his state "a conduit for drug traffic," said "I certainly commend the Mexican government for the support they have provided."

But U.S. federal efforts are another matter, Anaya said.

"Congress is going to have to streamline its attack against narcotics coming across the border," he said. "We should be able to declare war on narcotics traffic as Mexico has."

Anaya said there are so many federal agencies involved in the campaign against drug traffic that some agents "try to trip up other agencies."

"Hopefully we have been able to put an end to this kind of jealousy," he said. "But we have a long way to go to get everyone pulling together. We still have a long way to go in coming to grips with the problem."

Anaya said Congress should give financial support to Mexico's efforts to find suitable replacement crops for Mexican marijuana cultivators.

He said Mexico "is committed to eradication of the marijuana crops. They are trying to identify and locate the labs in Mexico. They are developing an intelligence network that will be on line in a few months. This is very key, and should be supported."

Bourne said he agreed with Anaya's general views. But he cautioned that "expectations about what we can do in interdicting drugs at the border should not be raised too high."

Bourne said the administration is concerned about eradicating marijuana while it is growing, treatment of drug addicts, and a crackdown on sellers.

D.R. Dickerson, deputy commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service, estimated between 50 and 75 aircraft "cross our air space on any given day delivering narcotics."

Dickerson said the job of seizing the massive drug traffic from Mexico is staggering. But he said last year, American agencies seized 1.6 million pounds of marijuana, 16,000 pounds of hashish, 300 pounds of heroin and 951 pounds of cocaine along the U.S.-Mexican border.

Keith Stroup, national director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, denounced the use of the herbicide paraquat on Mexican marijuana fields, claiming it poisons American marijuana smokers.

Calling it "nothing less than a form of cultural genocide," Stroup said, "Apparently the government believes that because marijuana remains classified as an illicit substance in most parts of this country, they can justify a program of poisoning U.S. citizens who smoke marijuana."

Anaya said, "Mexican officials are taking additional steps to avoid any health problems, but at this point they are not convinced there are any."

Police dog subpoenaed in brutality case

OCEANSIDE, Calif. — The arresting officer's reply to charges of mistreating a suspect is likely to be brief.

Sultan is somewhat different from the other officers on the force. He's a police dog — not a misnamed German shepherd, but a Doberman pincher who serves on the police force.

He was subpoenaed recently to appear in the trial of a robbery suspect he helped arrest.

The suspect is charging police brutality. He allegedly was bitten by a Sultan, who is, after all, a police brute.

The officer who handles Sultan, Bobby George, served the subpoena on the Doberman, who confirmed receipt with an inky paw print, promising to appear in Vista Superior Court June 5.

"At least we don't have to pay him time and a half for overtime," said Police Chief Rolf Henze.



Monkey business

Graduate student Toni Ziegler of Dallas shows off one of her wards, a marmoset monkey recently born at Texas A&M as part of a biomedical research and teaching colony established last year. Ziegler, other veterinary anatomy students and a variety of Texas A&M researchers will benefit from the colony since the monkeys are on the endangered species list and foreign countries have stopped selling them to American dealers and institutions.

Moro found shot to death

ROME — Former Premier Aldo Moro, Italy's most influential politician, Tuesday was found shot to death in an auto near the city's Communist Party headquarters, 55 days after he was kidnapped by Red Brigades terrorists.

Moro's body, with at least four bullet wounds in the chest, was found in the rear compartment of a red French-built Renault parked about 1000 yards from the Communist Party office and a few hundred yards from his own Christian Democratic Party headquarters.

First medical reports said Moro had

been dead no more than 24 and no less than 10 hours before his body was found, police said the terrorists first shot Moro and then redressed him in the same clothing he was wearing at the time of his abduction. There were no bullet holes in either his shirt or suit.

The body was found after police received an anonymous telephone call saying a car rigged with a time bomb had been parked near the Communist office. But police found no bomb.

Moro, 61, had been premier of Italy five times, his last term of office ending in early 1976. He was considered the most

likely successor to Giovanni Leone as president of the republic in elections later this year.

The police announcement of Moro's death brought an outpouring of nationwide grief and anger reminiscent of the dark days in the United States after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Television announcers sobbed as they reported that Moro's body, swathed in plaid blankets, had been found. Romans thronged into the streets and poured into churches to pray.

The news sent shock waves around the world.

In Washington, President Carter said "his murder is a contemptible and cowardly act. His death advances no cause but that of mindless anarchy."

Both houses of the French parliament suspended their sessions. The European parliament in Strasbourg observed a minute of silence and adjourned its session.

Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau expressed "anguish and sorrow"

of all Canadians and West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher condemned the dilling as "cowardly murder." News of Moro's death broke shortly after 9 a.m. EST and almost immediately a crowd of about 5,000 persons, many of them wailing and crying, converged on the site where the body was found.

Police and riot-equipped troopers had to use force to keep the crowds back while army sappers checked the car and Moro's body for possible booby-trap bombs.

Thousands gathered on the cobblestone Piazza del Gesu outside Christian Democratic headquarters chanting, "Death to the reds, death to Curcio." Renato Curcio, founder of the Red Brigades underground guerrilla army which kidnapped Moro, is on trial with 13 other brigade members in Turin.

A considerable quantity of sand was found in the cuffs of his dark trousers, indicating Moro had been forced to walk or had been dragged along a beach before being shot.

Tenure big factor in Briscoe defeat

AUSTIN, Tex. — Political observers say it was the prospect of a too-long tenure, fading support of farmers and Mexican-Americans and a mini-scandal that ended Dolph Briscoe's career as governor.

Despite spending a record \$3 million in the Democratic primary, Briscoe was defeated by Attorney General John Hill. Briscoe, seeking a four-year term which would have given him an unprecedented 10 years in the Governor's Mansion, took only 41.6 percent of the vote.

Now, like an impolite guest who wears out his hosts' hospitality, Briscoe finds himself unceremoniously invited to leave.

Hill and Briscoe aides alike pointed to the 10-year issue as the key factor in the election.

"We had great difficulty in overcoming this 10-year thing," said George Christian, political consultant to Briscoe and former press secretary to President Lyndon Johnson.

"Just the general feeling that it was time for a change was prevalent. He was carrying six years of incumbency into this race, and that gets to be a pretty heavy load."

Briscoe, apparently buoyed by large crowds at his campaign stops, did not recognize the change in voter attitudes.

Briscoe emphasized his record of keeping down taxes but his incumbency did not give him the advantage. Christian said polls months ago revealed trouble with only 38 to 39 percent of voters supporting the governor's re-election bid.

"Any time an incumbent shows up in the polls with less than 40 percent you're in trouble because traditionally the undecided vote doesn't go to the incumbent," Christian said.

"The people knew Briscoe well. It wasn't a question of not knowing him. We just failed to convince enough people that it was best for the state for him to be in office four more years."

Ernest Stromberger, Hill's press secretary, agreed.

"Essentially they were dead when they started," Stromberger said. "After four years of Preston Smith and six years of

Briscoe the people were ready for someone who could make things happen."

Even Hill's campaign staff was surprised at his victory margin, however, particularly the 2-to-1 vote against Briscoe in some rural areas and Hill's lead in traditional Briscoe strongholds of South Texas.

Hill's campaign manager, John Rogers, said the attorney general's role in negotiating the release of farmers arrested at a protest in McAllen was a key factor in his surprising victory in the Panhandle area.

Caravans led by Hill's wife and children that traveled 13,400 miles campaigning in rural areas also contributed to his surprising showing.

"We did a lot better in all the rural areas than we should have," Stromberger said.

Also credited with supplying Hill's winning margin were teachers unhappy about Briscoe's opposition to their pay raise demands and Mexican-Americans disturbed about issues as disparate as educational equality and a controversial plan to put a new prison near Edinburg are credited for Hill's margin.

"The teachers were probably the difference between a runoff and election," Rogers said. "They manned phone committees in 85 different cities that we know about. That was undoubtedly a 2-or-3 point difference in the campaign just to get out the vote."

Briscoe and Hill campaign analysts are less certain about what affected the Mexican-American vote.

"We failed to carry the Mexican-American vote which we expected to get in San Antonio, Corpus, the Valley or anywhere," Christian said. "The Mexican-American vote has always been a strong Briscoe vote. This time we lost Webb County — Briscoe carried that even in 1968 in his first unsuccessful race for governor."

A scandal over management of federal Manpower programs in South Texas that led to indictments of two Briscoe aides and criticism of the Governor's Office of Migrant Affairs contributed to the incumbent's problems.



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Is it a bird, a plane....?

Worrying over finals didn't seem to stop this high-diver from hurling himself from the 10-meter board at Wofford Cain Pool Tuesday. Or perhaps he had just flunked a crucial test and he was trying to...