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## A&M to pay half of KAMU-FM cost

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KAMU-FM will live at least one more year. Texas A&M University will pay half the cost of a slimmed-down 1978-79 budget for the University public radio station, University President Jarvis Miller has announced. The remainder of the station's projected \$50,000 budget will have to come from local contributions and donations, Miller said.

1979, operation of the radio station will cease," Miller said. University officials had earlier said the radio station would probably cease operation Aug. 31 of this year because its present \$80,000 appropriation was being cut from the University budget as a low-priority expense. Miller made the announcement immediately after the University System Board of Regents meeting Friday. During that meeting the regents approved a University budget which did not include funding for KAMU-FM.

"We are pleased to offer on a trial basis this arrangement under which KAMU-FM can remain in operation without funding from academic or related sources, for which we remain convinced that higher priorities exist," Miller said.

Funding for the station beyond Aug. 31, 1979, will be considered in light of budgetary needs at that time and the amount of private support KAMU-FM receives during the next year, the president said.

"The only way that the station will remain on the air," he said, "is through evidence of genuine public support underwriting at least half of the expense for its operation."

"Needless to say, we're elated," station manager Don Simons said Monday. Simons said he hasn't seen the new budget and doesn't yet know how it will affect the station.

KAMU-FM can broadcast on the reduced budget by reducing its operating levels, he said. Miller did not specify the source from which University's share of the station budget would come.

Local fans of KAMU-FM had been working for several months to raise support and gain approval for some form of private contribution system to sustain the jazz and classical music radio station. The station had previously been banned by University officials from taking contributions for operating expenses.

"We certainly feel that there is a distinct possibility we will be able to raise the funds," Simons said. "We hope our listeners understand that if we don't get support, we'll go off the air Aug. 31, 1979."

Student Government representatives have also expressed an interest in helping fund KAMU-FM, Miller said. Student Government now funds its own FM radio station, KANM, which broadcasts strictly through local television cable.

Miller said KAMU-FM had been removed from the University budget strictly on the basis of budgetary priorities.

"We are proud of the entire broadcast operation and readily recognize the educational benefits generally, and particularly in relation to the teaching function of our Department of Communications," he said.

## Regents allot money for dorm planning

The Texas A&M University Board of Regents appropriated \$25,000 for initial planning for the construction of another dormitory that would increase living space for women on campus, Robert G. Cherry, secretary of the Board, said Monday. This action, which was a reversal of a previous University stand that no more dorms would be constructed, was brought about by the enormous pressures of need Texas A&M has for increased women's housing facilities, Cherry said.

A&M her sophomore year because everyone else in her family was an A&M graduate.

She applied for a dorm room the first day the University began taking applications and was still denied a room because they were filled.

"The University gives priority to new freshmen when assigning dorm rooms," Cherry said. "Upperclassmen are given the option of keeping their dorm rooms first, then the remaining are filled first with freshmen and then with transfer students. By the time they got to transfer students there was no room left. Being a transfer student she was unable to get a room again."

University officials said that Texas A&M can accommodate 8,223 students on campus, more students than any other school in the state. However, this is less than half of the requests they receive.

Cherry said the Physical Plant department has already begun studies for the dorm that could house up to 500 students. He said the dorm most likely will be constructed for women. However there is a possibility that the dorm could be for men and another dorm on campus renovated for female occupants. However, he added that the odds of that happening are not very high.

## Quake rocks northern Japan

United Press International  
TOKYO — The strongest earthquake in 15 years has rocked central and northern Japan, killing at least 19 persons, injuring more than 80, setting off fires and landslides and knocking out rail service and electricity over a wide area.

The quake, which was recorded at 5:15 p.m. Monday (4:15 p.m. EDT), registered a magnitude of 7.5 on the open-ended Richter Scale, according to the government's Meteorological Agency. Its center was located in the Pacific about 60 miles off Miyagi Province.

Hardest hit by the powerful quake was Miyagi Province on the Pacific coast of northern Japan where all 19 deaths were reported. Police said at least 82 persons were injured, most cut by smashed windows and glass.

The agency said its force was the strongest since a major earthquake struck Niigata on the Japan Sea Coast June 16, 1964.

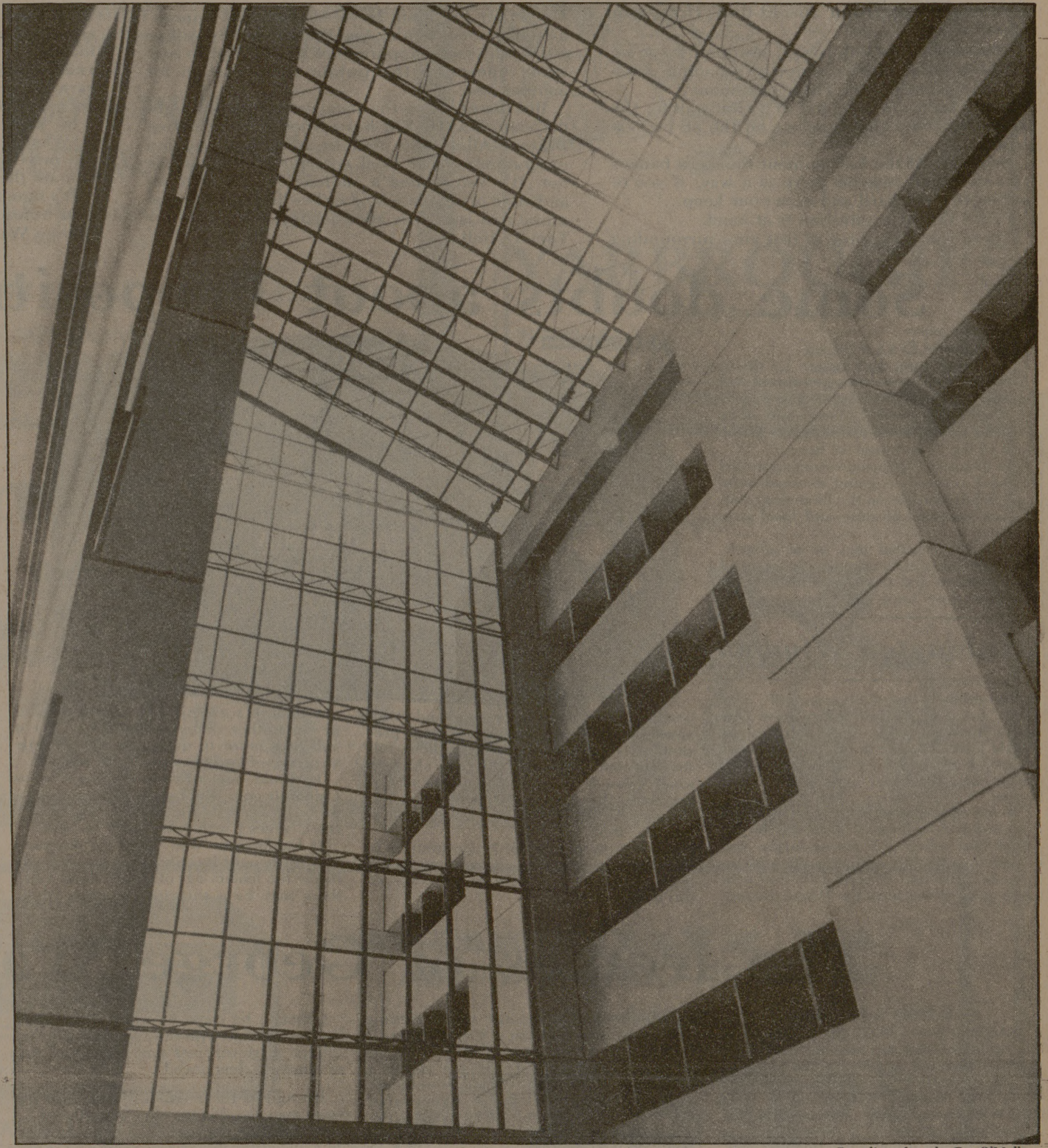
Officials said the quake toppled 42 houses and caused 11 landslides. A freight train was derailed at the Sendai Station of the National Railway.

The Niigata quake, which also registered a magnitude of 7.5, killed 26 persons and injured about 380 others. About 8,600 houses were destroyed or damaged. The Meteorological Agency said the

quake was preceded by a weaker tremor and followed by more than 20 aftershocks. It, however, discounted the possibility that another destructive tremor would follow.

In Sendai, capital of Miyagi Province, about 138,000 households were without gas supply as the tremor damaged pipelines, creating a danger of gas explosions. Panicky residents fled their homes, and most of the dead were crushed under toppled concrete fences and other structures, police said.

The quake knocked traffic signals out of order at several places in Sendai, causing massive traffic jams, they said.



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

## Let the sun shine in

The noonday sun did just that Monday in the Soil and Crop Sciences Building's glass-

enclosed mall, on Texas A&M University's west campus.

## Board backs university officials in Prairie View pipeline dispute

By LEE ROY LESCHPER JR.  
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Texas A&M's regents have had their say on the squabble between officials of Prairie View A&M University and the city of Prairie View, but the city's controversial mayor of that east-central Texas town still wants his way.

The regents publicly backed Prairie View A&M officials in the dispute over city sewage lines laid across the Prairie View campus. That dispute culminated two weeks ago when Prairie View Mayor Eristus Sams ordered the arrest of the University's vice-president for engineering and, subsequently, its president.

Sams told reporters Friday after the regents' decision was announced that he would appeal to federal authorities, including the Environmental Protection Agency, to overrule the regents.

The mayor had ordered Prairie View President A. I. Thomas and Vice-President Decatur B. Rogers arrested by Prairie View city police for having university workmen remove sections of pipe from two city sewage lines on the campus. The city was preparing to connect those lines to the university's sewage treatment plant. Both men were released on \$200 bond.

The dispute centers over where those lines should be laid in connecting them to that treatment plant. University and city officials agreed in 1972 to renovate the university sewage treatment plant with federal funding the city had received for building its own plant. In exchange, the

university would treat all the city's sewage whenever the city had completed its sewage lines to the university plant.

Sams said he will ask the federal agencies which funded the project to intercede for the city.

The city has completed those "collection" lines and saw the lines to the plant the last step in completing the agreement.

But that 1972 agreement did not include an easement giving the city permission to lay those lines across the university campus. University and system officials say there was never any intention to allow those lines across the campus. Mayor Sams disagrees.

"That original agreement was all we needed," Sams said. Any easement stipulations should have been included in that agreement, he said.

One line, 1500 feet long, completely crosses the campus behind the university's football field and track. The other line, about 400 feet long, parallels the main street entering the campus. Both lines would interfere with future building expansion plans, university officials say.

Friday the board of regents formally stated their disapproval of the "recent action taken by the City of Prairie View in installing a sewerage line on the property of Prairie View University without proper engineering plans and without approval and authority of the University, the System and Board of Regents."

The board told city officials to "remove or abandon the recently-installed sewerage lines, make repairs to manholes and

restore the surface of the land to its original state, all without cost to the university." But the city may have difficulty doing so.

"We don't have any money for that," Sams said. The city used all federal funds for the project in completing the present lines, without leaving any surplus to move the lines as the regents now demand, he said.

The regents also proposed that the city develop a rate schedule for sewer service, to be approved by the board before the city lines are connected to the university plant.

## Former A&M YMCA staffer dies in hospital

Services for J. Gordon Gay of 201 Suffolk, College Station, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the College Station City Cemetery.

Gay, 77, died early Sunday morning in a Houston hospital from injuries received in a two-vehicle accident last Thursday east of Huntsville.

He retired from Texas A&M University in 1971 after 42 years with the YMCA. Gay held the distinction of having the longest length of service as a student YMCA secretary in the United States — 44 total years — two of them at Southern Methodist University.

A memorial funeral service will be held at a later date, after his wife, Emma, is discharged from the hospital. She was seriously injured in the accident.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Dr. David E. R. Gay, professor of economics, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Dr. Lloyd W. Gay, professor of forestry, the University of Arizona, Tucson; James M. Gay, assistant professor of landscape architecture, Texas A&M; and John G. Gay Jr., a professional photographer in Houston, and seven grandchildren.

All four sons are former students of Texas A&M.

## Luckenbach's Fair: a summer tradition

By DAVID BOGGAN  
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The onset of summer in Texas traditionally signals the beginning of a season of festivals, fairs and fandangos designed with Texans' festive nature in mind.

Texans do not confine their merriment to the summer months. Wurstfest and Chilimpid attest to that. But summer seems to be a special time of the year in the Lone Star State. It is a time when people will set aside a weekend to pay homage to anything from armadillos to watermelons.

And no community does more to appease the festive appetite of Texans than the small, but popular burg of Luckenbach. Nestled snugly in the Texas Hill Country, Luckenbach has hosted more celebrations simply for the sake of celebration than a city 10,000 times larger could ever hope to attract. Luckenbach boasts a population of 3, not counting chickens and guineas.

From the Return of the Mud Daubers celebration, with which the return of the swallows to San Juan Capistrano coincides, to the annual women's chili cook-off championship, the citizens of Luckenbach know how to increase the population of their city by several thousand people on weekends throughout the year.

Unfortunately, sometimes these festive occasions get too large for the confines of Luckenbach's general store and dance hall. Thus it has been with the past few Original Sometimes Annual Luckenbach World's Fairs. The attendance has become so large that the fairs had to be moved to nearby Freder-

icksburg. Last weekend, the Original 5th Sometimes Annual Luckenbach World's Fair, or simply the Great World's Fair as some prefer to call it, was held at the Fredericksburg fairgrounds.

Along with Luckenbach "regulars" like country singer Tex Schofield and Carter Country's Guich Koock, former co-owner of Luckenbach, the fair was attended by assorted bikers, country music fans, grandmothers, dogs and even a walking Luckenbach Beer bottle.

A planned appearance by Billy Carter never came to pass, although the president's brother came to town and checked into the hotel. He left before attending the festivities, reportedly because no one met him at the hotel. The missed visit probably was just as well. There proved to be enough hot air in the vicinity to more than accommodate the balloon races.

Other niceties that graced the fairgrounds last weekend included armadillo races, jalapeno lollipops, chicken flying contests and plenty of cold beer to counter the Texas heat.

But, as with almost everything that bears the Luckenbach name these days, the Great World's Fair tended to be unduly expensive. And the crowds were large.

So, one could hardly blame a person if he chose simply to attend the Great World's Un-Fair in Luckenbach. There he could grab a longneck, pull up a shade tree and be somebody. For as Luckenbach's late mayor and imagineer, Hondo Crouch, is known to have said, "Everybody's somebody in Luckenbach."



Battalion photo by David Boggan

No, this isn't what too many trips to the tavern do to you. It's a walking advertisement for a yet-to-be-brewed beer. The lively longneck was making the rounds at the Original 5th Sometimes Annual Luckenbach World's Fair, held last weekend in Fredericksburg.

## Supreme Court reverses newspaper breakup order

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court granted a reprieve today to more than 70 newspapers across the country that previously had been told they would have to give up broadcast stations they own in the same city where they publish.

The justices, on an 8-0 vote, reversed a federal appeals court ruling that would have required the split-up of existing combinations in some 130 communities.

But they upheld a ban issued in 1975 by the Federal Communications Commission against formation of same-city cross-ownership in the future.

They also upheld the FCC's decision

requiring divestiture of 16 existing "small market" combinations where a single owner had a monopoly in a community.

Justice Thurgood Marshall said a three-judge panel of the U.S. appeals court in Washington, D.C., was wrong last year to decide that all such cross-ownerships, new and old, must be treated alike and denied broadcast licenses or license renewals unless they can show they are "in the public interest."

And Marshall said the FCC did not act arbitrarily in allowing some existing cross-ownerships to remain, while ordering divestiture in the 16 cases where the only newspaper and broadcast station in a city was owned by the same firm.