

System schools part of A&M's community

Prairie View A&M: facilities limited

Texas A&M University is part of two communities: the community of Bryan-College Station and the community of the Texas A&M System. For this Community section of the Back-To-School Edition of The Battalion, photos and brief descriptions of System schools — Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University-Galveston — have been included on these two pages.

Prairie View A&M, located between Hempstead in Waller, is a predominately black institution of about 4,600 students.

Shown on this page are photographs of buildings and people at Prairie View A&M. On page 9, Texas A&M-Galveston and Tarleton State are pictured.

Prairie View A&M has been a part of the Texas A&M System for all of its 106 years. But it also has been a neglected part of the System for most of those years, as many of the photographs show. System administrators are trying to change that. Academic programs that need strengthening and facilities that

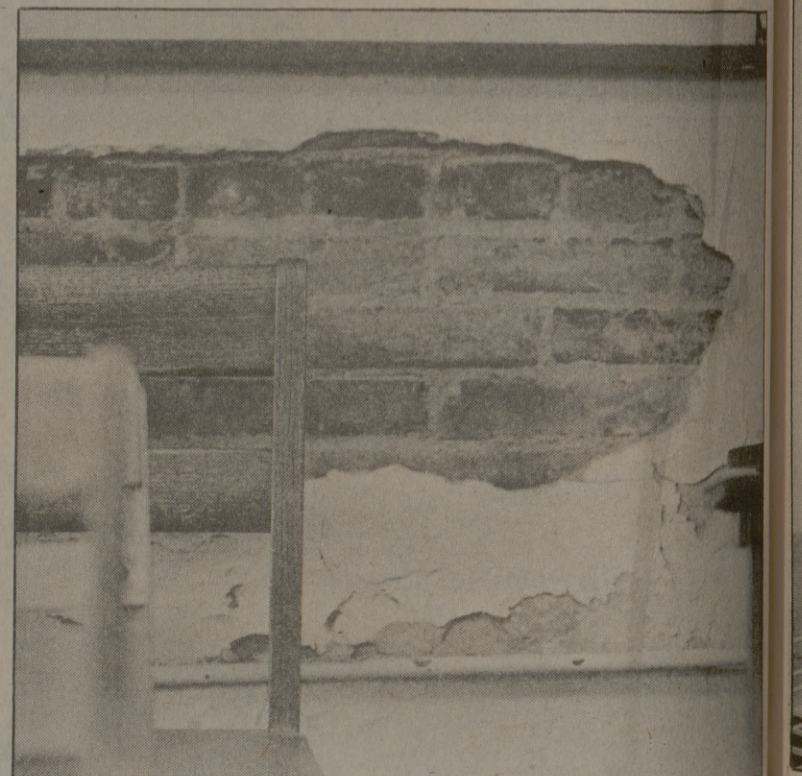
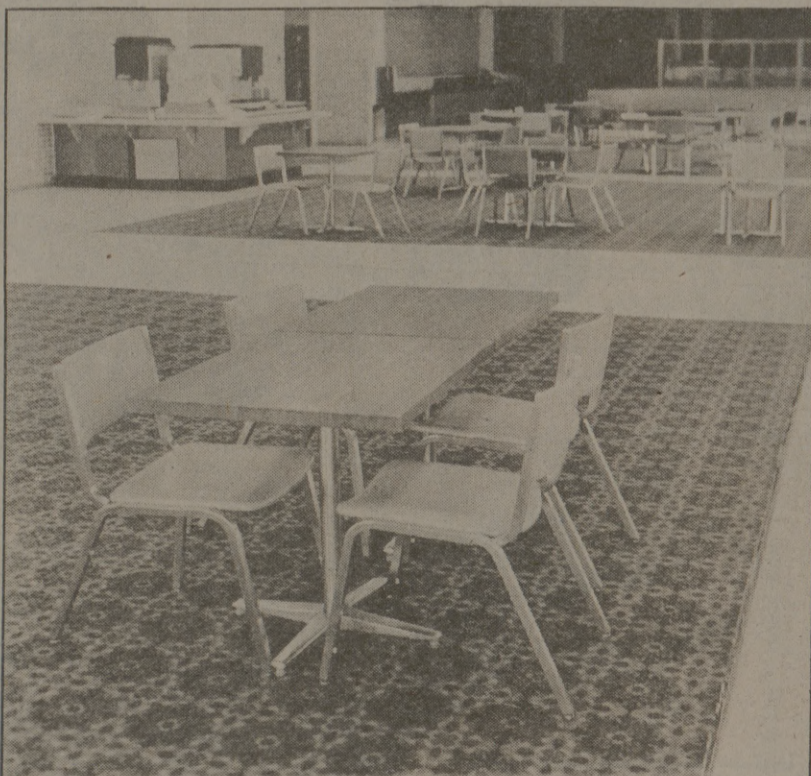
need renovating are under study. More than \$55 million already has been committed to construction and renovation projects.

The photo in the upper right corner of the page shows the recreation room in the Prairie View A&M Memorial Student Center. Pingpong tables, video games and dominoes are the main attractions in the sparsely furnished room.

But not everything is so sparse. Immediately below this article, Kevin Dennis, Prairie View A&M student body president, takes a turn as a disc jockey at KPVV-FM, the university's well-equipped radio station. To the right of that picture is the lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

Below the photo of Dennis is a shot of the dilapidated gymnasium used by students and its worn floor. Lower middle right, one of the dormitories at the university is shown.

Bottom left, the spacious Alumni Hall, the dining facility, is one of the newest buildings on campus. Bottom right, plaster is falling off a wall in an air-conditioned classroom.



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