E. Gus Fruh, professor of civil engineering, died on May 3, 1978. He was 39.

Professor Fruh was born on January 6, 1939, in Bronx, New York. He earned his bachelor's degree from Manhattan College in 1961. He was awarded master's and PhD degrees from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1963 and 1965, respectively.

Dr. Fruh joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1966. A specialist in the use of water resources, he managed research projects sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, and the Texas Department of Water Resources. Shortly before his death, Dr. Fruh completed a four-year study on coastal zone management.

Professor Fruh made many contributions to the environmental quality of the city of Austin. In recognition of his work, the City Council posthumously renamed the Barton Creek greenbelt known as Horseshoe Bend to Gus Fruh Park.

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