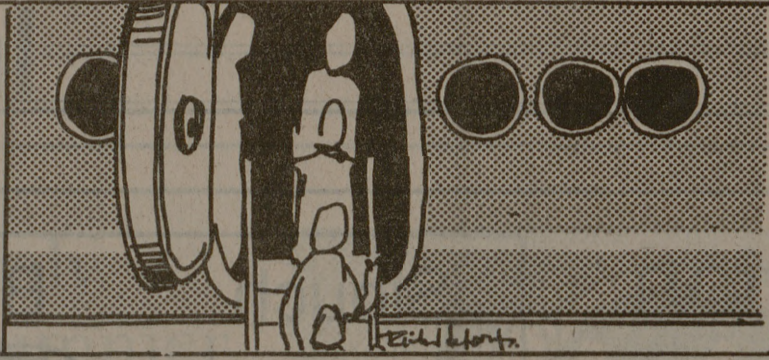


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South Korea gives amnesty to prisoners

United Press International
SEOUL, South Korea — Korea announced amnesty and reduced terms today for 2,863 convicts, including dissident leader Kim Dae-jung and other political offenders, to mark the first anniversary of President Chun Doo-hwan's inauguration.

The government said Kim's life term, which he received for leading an uprising in 1980, will be commuted to 20 years imprisonment, while 12 people convicted of plotting the uprising with Kim will have their sentences reduced by half.

In an official announcement the government said the action, which goes into effect Wednesday, "has been made possible by the restoration of stability in all areas through the concerted effort of the government and the people."

The move "is intended to promote pan-national participation in the building during the 1980s of a democratic state ensuring the well-being of all, as well as to enhance an atmosphere of reconciliation," the announcement said.

Of those included in the amnesty, 1,419 prisoners will be freed unconditionally, 545 will have their terms reduced, 258 will have their civil rights reinstated, 514 will be paroled, 132 released on probation from juvenile

reformatory and 15 others granted special conditional releases.

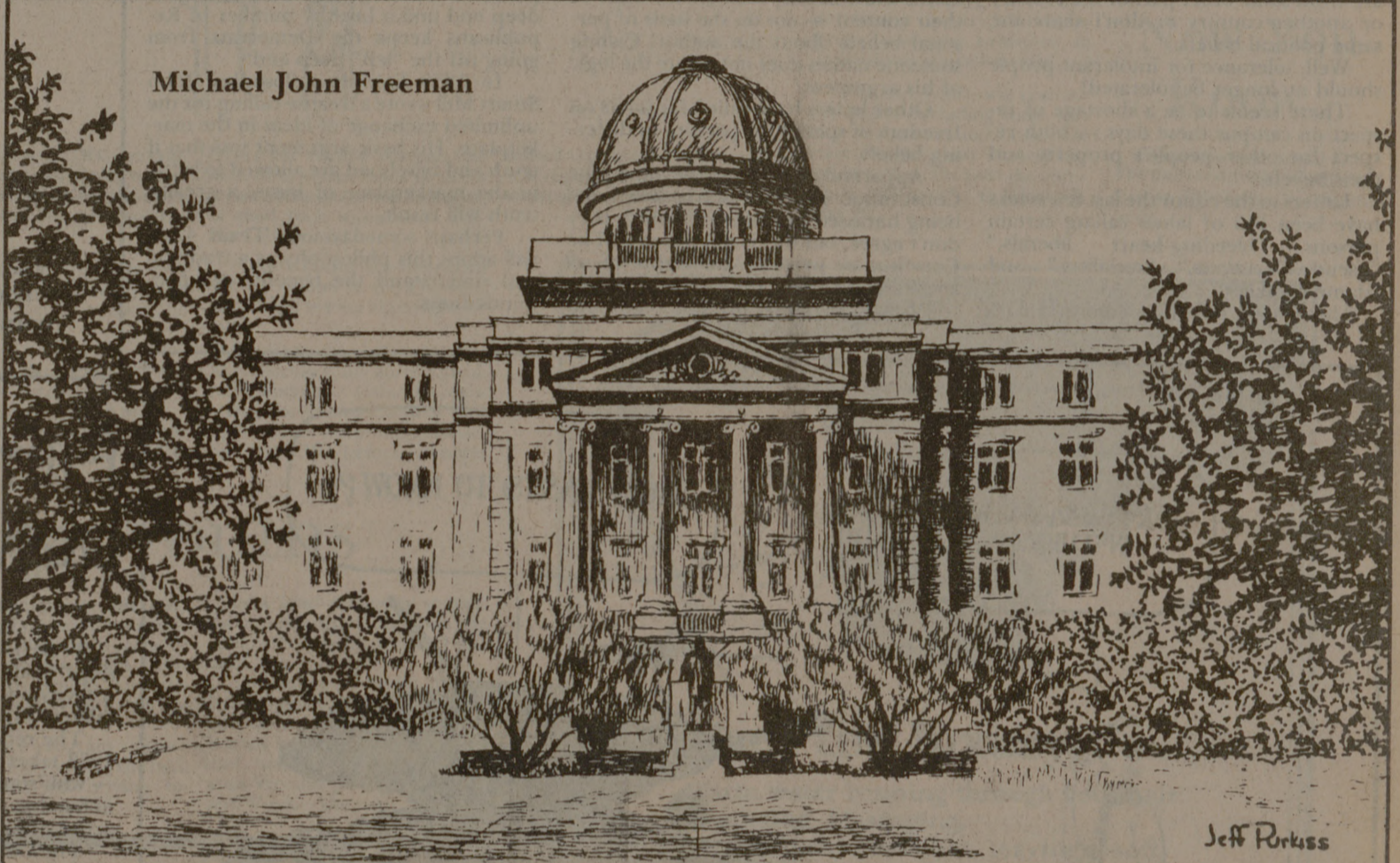
Of the total, 298 are political dissidents in jail or on parole, and the rest are common criminals, the government said.

Also among the prominent beneficiaries of the amnesty is Kim Kae-won, a retired four-star army general who is serving a life term for involvement in the assassination of President Park Chung-hee in 1979. The general will have his prison term commuted to 20 years.

Kim Dae-jung, 57, was a top presidential candidate when he was arrested in May, 1980, for trying to topple the military-backed Korean government by instigating a popular uprising.

A military tribunal sentenced Kim to death in September, 1980, but the sentence was reduced to life imprisonment on the eve of President Chun Doo-hwan's visit to the United States in January last year.

At the time of President Park Chung-hee's assassination, Chun was ranked as a major general and headed the powerful Defense Security Command. After 10 months of political change, Chun emerged as a full general and ran unchallenged for the presidency in September, 1980. He was sworn in March 3, 1981.



Michael John Freeman

Jeff Purkiss

All Texas A&M lights are requested to be turned off between 10:20 and 10:50 p.m. during Silver Taps tonight for Michael John Freeman, a sophomore management major from Groves, who died Feb. 21. The silent ceremony will take place in front of the Academic Building at 10:30 p.m.

Brezhnev gives Soviet blessings to Polish martial law situation

United Press International
MOSCOW — President Leonid Brezhnev emphatically endorsed the martial-law regime in Poland, signaling the Kremlin's determination to suppress any future challenge like the rise of Solidarity.

Polish military ruler Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski told the Soviet leader his nation has faced a difficult time since Dec. 13, when 16 months of re-

forms were rolled back and the Solidarity union banned.

"Stabilization has begun (but) the struggle continues," Jaruzelski said in a progress report during his first known trip outside Poland since martial law. He did not predict when normal civil rule might be restored.

Brezhnev, who met with Jaruzelski at the Kremlin Monday shortly after welcoming ceremonies, said he was

satisfied with their understanding of current and coming tasks.

A Western diplomat said Brezhnev's comments during the day were an unequivocal show of support for Jaruzelski and a message the Soviets won't let what happened in Poland happen anywhere else.

Taking a swipe at the United States for what he said were illegal and im-

moral attempts to oppose socialism in Poland, Brezhnev promised Jaruzelski whatever help he needs.

"Beyond the present complicated day one can already see a better day coming," Brezhnev said in a toast at a Kremlin banquet for Jaruzelski.

"Poland will not abandon the road of socialism," Jaruzelski declared, however. "It will not be its weak link."

Council certifies publicity sign, selects officers for next year

by Johna Jo Maurer
 Battalion Staff

A proposed electronic sign to publicize campus events will be placed at the intersection of Houston and Joe Rott streets, pending approval by Dr. Charles H. Samson, University vice president for planning.

MSC Council members approved that location for the \$80,000 sign during Monday's meeting.

Paul Fisher, council vice president of development and chairman of the Building Studies Committee, said the

two goals of the sign are to reach as many people as possible and to alleviate the use of banners in the walkway area between Rudder Tower and the MSC.

A concern about the amount of money to be spent for the sign was expressed by Kirk Kelley, council vice president of student development.

"I don't see an \$80,000 need for this," he said.

Council members discussed possibilities of obtaining funds from out-

side sources and charging student groups for use of the sign. The Council will give further consideration to these matters if the proposed sign and location meet with Samson's approval.

The latter part of the meeting concerned the appointment of eight council vice presidents and 10 directors.

One vice presidential position — educational programs — and two director positions — financial procedures, and budgets and planning —

remain unfilled. Applications for these openings are due March 25. Interviews by the council nominating committee will take place March 27 and 28.

Appointments of 32 council committee and project chairmen will be made at a special council meeting March 8.

New vice presidents are as follows: Carlayne Mertens, vice president of development; Steve Wong, vice president of finance; Eric Conner, vice president of operations.

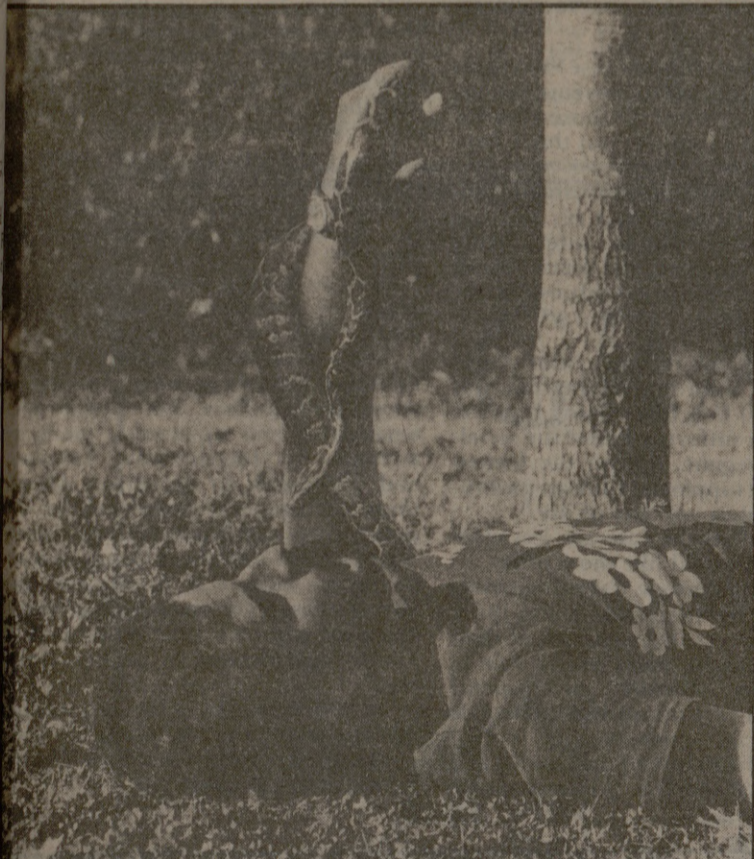


photo by C. Michel Chang

A cold-blooded friend

Dallasite Paul Tamaso baths in the sun with his pet snake Sunday afternoon in front of Aston Hall. Tamaso is a sophomore chemistry major. The weather has been a welcome relief from the cold winter.

Group helps handicapped adapt to A&M

by Laura Williams
 Battalion Staff

Most students face some kind of psychological challenge upon entering college, but moving away from familiar places can become a physical challenge as well if the student is handicapped.

Ted Elliot, vocational counselor at the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, said the Texas A&M University campus is ideal for the handicapped student. "If we can just get the student to come and see the campus, they'll go to school here because it's flat and it's well-equipped," he said.

About 200 disabled persons attend Texas A&M.

"Our (Texas A&M) facilities and terrain are our main selling point, but the students are still looking for a school that can offer a degree they're interested in."

The TRC helps handicapped students preregister, making sure all of the student's classes are held in accessible buildings close enough together to allow the students time to get to class.

"We do some counseling here, and the personal counseling center helps out too," Elliot said. "Most of the students we have, have been in a chair long enough that they've made their psychological adjustment."

Tommy Mecke is a junior electrical

engineering major confined to a wheelchair. "I had to make the transition to college just like everybody else, but I've been in this chair since I was 10 or 12," he said. "I've adjusted to it ... I guess I have."

People parking in handicapped parking spaces or blocking ramps are the main problems of the handicapped student, he said.

Elliot said professors gladly move classes to accessible rooms and provide notes for students who are unable to take their own.

"The support from the University is excellent," he said. "Most of the profs are very uneasy the first time they have a handicap in their class.

They'll sometimes even ask me how to address the student."

Elliot said most professors tell him they would like to have another handicapped student if any others want to take their course. "I'm sure there are some areas that the students know about that need changes, but overall, the profs have been great."

The TRC also helps students with job placement because the University placement center is so busy. "There are some companies that come here recruiting that I won't let them go see," Elliot said. "They're looking for a handicapped employee so they can say 'look, we've hired one.' I don't want that for them because they're

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forecast

Today's forecast: Mostly fair and mild with a high in the mid-70s; low in the mid-50s. Wednesday's forecast calls for early morning fog and increasing cloudiness with a high in the low 80s.

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