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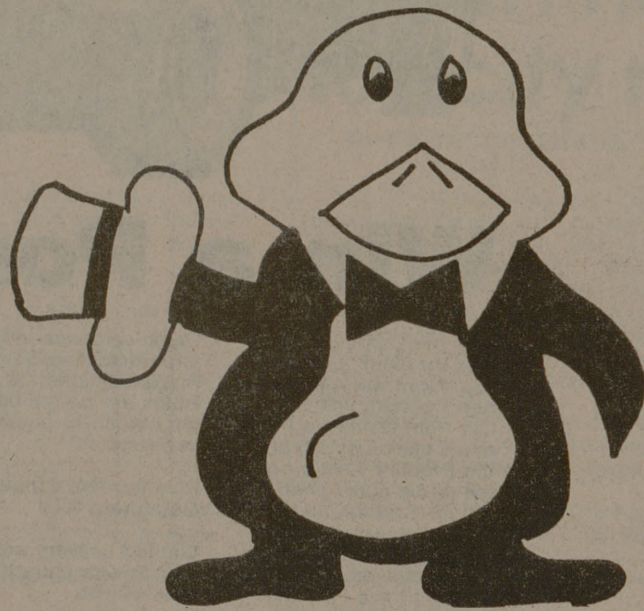
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State schools' condition in question

Associated Press

TYLER — Overworked aides at the Fort Worth State School sometimes "shoveled" food into clients and left them in dirty diapers as long as three hours, a former employee testified Monday.

Phil Chapman, a licensed vocational nurse whose last day at the school was Monday, was the first witness to take the stand in hearings on conditions in state schools for the mentally retarded.

The hearing, expected to last all week, was called to hear several issues — an expert consultant's recommendations for community placement of the mentally retarded, whether state schools can be held in contempt for not meeting deadlines for new programs and if a system can be set up to hear complaints from plaintiffs.

A 1983 out-of-court settlement in the 11-year-old suit granted retarded people the right to the "least restrictive environment" and called for many state school residents to be moved to community centers.

That community placement was to be the first issue to be heard in the hearings before U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice.

Chapman, who testified before about 100 people, said that aides often didn't show up for work and others would have to be called in or work double shifts.

Diapers were often used on patients who could use the toilet by themselves, he said, adding that sometimes they would be left in the soiled diapers as long as three hours before they could be changed.

"I've seen that happen every day," the witness said.

At other times, aides would feed clients two at a time, including those who choked easily. Workers would never feed clients in tandem when inspectors came by, he said.

"We shovel it in as quickly as we can so we can get on with bathing," Chapman said.

He also testified that the infirmary went for a week without hot water last month, so the clients had sponge baths if they were bathed at all.

Around town

Pre-law students eligible for awards

The Texas Aggie Bar Association will award \$500 to three Texas A&M students entering law school in 1985. Applications are available to any student who has completed most or all of his pre-law work at Texas A&M. Deadline is April 19. Interested students should contact Hillary Jessup, Academic services, 101 Academic Bldg.

Spirit award presented Sunday

The Buck Weirus Spirit Award presentation ceremony will be in Rudder Auditorium on Sunday at 9 a.m. Applicants for Spirit Awards will not be notified that they have been selected and must be present at the ceremony.

Roadrunners schedule run to Austin

The Texas A&M Roadrunner's Club will be holding a Relay Run to Austin on Saturday. Donations or pledges per mile will be collected to support the Village of Hope in Colombia. For information and details, call Joe Wilcox at 696-2417.

Legislators return from Easter break

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Legislators return from a long Easter holiday today to hear U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and to cram work on health care for the poor, water planning, the budget, liquor regulation, and possibly public education into a short week.

The Legislature, in its 92nd day, usually quits on Thursday at this stage of its 140-day session. Later, it will meet on Fridays and the weekend.

Gramm, who succeeded Republican John Tower with a victory over former state Sen. Lloyd Doggett in November, speaks at noon to a joint session.

Also today, the House Committee

on Public Health will listen to testimony on a package of public health reforms for the poor that cost according to one sponsor, Texas \$250 million a year.

Rep. Jesse Oliver, D-Dallas, said program he is sponsoring with Rep. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, will save up to 25 percent of the cost providing health care to the poor people in our society, but at the same time we can organize and deliver services to more people at a lower cost.

Oliver said he also would press a bill to outlaw "patient dumping" in hospitals. Oliver said Texas has "nothing but contempt" for those who refuse emergency care to the poor, "and we're going to put an end and permanent end to this practice."



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