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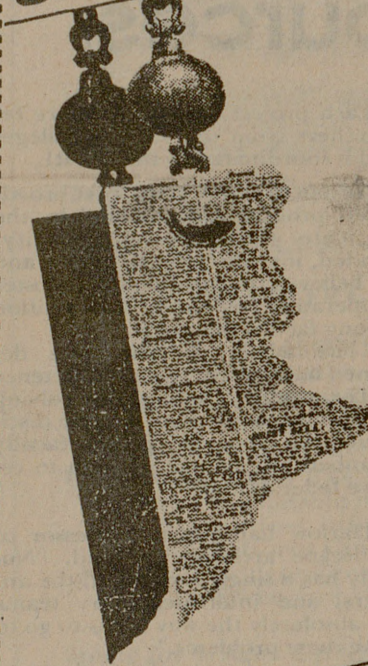
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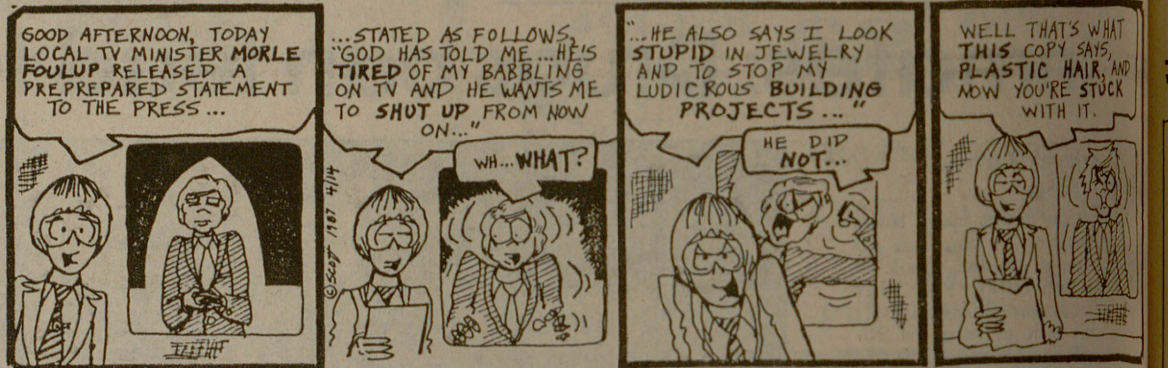
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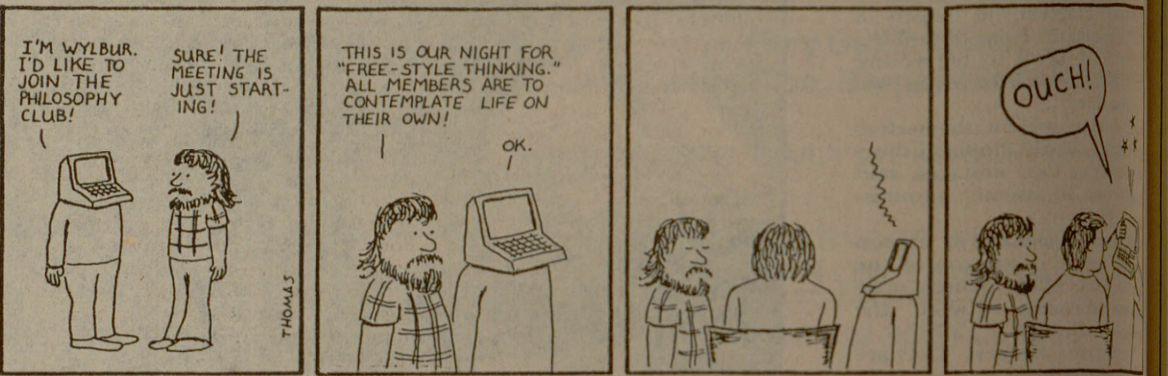
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Early releases from prison limited in bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Senators approved on voice vote Monday a bill that would do away with automatic early release from prison of inmates convicted of violent or multiple crimes.

The measure, by Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, would let the Board of Pardons and Paroles determine if the early release should be granted.

Present law says an inmate must be released if the calendar time served and the "good time" earned equal the sentence originally assessed by a judge or jury.

Farabee's bill also provides that the "good time" granted an inmate may not be more than one-fourth of an inmate's original sentence, instead of the current one-third maximum.

Another part of the bill provides that an inmate on parole must have a hearing by the Pardons and Parole Board if he is convicted of a crime while on parole.

In Advance

Drug testing to be last topic of debates

Drug testing — an unwarranted invasion of privacy, is the subject of the last parliamentary debate of the semester, **Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.**

The debate is sponsored by the Texas A&M Debate Society, the Speech Communication and Theater Arts departments and the Office of Student Activities.

The pro speaker is Michele Davies, a senior computer science major from Houston. Erik Mulloy, a senior computer science major from Universal City, will take the con side.

Members of the audience will divide themselves into pro and con sections and will be called on in turn to express their opinions on the highlighted issue.

Audience members are free to change sides during the debate and will vote for what they consider to be the winning side by leaving through either the door marked "pro" or the door marked "con."

No one will be admitted after 7 p.m. The debate will last one hour.

A&M professor plans to lecture on AIDS

The effects of AIDS on the human body and the disease as a changing phenomenon will be discussed at **8 p.m. Wednesday** in a lecture sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, at 201 Tauber St., next to the A&M Methodist Church.

Dr. Jim Wild, a Texas A&M professor of biochemistry and biophysics, will lecture on several aspects of the disease, including where AIDS came from, its genetic and biochemical effects on the body and how it is spread.

Possible developments and changes in the disease over the next five years also will be discussed.

Students find chapel open for prayer, study, relaxation

By Susan Stubing Reporter

Some students like to study there. Others prefer to sleep or meditate there. And some just go to escape the pressures of a hectic schedule.

But whatever the reason, the doors of the All Faiths Chapel are always open to help meet the needs of Texas A&M students, faculty and staff, regardless of their denomination, creed or beliefs.

Although the chapel is "home" to many religious groups and organizations, a few students usually can be found studying, sleeping or praying in one of three rooms — the sanctuary, the meditation room or the library and reading room.

"This is my second home," says Cornelius "Corn" Williams, a graduate physics student. "I come here because it's a fun place to study and talk to people."

Kevin Gibbons, a sophomore accounting major, says, "I usually just come here to study. It's usually pretty quiet during the day, but at night there is a lot of noise because of the various groups that meet here."

These religion-oriented groups meet in the chapel almost every day of the week for various reasons, ranging from solemn prayer meetings to light-hearted fellowship, says Janie Metzger, the student activities secretary in charge of scheduling chapel activities.

The religious studies and meetings help exemplify the purpose of the chapel, which is to encourage the spiritual expression and development of the A&M community.

Any campus-recognized organization can use the chapel on a first-

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come basis by submitting a reservation request to the student activities office in 213 Pavilion, Metzger says. But funerals, weddings and other special occasions take priority in scheduling, she says.

"All different religious groups meet there during the day and night," she says. "That's why it's called the All Faiths Chapel."

But because the chapel is non-denominational, no regular worship services are held there, she says.

"Since so many students attend local churches," Metzger says, "we don't offer regular church services. Allowing one church to congregates there would be like promoting a certain denomination."

"This is one place that anyone here on campus can feel free to go to, whether they be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish or whatever."

Anybody can be married there, too.

"Weddings are the main thing the chapel is used for," she says. "Although the chapel doesn't host as many weddings as it used to, it still is a popular place to be married. Around graduation, we might have as many as three or four weddings a day."

To assist the Aggie bride and groom in their wedding preparations, a list of local ministers, organists, florists and other wedding necessities is available through the student activities office.

To reserve the simply decorated chapel, which seats 200 guests for such an event, a \$50 security deposit and a \$50 utilization fee is required.

"I'm never getting married," says Mike Huber, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, laughing. "But if I did, I don't think I would get married here. It would seem really weird since I spend so much time here anyway."

Bill to ban paddling of students beaten in legislative committee

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of the Senate Education Committee weren't ready to spare the rod Monday, declining to give majority approval to a bill that would outlaw corporal punishment in schools.

Bill sponsor Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston, left the committee meeting in a huff after the 4 to 3 vote.

"I'm going to let the teachers and the PTA get on (them)," Washington said when asked if he would try to get the two added favorable votes needed to pass the bill out of committee.

Paddling students as a discipline measure is prohibited in nine states and many cities across the country,

according to People Opposed To Paddling Students, Inc., a Houston-based group. Some states allow individual school districts to set corporal punishment policy.

The National Parent-Teacher Association, the American Medical Association and the American Bar Association all have adopted national stands against corporal punishment in schools.

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled paddling was not cruel and unusual punishment, but said excessive force couldn't be used.

"We of course disagree with that decision," testified Gara La Marche, Texas Civil Liberties Union director. "We cannot beat prisoners of the

Texas Department of Corrections and we don't think children should be treated worse than prisoners."

Many Texas school districts prohibit paddling only if a parent grants permission, while some school districts prohibit paddling altogether.

Sandy Kibby, Texas PTA legislative chairwoman, said, "The school district should try to find some alternative means of disciplining children rather than using violence. We believe the violent nature of disciplining children contributes to a violent society."

But Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, who voted against the bill, said the paddle can help maintain discipline in classrooms.
