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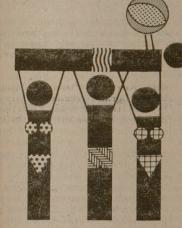
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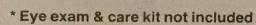
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# Corrigan backs ban on school paddlings proposed by Senate

By Melissa Naumann

REPORTER

Dr. Dean Corrigan, Texas A&M's dean of Education, strongly sup-ports a Texas Senate bill which would ban corporal punishment in public schools in all but a few situa-

Senate Bill 20, sponsored by State Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston, was proposed last week and is being studied by the Texas Senate Education Committee.

Corrigan openly has opposed corporal punishment since the beginning of his teaching career. Corrigan said that corporal punishment is unprofessional.

"The reason it is an unprofessional act is that there's no knowledge base to support it," he said. "There's no college of education that teaches you how to do it. If this college taught people how to beat children, we wouldn't get accredited.

"Second, we're the only group that wants to call ourselves a profession and beat our clients. The two things are antithetical. You can't be a professional and do that. Can you imagine pediatricians beating chil-

The definition of corporal punishment often is misunderstood by those who support it, Corrigan said. Legally, corporal punishment is defined as "the administration of physical pain as punishment." It does not include acting in self-defense, preventing harm to other students or procuring a weapon from a student. These three circumstances are mentioned in the bill, however, to prevent confusion

Local school officials generally are opposed to corporal punishment, but don't necessarily agree about the

proposed legislation.
Guy Gorden, superintendent of the Bryan Independent School District, supports the bill.

"I do not think corporal punishment is necessary to maintain disci-pline in the school," Gorden said.

Corporal punishment is used seldom in the Bryan school district.

is administered by the principal with

witnesses present.
Ray Chancellor, superintendent of the College Station Independent School District, is more hesitant about supporting the bill. He said that while College Station schools of-fer alternatives to corporal punishment such as a "time-out" room, two types of detention (one with individ-ual teachers and the other in group detention hall), in-school suspension and regular suspension, many other school districts do not have these al-

ternatives. College Station schools use corporal punishment only as a last resort before expulsion. Chancellor said that if corporal punishment is abolished, one step in the "hierarchy of disciplinary measures" would be eliminated.

'Some of these kids would move to expulsion right off the bat," he said. "From that standpoint, the bill bothers me. It's most important that the child stays in school.

Dr. John Morris, a professor in Educational Curriculum and Instruction, who teaches a classroom management course, said his stu-

dents are opposed to the bill.
"In my classes last week, we voted and the future teachers would not support a bill to abolish corporal punishment," Morris said.

Julie Breihan, a junior elementary education major from Dallas, said her professors emphasize the futility

of corporal punishment.
"Most of the time, teachers tell us that the statistics say that it stops the behavior, but doesn't actually correct she said.

Eleven states have outlawed corporal punishment and, in 1972, the National Education Association voted to abolish it. Corporal punishment is banned in the Soviet Union, Poland, Holland, France, Finland and Sweden.

Corrigan said the only place in which children have no civil rights is a school that administers corporal punishment.

'I would like to see the day when we take away someone's license if they do this," Corrigan said. "This is When it is used, however, it is so alien to the kind of human race usually at the request of a parent and we want to create."

### **Local mayors name March 4 B-CS 'Help the Hungry Day'**

By Holly Beeson

REPORTER

Mayors Larry Ringer and Marvin Tate signed a proclamation naming March 4 as "Help the Hungry Day" in Bryan-College Station.

At last night's College Station City Coursell meeting Processing March 19

Council meeting, Ringer urged all citizens to lend a hand in fighting hunger to make the community a better place to live.

Food Bank, which was established in the Hungry Day. 1985 as a non-profit organization and helps feed between 350 to 400 families each month.

They are dedicated to addressing the needs of hungry people in Bra-

zos County," Ringer said, "and for all the work they do, they should be

The Brazos Food Bank and KBTX-TV Channel 3 are sponsoring a food drive for March 4 with the slogan, "One hundred thousand pounds of food; 100,000 people.

The locations designated as pickup points for the food drive are Post Oak Mall, Manor East Mall and Safeway on Highway 21.
Brazos Food Bank representatives

Ringer also praised the Brazos said several Texas A&M organizations are gathering food for "Help

In other actions, the city council approved a \$500,000 grant for the College Station Parks and Wildlife Department to build phase 1 of the

Wolf Pen Creek project.

# in Advance

#### APO annual dance-a-thon benefits MDA

Alpha Phi Omega will kick off its annual dance-a-thon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association at 6 p.m. tonight at the Ramada-Aggieland Hotel. The 18hour dance, which will end noon Saturday, will feature perfor-mances by local bands Agent Orange, Patio Furniture and The Change. In addition, the Aggie Wranglers and representatives from radio station KKYS-FM will make appearances at the dance.

Door prizes include free din-ners from Tom's Barbecue and Steak House and El Chico. Gym memberships to Aerofit Club and Activity Center and Jay's Gym, and a gift from Sweeney's Jewelry Company, will be given away each

Tickets for the dance, which is open to the public, will be sold at the door for \$5 per person. All proceeds will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

#### Juvenile Services to host basketball tourney

The third annual Brazos competition between law enforcement, fire and juvenile probation tional Basketball Tournament will be Friday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Boy's Club Gym, 900 West 25th Street in

ment, fire and juvenile probation personnel, bar association members and KBTX-TV employees.

Proceeds will benefit the Boy's Club Little Dribblers Basketball The tournament will feature Program.

#### Eighteen to compete to be Miss TAMU

By Sharon Maberry

STAFF WRITER

The 10th annual Miss Texas A&M Scholarship pageant, titled "A Decade of Dreams," will feature 18 contestants competing in talent, interview, swimsuit and evening gown categories Saturday, Executive Director of the MSC Pageant Committee Roy

'It's more of a scholarship pag-

eant than a beauty pageant," Dealy said. "The talent competition makes up 50 percent of the judging while the other 50 percent is distributed equally among the other three parts."

The talent competition in-

cludes singers, dancers and instrumentalists.

The competition will be in Rudder Auditorium Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Rudder Box Office and all Ticketron locations.

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