

MHMR struggles to meet deadline

AUSTIN (AP)—The Texas mental health department indicated it may fail to make court-ordered improvements by a 1991 deadline, prompting a federal judge to warn the agency it could face contempt proceedings.

The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation has said it could take as long as five years to improve rehabilitation programs that don't have enough money.

But U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders has ordered that those programs and other issues in the 16-year-old class action suit be resolved by June 1, 1991.

In an order released Monday, Sanders said he expected full compliance with the deadline or else the state "will be subject to contempt proceedings," the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Sanders warned last year that he would impose sanctions against the state if his orders are not followed.

In 1987, the state faced millions of dollars in fines when it could not meet another federal

judge's order to improve conditions in state prisons.

The state avoided the fines after the Legislature made an emergency appropriation of \$20.4 million.

In the mental health case, the department requested \$105 million in 1990-91 for court-ordered reforms, but received \$60 million from the Legislature.

Last week, Legislative Budget Board director Jim Oliver told lawmakers that the MHMR agency said it needs another \$42.1 million to completely comply with the court-ordered settlement.

The department has yet to comply with orders requiring that: mentally ill patients get 30 hours per week of psychological and social rehabilitation programs tailored to individual needs; qualified psychiatrists be employed; patients receive proper medical treatment; and patients' rights be protected.

Dr. David Bean, deputy MHMR commissioner for mental health, said the department "will cer-

tainly evaluate whatever we need to do to attain compliance with the judge's orders."

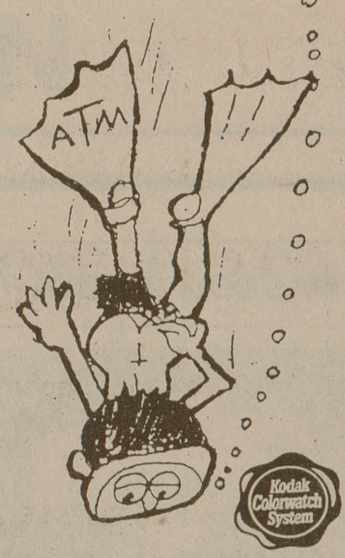
"It is at least my intent that we certainly be within the parameters set by the court," he said. "We are not in the business of refusing to follow along with court recommendations."

David Pharis of Austin, who monitors hospitals for the court, said the department committed a plan with compliance dates that are after the deadline.

"I think they really are gambling," Pharis said. "The implication is that business as usual is to be all right, but it hasn't been (to Sanders' satisfaction) in the past."

Attorney Randy Chapman, who represents mentally ill plaintiffs in the class-action suit, the court-ordered improvements "basically can be characterized as survival skills."

"If the State of Texas is going to continue to be against their will, then it should be for the purpose of providing treatment, not just to them with medications," he said.



SPRING BREAK

FILM DEVELOPING AS LOW AS

- 12 EXP \$1.99
- 15 DISC \$2.69
- 24 EXP \$3.99
- 36 EXP \$5.59

GOOD ON A SINGLE SET OF STANDARD SIZE PRINTS FROM YOUR 35MM. DISC, 110 OR 126 COLOR PRINT FILM (C-41 PROCESS ONLY) NO ROLL LIMIT.

OFFER GOOD MARCH 19 THROUGH 23, 1991

PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES IN REED McDONALD* & THE TEXAS A&M BOOKSTORE IN THE MSC

*Enter through the Printing Center main lobby on Ireland St.

Come Play VOLLEYBALL Live Oak Nudist Resort Washington, TX (409) 878-2216

THERE'S A JOB FOR YOU IN A SUMMER CAMP

The American Camping Association (NY) will make your application available to over 300 camps in the Northeast. Exciting opportunities for college students and professionals. Positions available: all land and water sports, kitchen, maintenance, arts and crafts, drama, music, dance, nature, tripping, R.N.'s, M.D.'s. College Credit Available. CALL OR WRITE FOR APPLICATION: CAMPING ASSOCIATION, 12 West 31st Street, New York, N.Y. 10001, 1-800-777-CAMP.

Open 24 Hours kinko's the copy center

509 University Dr. W. 846-8721



STUDY ABROAD

JR. FULBRIGHT



Grants for Graduate Research Abroad Competition Now Open INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS Thursday, March 22, 2:00-3:00 pm 251 West Bizzell Hall

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE 161 BIZZELL W. 845-0544

NEW COLD STUDY
Individuals who frequently develop or have recently developed a cold to participate in a short research study with a currently available prescription medication. \$40 incentive for those chosen to participate.

ADULT SORE THROAT STUDY
Individuals 18 years & older with severe sore throat pain to participate in an investigational research drug study. \$100 incentive for those chosen to participate.

IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME STUDY
Symptomatic patients with recent physician diagnosed, irritable bowel syndrome to participate in a short research study. \$100 incentive for those chosen to participate.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE STUDY
Individuals with high blood pressure, either on or off blood pressure medication daily to participate in a high blood pressure study. \$300 incentive for those chosen to participate.

PAINFUL MUSCULAR INJURIES
Individual with recent lower back or neck pain, sprain, strains, muscle spasms, or painful muscular sport injury to participate in a one week research study. \$100 incentive for those chosen to participate.

DO YOU GET COLDS?
Healthy individuals with a history of colds needed to participate in a short research study with a currently available prescription medication. \$40 incentive for those chosen to participate.

CALL PAULL RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL 776-0400

Sell with the Best Battalion Classifieds 845-0569

What's Up

Wednesday

- AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY:** will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder. Call Brenda at 693-3973 for more information.
- RHA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** will have a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.
- LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT:** will have service and supper at 6:30 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel. Call 846-6687 for more information.
- MSC POLITICAL FORUM:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 158 Blocker to discuss Japan. Call 847-2027 for more information.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** will have a general discussion at 8:30 p.m. in 145 MSC. Call 845-0280 for more information.
- TRAP AND SKEET CLUB:** will have a club meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder. Call Bunker at 696-9686 for more information.
- STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** will have a table on study abroad opportunities in the MSC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD:** will have Fr. Emilio discuss a scriptural pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 9 to 10 p.m. in Lounge B. Call 846-5718 for more information.

- NEWMAN:** come join in a creative liturgy and time to socialize at 7:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center. Call 846-5718 for more information.
- ALPHA KAPPA PSI:** will have a general meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Blocker. Call 764-7579 for more information.
- AGGIES FOR DIABETES AWARENESS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 119 D Zachry. Call Cindy at 823-1145 for more information.
- TEXAS STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:** will have a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.
- UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** will have an Aggie supper at 6 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church. Call Mike at 846-5631 for more information.
- EARTH FIRST!** will have a discussion at 8:45 p.m. in 110 Civil Engineering Building. Call 847-2608 for more information.
- EUROPE CLUB:** will have a meeting at 10:30 p.m. at Sneakers. Call 696-1413 or 696-3971 for more information.
- CSA MEETING:** will have a board meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center Library. Call 846-5718 for more information.
- INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:** will have a speaker meeting at 7 p.m. in 153 Blocker. Call Tom at 847-2274 for more information.
- THE ROYAL LICHTENSTEIN CIRCUS:** come and enjoy a free professional sidewalk circus sponsored by the Catholic Student Association. It will be at noon in front of Sbsa. Call 846-5718 for more information.

- TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION:** will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 110 Civil Engineering Building. For more information call Mary at 846-6767 or Chris at 589-2549.
- BIRTH PARENT SUPPORT GROUP:** will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Child Placement Center. Call 268-5577 for more information.
- STUDENT BODY CANDIDATE PRESIDENTIAL FORUM:** the candidates will address the students and answer questions from a selected student panel at 6 p.m. in the MSC flagroom. Call Perry at 845-3051 for more information.
- WOMEN'S AGLOW INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP:** will have a speaker at 9:30 a.m. at the College Station Community Center. Call 764-2981 for more information.
- HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL:** will have a brown bag seminar with Dr. John Bockris, professor of chemistry, at 1 p.m. in 027 MSC. Call Mark at 847-1225 for more information.
- SMART:** will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 212 MSC. Contact Patty at 696-2102 for more information.
- MSC BLACK AWARENESS COMMITTEE:** applications for leadership positions are available in the BAC cubicle on the 2nd floor of the MSC in the Student Programs Office. Applications are due March 23 at 5 p.m. Contact Carl at 847-2552 for more information.
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS:** will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Contact Tawanda at 847-5478 for more information.
- TAMU SAILING TEAM:** will have a meeting at 8 p.m. in 104 Zachry.

- PRE-MED/PRE-DENT SOCIETY:** Steve Hassle and Dan Bogart will speak on "Health Care Coverage Options" at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder. Contact Tammy at 846-1243 for more information.
- STUDENT FINANCE CENTER:** deadline for applications is 4 p.m. Friday, March 30. Contact Tim at 845-1133 for more information.
- YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS:** will discuss the upcoming state convention at 7:15 p.m. in 401 Rudder. Contact Sharin at 764-6541 or Jeff at 847-2544 for more information.
- SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS:** will have officer elections and discuss NASA trip at 6:30 p.m. in 104D Zachry.
- BETA BETA BETA:** Midley Turtles and Challenges in the Field of Biology at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder. Call 847-0052 for more information.
- STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID:** will have a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 305 Rudder. Contact Catherine at 846-3225 for more information.
- AGGIE PEER ORIENTATION PROGRAM:** orientation leader applications are available in 108 YMCA and are due by March 30 in 108 YMCA. Contact the Department of Student Affairs at 845-5826 for more information.

Thursday

- UNITED STATES STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION:** will have a general meeting and signups for trip to Austin at 7 p.m. in Bizzell Hall West Basement. Contact Alan at 847-1878 for more information.
- OFF-CAMPUS CENTER AND OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** will have an Off-Campus Housing Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first floor of the MSC. Contact Mary Ann at 845-1741 for more information.
- STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** will have an informational meeting on Jr. Fulbright Grants and Marshall Scholarships for U.S. citizens from 2 to 3 p.m. in 251 Bizzell Hall West. Call 845-0544 for more information.
- EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB:** will have a meeting at 6 p.m. at the Flying Tomato. Call 693-5935 for more information.
- LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS:** will have a discussion in Spanish at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Library. Call 846-5718 for more information.
- FOURTH DAY:** will have a discussion at 6:15 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center. Call 846-5718 for more information.
- ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS:** will have a class agents' candidates meeting for class of '90 at 4:30 p.m. at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center. Contact Jean at 845-7514 for more information.
- MSC JORDAN INSTITUTE:** applications for executive position are available in room 223G Browning Library. Contact David at 847-1217 for more information.
- MEXICAN-AMERICAN ENGINEERING SOCIETY:** will have Mr. Javier Arellano from Exxon as a guest speaker at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder. Contact Rebecca at 696-8004 or Louis at 764-6723 for more information.
- MOORE HALL:** will have a swimsuit competition at 4 p.m. in front of Moore. \$3 entry fee. Contact Derek at 847-5248 for more information.
- MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:** will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Carney's Pub. Contact Karl at 764-2184 for more information.
- NAVAL AVIATION SOCIETY:** will have an Aeronautical Navigation class at 7 p.m. in 108 Trigon. Contact Jay at 847-3693 for more information.
- MSC JORDAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS:** Jordan Fellows lectures on trips to Paraguay, Kenya and Tanzania at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Contact Rod at 268-1447 for more information.
- RUSSIAN CLUB:** will have a meeting about Muster at 3:30 in 321 of the library.
- TEXAS A&M TRIATHLON CLUB:** will organize race helpers for the Texas Aggie Biathlon at 8 p.m. in the lobby of G. Rollie White. Call 696-6745 for more information.
- AGGIE PLAYERS:** will present "Angel's Fall" at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for the general public and \$2 for students. Call 845-2621 for more information.
- ENGLISH GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will present its third annual Conference on Language and Literature March 22-24 in the College Station Hilton. Contact Tom or Barbara at 845-3452 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Peace, Love, Understanding, and...

Coffeehouse

Friday, March 23
8:00pm Rumours

MSC Town Hall