

Local

Pools provide heated fun for swimmers this winter

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Battalion Reporter

Although local temperatures have been relatively mild this fall, cool weather will eventually drive many swimmers indoors.

Texas A&M's indoor and outdoor pools, along with College Station's Thomas Park Swimming Pool, are open for people who want to swim when the air is chilly outside — all pools are heated.

The outdoor Wofford Cain Pool is open to the public Monday through Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The indoor pool, in the P.L. Downs Natatorium, is open to the public seven days a week, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 6:30

p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. It is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

A Texas A&M ID card or a recreational identification card with pool pass privileges is needed to swim, said Eric Hunter, associate director of the Intramural-Recreational Sports Department.

The cost of a pool pass privilege during the winter for a faculty single is \$10 and for a faculty family \$20. A faculty single pass for the entire year is \$50. A faculty family pass is \$85.

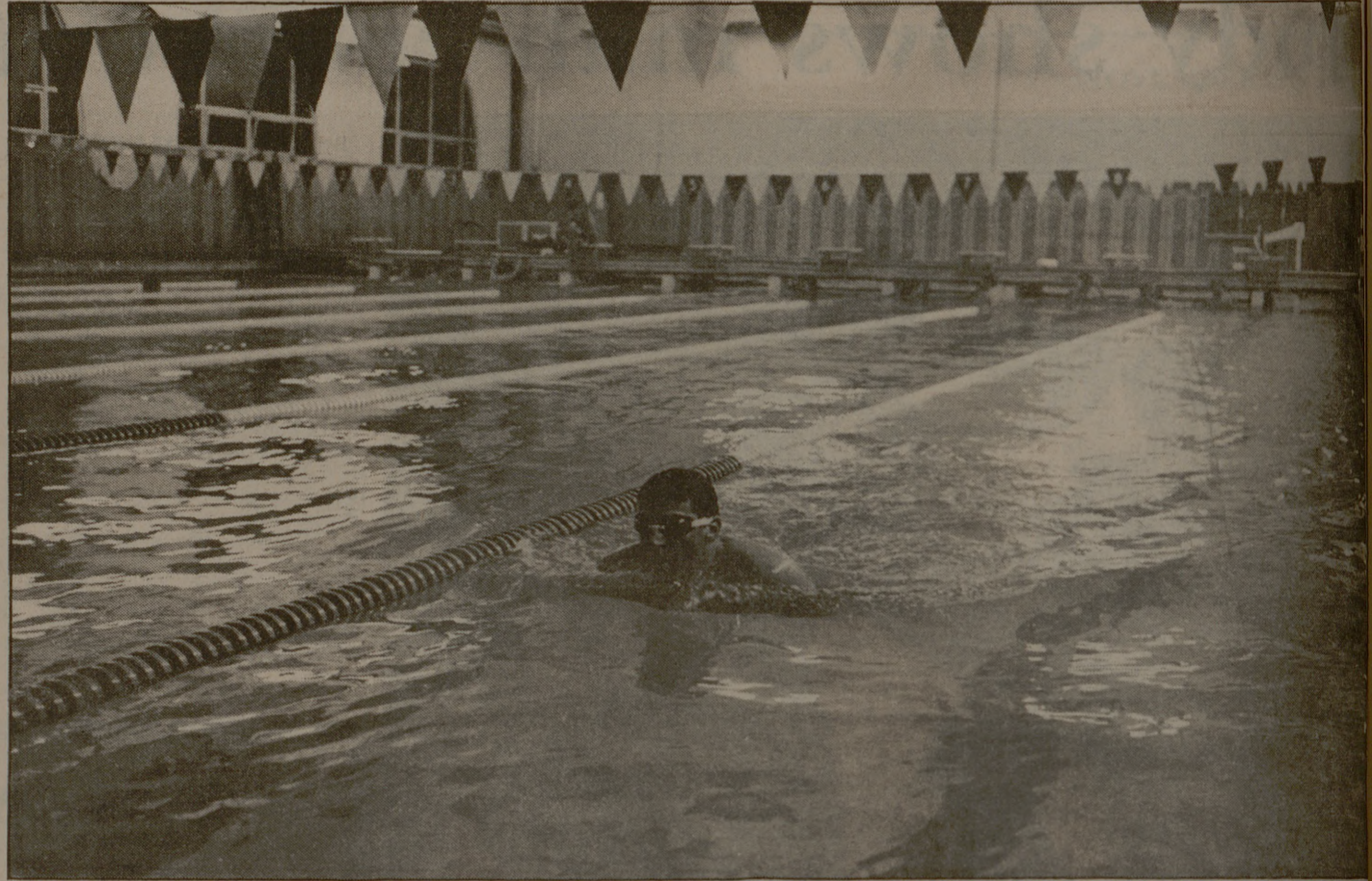
The Thomas Park Pool, run by the College Station Parks and Recreation Department, is three blocks behind the College Station City Hall. The pool is covered and heated.

"The cover is like a light canvas

that is held up by air blown into it," Cindy Szabuniewicz, pool manager, said. "Kind of the same principle balloons use." The air can be heated if it gets cold enough, she added.

It is open to the public on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. On weekends, public hours are 11 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. The bubble-like enclosure is raised at the end of October, and is up through the middle of April.

Thomas Pool prices are 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. An adult discount pass, good for 15 swims, costs \$7.50. Monthly passes cost \$30, and are good for the entire family. A pass for the entire year, which is also good for the entire family, is \$150.



Students enjoy recreational swimming at P.L. Downs Natatorium.

Staff photo by Dave...

Fair to sell affordable Christmas gifts

The MSC Hospitality Committee is trying to provide an alternative to the hassles of last-minute Christmas shopping with the MSC Christmas Fair in Rudder Exhibit Hall today.

The fair will run through 6 p.m. "We have the fair so students can do all their Christmas shop-

ping in one place," said Rhonda Schroeder, special projects chairman of the Hospitality Committee.

The fair will feature gift items from 25 area merchants as well as other organizations including the Garland and Houston A&M mothers' clubs. Proceeds from the

mothers' clubs' sales will go to scholarships for University students.

Schroeder said most of the gifts are priced under \$30. And there will be free gift wrapping as well as 10 door prizes to be given out during the day.

She said they expect a good turnout for the third annual fair.

OCA plans to do the two-step into a winter wonderland

By BARBIE WOELFEL
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Off-Campus Aggies will be dancing to music from "Texas Nuggets" in a "winter wonderland" atmosphere at its Dec. 4 semi-formal Christmas dance at the Lulac Hall in Bryan.

"OCA would like to give off-campus students, especially freshmen and sophomores, a chance to attend a semi-formal dance just as on-campus students do," Paul Bettencourt, OCA president, said Monday night at the organization's bi-weekly meeting.

Besides the country and western band, "Texas Nuggets," an OCA member, Ski Hubbard, will provide warmup music and a sound system with all types of music being played during band

breaks. Linda Thomas, co-chairman of the semi-formal dance committee, said.

Tickets for the dance will be on sale in the MSC Box Office for \$8 per couple from now through Dec. 4 and will be available at tables in the MSC Dec. 1 and 2, Thomas said.

Pat Pearson, student senator from Ward II, requested that OCA support the Student Senate's Voter's Right Bill, which proposes the establishment of six voting locations to ensure that off-campus students have equal access to voting locations in Student Government elections.

"Previous polls were located exclusively in on-campus living areas," Pearson said. "Off-campus students should have the right to vote at their convenience," he said.

OCA voted to support the bill, which proposes establishing mandatory voting sites at the front of the Academic and Agency Building, the main entrance of the Zachry Engineering Center, the

front of the Kleberg Building, in front of the main entrance of the Sterling C. Evans Library, inside the MSC in front of the main lounge and in front of the Harrington Classroom Center.

The bill also proposes that any addition to these six polling places that are located in living areas (on-campus/off-campus) shall have to be matched with the same number of locations in the alternative living areas.

"Voting locations have been established by the election committee in the past requiring a minimum of six or a maximum of nine voting sites," Pearson said. "Last semester, there wasn't one voting location off-campus."

The Voter Right's Bill will be proposed to the Sentate Dec. 2, Pearson said.

"One way off-campus students can show support for the proposed bill is to go to the Student Programs Office in the MSC, find out who their off-campus senator is and leave a note in their box giving some input — whether it be ques-

tions, policy formation ideas, just a note of support," Pearson said.

In a financial report, OCA treasurer, John Barrera, said the association's Nov. 14 dance brought in \$1,300, although it was not planned to be a money-making project.

"Since local merchants backed out of providing beer for the dance, OCA made a profit by selling beer itself," Barrera said.

Other activities discussed included spring committees such as Aggie Blood Drive, All Night and a spring street dance.

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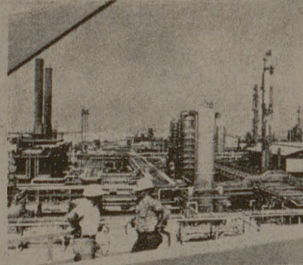
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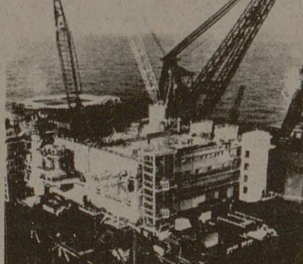
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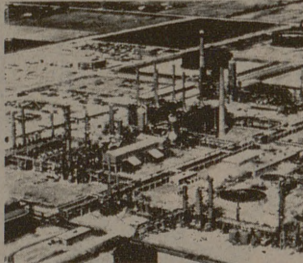
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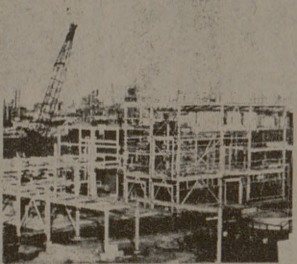
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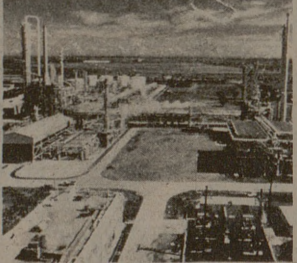
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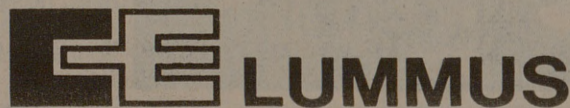
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