

# Gulf Nuclear to face possible prosecution

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HOUSTON — The Texas Radiation Advisory Board is calling for vigorous prosecution by the state against Gulf Nuclear Inc. for a Feb. 8 accident which exposed nine employees to radiation.

The accident and the company's initial failure to report it posed a direct threat to public health as well as the employees, said the board in a resolution adopted last week.

The State Health Department did not learn of the accident until six weeks after it occurred when one of the exposed workers reported it. That employee was later fired.

The accident occurred when one of the Gulf Nuclear employees accidentally cut in half a radiation capsule containing americium-241.

Radiation board member William Hendrick of Austin, a health physicist and manager of Texas Nuclear, a radiation services company, said Gulf Nuclear's reaction to the accident was "just unconscionable" to him.

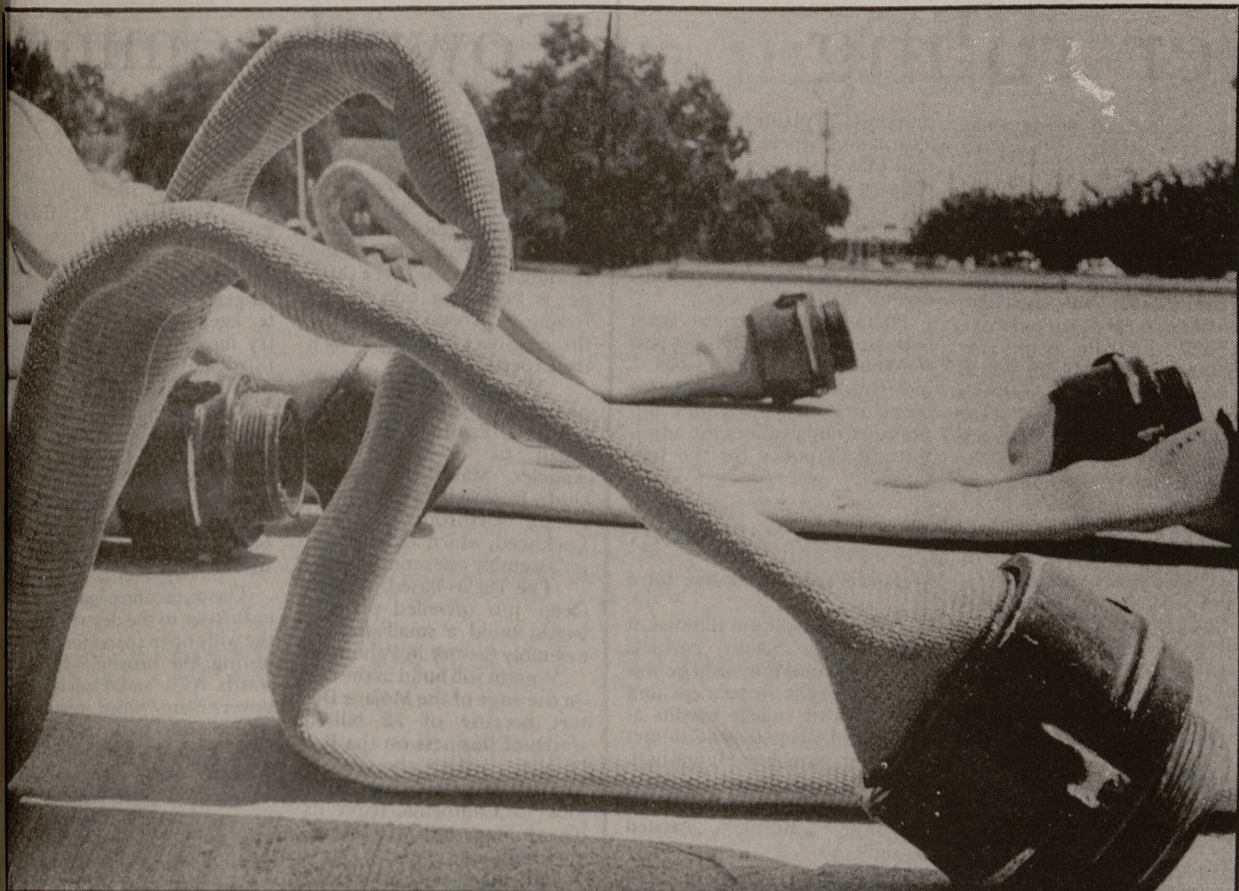
"My greatest concern is this management decision to call the employees together and say 'hush this thing up. We're not going to do anything for the exposed workers. We're not going to test them. We're not going to treat them. We are willing to run any risk to the employees and the public as long as we keep this thing quiet,'" Hendrick said.

Hendrick said the lung burden from americium is well known in the nuclear industry, and if a nasal smear shows positive after an accident, it is standard procedure to being chelat-

ing treatments to flush radioactive particles from the body.

Carol Vance, attorney for Gulf Nuclear, said there is no legal requirement for Gulf Nuclear to report the radiation accident and said no one was injured.

"There was one person who received the most exposure, and according to expert testimony, his exposure was the equivalent of full dental and upper and lower gastrointestinal X-rays within the same year," Vance said.



**Snaked hoses**

staff photoby John Makely

These fire hoses create a unique pattern as they dry in the sun Tuesday afternoon. The

fire hoses were stretched over the warm concrete at the College Station Fire Station

## Ponchartrain Park closes

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NEW ORLEANS — Nearly 4,600 fun-lovers and nostalgia buffs braved rainy weather to say goodbye to a piece of history, the Ponchartrain Beach Amusement Park.

The park closed its doors for the last time Monday night after more than four decades of laughter, screams and rites of passage. The land, when cleared, will be used for condominiums.

"Parks such as ours have seen better days," said park coowner Harry Batt. "We're an iron park — lot of thrill rides. Now people

are into theme parks, like Six Flags and Disney World."

Batt, who was only 12 when Ponchartrain Beach opened in 1939, said the park was driven under by economic realities and well as rising expectations — the cost of providing thrills got higher than the locals were able to pay.

"New Orleans is a pretty poor community in per capita income," he said. "They can't afford to pay what we have to charge to get in."

Batt said his mementos will include a scrapbook and trinkets, such as a clown head paper-

weight and a plexiglass-encased flying horse. The entire park has been sold to a developer named Stephen Capelow, who plans to build 600 condomini-

ums on the site beside Lake Ponchartrain.

New Orleanians attracted to the final bash found few fond memories

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The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department Friday through Sunday.

- THEFTS:**
- A gold Sears Free Spirit 10-speed bicycle from the Keathley Hall bike rack.
  - A blue Fuji 10-speed bicycle from the Sterling C. Evans Library bike rack.
  - A blue Huffly 10-speed bicycle from the west side of Aston Hall.
  - A wallet from the third floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum. The student was playing basketball at the time. Missing items are a Texas driver's license, \$10 in cash and several credit cards.

**RECOVERY:**

- A red Montgomery Ward 10-speed bicycle recovered near the Commons. It was reported stolen last week from a staff parking lot west of Sbsa Dining Hall and north of Haas Hall.

**OTHER:**

- Mud and horse manure were found covering the first floor of Moore Hall.

• A fire alarm was activated in the basement of Zachry Engineering Center. University police responded to the false alarm.

• Three people were stopped from walking on the tops of several cars in the student parking lot south of Mosher Hall. The owner of a 1975 Pontiac was called to inspect his walked-on car. The trio was escorted from the campus by University police. No complaints will be filed.

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There will be a meeting for interested persons on Thursday September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

## Dance Arts Society



Society

General meeting to announce fall semester dance class schedules.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 8**

7 p.m.  
267 G. Rollie White

New Members are welcome!

## Sigma Chi

We the brothers of Sigma Chi, would like to tell you about our fraternity. Sigma Chi is the second largest, and best known, college fraternal organization in the world. It was founded in 1855 by college students to promote brotherhood based on the ideals of friendship, justice, and learning. We have since grown to over 180 undergraduate chapters in the U.S. and Canada.

Membership in Sigma Chi is attained through pledgship, a semester-long program where the pledge becomes involved with the Fraternity. Pledgship does not include physical hazing, or trivial, embarrassing activities. It is a serious time in which the pledge experiences fraternity activities, develop friendships, and evaluates Sigma Chi. Pledgship culminates in Initiation, a most serious and meaningful event in a Brother's life.

If you are interested in learning about Sigma Chi and the Greek system, we invite you to attend our remaining rush parties. Our rush is geared toward exposing the different aspects of fraternity life to you. Bids are extended to those rushers who express an interest in joining Sigma Chi and meet the standards required of the Fraternity. Attendance at our rush parties does not obligate you in any way. We encourage you to come and learn what we have to offer. Feel free to bring others who are interested.

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