

Water Safety



Students sun and swim at the Wofford Cain Pool Wednesday afternoon. Admission to the pool is \$1.

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Senate fights bill to cut NATO troops

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 WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans, with President Reagan's backing, battled to line up enough votes Wednesday to defeat or water down a proposal by Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., that threatens to cut the U.S. share of NATO troops.
 The White House, representatives of NATO and at least one other country, Great Britain, were telephoning senators to kill the amendment to a \$291 billion defense authorization bill.
 Nunn's proposal calls for cutting U.S. troops in Europe by up to 90,000 personnel by 1990 if European allies fail to live up to commitments to beef up their non-nuclear forces to levels sufficient to repel a Soviet attack.
 Senate Republican leader Howard Baker of Tennessee told reporters he expected the Nunn amendment to fail. But sources close to him indicated that some Republicans, who hold a narrow majority in the Senate, were wavering and that Democrats would provide no more up the slack.
 Judging from lobbying efforts against the proposal, Nunn, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the administration must be worried that "a number of people on both sides of the aisle are tempted to vote for it."
 Nunn's NATO proposal was expected to be one of the last major squabbles over the defense authorization bill. The massive measure has kept the Senate in session past midnight so far this week in an effort to finish the bill.
 Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia predicted "a very strong vote for Nunn — certainly on this side (Democrats)."
 "The fact is that the allies for a long time, maybe from the beginning, have not lived up to their commitments," Byrd said.
 Byrd said, "I don't think that they should continue to believe that the United States is going to keep taking the slack."

GNP is growing 5.7 percent yearly

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 WASHINGTON — The nation's gross national product is growing at a strong 5.7 percent annual rate after a rip-roaring 9.7 percent expansion in the first quarter, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.
 The growth is exceeding almost all economic expectations in the first half of 1984. But overall inflation remains low, the report said, sinking to 2.8 percent in the current April-June quarter on the heels of a moderate 3.9 percent in the first quarter.
 President Reagan called the figures "remarkable good news."
 But many independent economists said that such strong growth after 18 months of recovery could be a mixed blessing, raising interest rates and clogging supply lines. Wall Street's first reaction was to sell, dropping the Dow industrial average several points.
 To counter such negative thinking, administration officials offered a chorus of reassuring statements:
 • "There is no evidence in the system at this stage of overheating," said economist Alan Greenspan, an unofficial administration adviser.
 • "Does this vigorous growth imply an economy that is overheating?" asked Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige. "I don't think so."
 • "The fact that real GNP growth showed solid gains while the inflation rate continued to decline is very encouraging," Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said.
 But new fears of higher interest rates were uppermost in some other analysts' minds.
 "Today's number dashes any real hope of any significant lowering in interest rates," said economist Larry Chimerine, head of the Chase Econometrics analysis firm.
 One independent private economist agreed with the White House.

Water

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"Pull your arms up to your head and push the water down to your legs, pull up and push down," she said.
 "Prevent the accident, know how to swim and know those guidelines," Nix said.
 Certified lifeguards aren't the only people that can save a drowning person. Simple rescue techniques can be used to save a life without getting in the water.
 "Don't go in if you don't have too," Nix said.
 If you do get in the water, hold on to something secure. Also, try to keep the person from hanging on to you. Panicked people will try to get as much out of the water as possible, even if they must climb on top of their rescuer, Nix said.
 Assists which can be used include the reaching assist, reaching with a

hand or foot; an extension assist, reaching with a towel, kick board or boat oar; a wading rescue; and a throwing rescue, throwing something floatable such as a ring buoy, preferably with a rope attached.
 Throwing assists can be made with other items also. The insulation of a picnic jug or cooler keeps the air inside and makes it floatable. The float should be thrown between you and the victim.
 The familiar picture of a drowning man bobbing up and down is more fantasy than fact, Nix said. Most people will come to the surface with their mouth open and their arms extended to the side with no way to support themselves.
 "It's very quick," she said. "You don't see them but once or twice. You have to be trained to know what to look for."
 The Brazos County Red Cross will be offering a lifeguarding class later this summer, Nix said.

Cain

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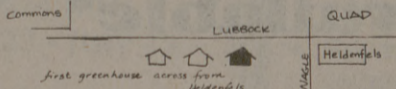
pass can be purchased for an additional \$6. The first session pass will be invalid after July 12. The second session pass and the full-summer pass will be valid until Aug. 31.
 Staff and faculty members may purchase rec passes from the intramural office. A single faculty/staff pass for the summer is available for \$30 and a family faculty/staff pass is available for \$45.
 Guests may swim for \$1 if accompanied by someone with an ID or rec pass.
 Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult with an ID or rec pass. Parents must be near when children swim.
 A swimming suit, made out of swimming suit material, is required, Nix said. No cut-offs, gym

shorts or t-shirts will be allowed. Street clothes, when worn into the pool, bring dirt and lint into the pool creating a health hazard and at times, clogging the filtering system.
 A shower, preferably a soap shower, must be taken before entering the water. Excess suntan oil must also be wiped off.
 "That's the hardest to enforce," Nix said. When guards at the pool find someone disregarding the regulation, they have them run their finger along the "bath tub ring" left by oil and dirt.
 "It's pretty gross," she said. "We try to educate them that we're just trying to keep the pool healthy."
 People with poison ivy or oak, impetigo or other infectious skin rashes or infected sores or cuts are not allowed to get in the pool. Also remove all band-aids before swimming.

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