

Is it soup yet?



Photo by Thomas Bergstrom

Mike Scott assists Mika Umeda (front) and Asako Momma prepare their t-shirts for tie-dyeing at the EMU craft center Wednesday. The two girls are from an all girls high school in Tokyo and are part of a two week student tour experiencing American life and culture.

Democrats compromise on National Service plan

□ Clinton's college plan shortened to three years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats agreed to scale back President Clinton's national service plan Tuesday as they sought a compromise in the face of a potential filibuster by Republicans complaining about its cost.

"There have been a lot of proposals put on the table and taken off. It certainly is far superior to the original bill," said Sen. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas, ranking Republican on the Labor and Human Resources Committee.

It appeared that Democrats would reschedule a vote to cut off debate on the proposal for Wednesday. Such a cloture effort was canceled Tuesday as Democrats admitted they lacked the 60 votes needed to bring the bill to a final vote.

Sen. Harris Wofford, D-Pa., said, "We Democrats have gone the extra mile" to reach an agreement.

Clinton's plan would allow college students to earn up to \$10,000 in tuition assistance in return for two years of community service. They would receive stipends of at least \$7,400 a year and health-care and child day-care benefits.

The program would begin with 25,000 students qualifying the first year, eventually growing to 150,000.

Negotiators already had decided to shorten the term of the program from five to three years and tax the stipends received by wealthier students, said Sen. Dave Durenberger, R-Minn.

"The heart of it now is how many people are you going to put through the program," he said, adding that Republicans had sought to limit the program to two years, but Clinton "apparently turned that down."

He said differences were now primarily over whether the program should cost

\$200 million or \$300 million in its first year, \$400 million or \$500 million in the second year and \$600 million or \$700 million in its fourth year.

At any rate, it would cost considerably less than the \$7.4 billion over four years that Clinton proposed.

Durenberger said the administration "could get a lot of Republican support" by agreeing to further limitations but also probably could win "by the skin of their teeth" with the current concessions.

Wofford said he believed a compromise acceptable to both sides was "reachable if the Republicans don't impose the discipline of a filibuster."

He said the cloture vote would be close. Diana Aldridge, a spokeswoman for the White House Office of National Service, would not say what concessions the administration was accepting.

Kassebaum tried during floor debate last week to scale back the plan, but backers, including a few Republicans, held fast.

She said Tuesday that there was "no disagreement" on the importance of community service.

However, "I'm convinced that if this program is going to succeed, it really should start smaller rather than larger."

The majority Democrats had accused Republicans of obstructing legislation that enjoys broad public support.

"This effort to block the national service legislation is an abuse of the Senate's rules and a disservice to the Americans we represent," said Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Labor and Human Resources Committee and floor manager of the bill.

Eli Segal, head of Clinton's Office of National Service, conceded that national service faced stubborn in the Senate.

But "we've made it very clear that this will not be the end of the line," he declared. "National Service is widely popular; obstructionism is not popular."

IntroDucktion deemed a hit

□ Parents, new students learn about University

By S.A. Clemens
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Organizers and visitors called the University's freshman summer orientation a success after the 1993 IntroDucktion ended Tuesday.

About 2,400 freshman and transfer students and 1,500 parents attended the program during the past two months to learn about campus life, registration and the essentials for survival at school.

"Everyone comes with high anxiety and leaves feeling comfortable," said Rodger Morris, who has organized the

event for the past nine years.

"Evaluations are extremely positive. It's a strongly received program," Morris said. He said a bad evaluation is so rare that it is shocking.

Parents seemed to agree.

"I felt the staff was very knowledgeable and kind," said Susan Pettit, whose daughter Audra will be attending next year. "They really addressed the concerns of parents."

The concerns differ for parents and students, said Mike Rose, who completed his second year on the Student Orientation Staff.

"Students are concerned about

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Photo by Heidi Yomecka

Heather Meyer, of Rota, Spain, gets advice from Ken Liberman from the Sociology Department.



WEATHER

Riddle: What is wet and ruining your summer?

Answer: Today's weather.

There is a 60 percent chance of showers today with a possible thunderstorm tonight. Highs should be around 70 through the weekend.

DOG DRIVES OVER WOMAN

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Turbo, a sheriff's dog, went beyond the call of duty in helping his master apprehend two suspects.

When Clark County Deputy Greg Chaney stopped an erratic driver Sunday, he ordered the driver and his girlfriend to lie on the ground. Turbo, waiting in the car, hopped into the front seat, bumped the car into gear and sent it rolling over the woman, Tracy Andrus of Beaverton.

"I'm sore. I'm OK, though," Andrus said. "The car was going slow enough over me that my body kind of took the pressure."

Chaney and a bystander lifted the patrol car while another officer pulled Andrus from under the right-front wheel.

The driver was booked on suspicion of attempting to elude officers.

SPORTS

A three-on-three basketball league is now underway at the Washington-Jefferson Park.

League divisions are youth ages 12 to 15; 16 to 19; and adults 20 and older. League games are scheduled every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

League play continues until Sept. 2 and culminates with a post-league tournament for teams wishing to compete.

Registration is accepted daily, except Sundays, at the Washington-Jefferson equipment check-out room.

Teams will play three games each Thursday. Teams with the best win/loss percentage will be selected to compete in the season-ending tournament.