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Krueger Hall chosen 1980-81 Hall of The Year

By BERNIE FETTE
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Krueger Hall has been named Hall of The Year for 1980-81 by the Residence Hall Association's executive council.
Kaelyn Cook, Krueger Hall Council President, said although many criteria are used in the selection process, Krueger's chili cookoff was probably the biggest public service project sponsored by the hall. The project, in which 28 teams competed, raised \$1,541 to benefit the Brazos County Humane Society and the construction of an animal shelter.
"We like the halls to be active in the community," RHA Adviser Nolen Mears said.

Diversity of hall activities, participation in intramural athletics and bonfire and effectiveness of hall councils are other considerations used in selecting the winner.
Participation in hall activities is another large factor, Mears said.
Krueger received one plaque which the hall will be allowed to keep and another which they will hold for a year before it goes to next year's outstanding hall.
Mears said there was no runner-up chosen for the Hall of The Year award because there were some complaints that a runner-up diminished the importance of the award. "We wanted to get away from that," he said.

A&M meal plan costs less than at other universities

By CATHY CAPPS
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Complaining about cafeteria food has been a universal topic of conversation among college students for as long as there have been cafeterias. Students at Texas A&M University are no exception, yet they may not have much right to complain.
The University's board plan costs less than those of many other Texas universities. The cost for seven-day board plan in Fall 1981 at Texas A&M will be \$562 a semester. This is about \$165 less than a similar board plan at Rice University and Southern Methodist University, says Lloyd H. Smith, Texas A&M's assistant director of food services. The University of Texas at Austin's board plan costs over \$100 more than Texas A&M's.
Board plan rates for 1981 are up percent over last year, Smith said, but that is compared to a 12 to 14 percent inflation rate. In 1979 and 1980, rates rose five and eight percent respectively.
The Department of Food Services is the largest in the University, Smith said. It encompasses all food service operations on campus except those at Cain Hall, which is part of the Athletic Department.

At its peak employment period in mid-October, the department employs about 750 people, 230 of which are students or part-time help. Each day, University dining facilities serve 50,000 meals.
Approximately 9,100 students are on board plan this semester and eat in Duncan, Commons or Sbisla dining halls, Smith said. During the spring semester, Duncan is closed on weekends and Corps members and others assigned to eat in Duncan eat in the Commons. Since only about half the board students are on the seven-day plan, closing Duncan on spring weekends saves the department about \$80,000 a year.
"To staff three facilities on weekends for half the value is not economical," Smith said.
Unlike Sbisla and the Commons, Duncan serves breakfast and supper "family style" because the Corps says their family style meals are very important to their lifestyle, Smith said. Because family style service is much more expensive, Smith said, the variety

of food in Duncan is much more limited. Each eight-person table receives a meal consisting of one meat, one starch, one vegetable, a dessert, roll and tossed salad. It is not possible to retain the same quality as the other dining halls, Smith said, because all food must be cooked early and be ready to be served to 2,000 people at once. In other dining halls, food is prepared constantly.
Due to new dormitories opening in Fall 1981, the number of off-campus students on board plan will be limited to 600. These off-campus students will eat in Duncan, with any reassignments to Sbisla or the Commons to be made after Sept. 4, 1981.
The university does all its own baking in the large central bakery behind Duncan, Smith said, and also processes some of its own meat. University dining facilities use 50,000 pounds of meat per week.
The University buys most of its groceries by bids from wholesale grocers.

Snakebites are avoidable hazard

By CAROLYN BARNES
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It's the time of year for getting back to nature, but don't let nature get back at you.
The most effective way to avoid snakebite is to learn to identify the poisonous snakes and leave them alone. "Most snakes are not aggressive, and in any case an average person can outrun any aggressive snake," said wildlife specialist Charles Ramsey.
Texas has poisonous snakes that include species from two families: pit vipers — rattlesnakes, copperheads and cottonmouths — and cobra-like snakes such as the coral snake.
The fatality rate for people bitten by poisonous snakes is low — less than one percent die of the average 2,400 bites reported annually — but it pays to know what to do if struck, Ramsey said.
If bitten by a poisonous snake "remain calm and avoid unnecessary movement," he said. "The rate of venom distribution throughout the body is slower if the person can remain still and quiet."
Being able to identify the poisonous

snake is an advantage because treatment is determined by the species of snake. All snake venom is not the same.
Reactions to snakebites range from mild to severe and depend on the size of the victim as well as the type of snake. A bite is usually less dangerous to an adult than to a small child. Mild symptoms include moderate swelling or discoloration and low to moderate pain at the bite with tingling sensations, fast pulse, weakness, dim vision, nausea, vomiting and shortness of breath.
Severe symptoms include rapid swelling and numbness, followed by extreme pain at the bite. Other effects include pinpoint pupils, twitching, slurred speech, shock, convulsions, paralysis, unconsciousness and no breathing or pulse. These require cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by a trained person.
For mild to moderate symptoms, applying a constricting band two to four inches above the bite but not around a joint, the head, neck or trunk, should be enough until a hospital can be reached. The band should be about an inch

wide and should be snug enough so that one finger can slip underneath. In case of swelling, the band should be loosened if it becomes too tight.
For severe symptoms, the American Red Cross recommends a constriction band, incisions and immediate suction.
Cuts should be made along the long axis of the limb no deeper than just through the skin and about a half inch long, extending over the snakebite. Cross-cut incisions are not advised.

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