

# Uses for Pavilion lounge area studied

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Battalion Reporter

The Department of Student Activities is considering several ideas for use of the empty lounge area in the newly renovated Pavilion. Student Activities Director Carolyn Adair said her department is not sure what to do with the open area, but they have "lots of ideas."

Willis Richey, assistant registrar, said the primary use of the area is for registration and drop-add at the beginning of each semester.

He said that once registration is completed, his office is finished with the area.

One option for using the area after registration is to put minimal lounge furniture and convert the area into a student lounge.

Dave Bergen, student activities adviser, said the University will have to pay for any type of lounge furniture for

the area because no money is available. He said that Student Activities will have to organize the plans before asking for any funding.

Adair said she is against the idea because of the difficulty of moving furniture out and storing it when the area is to be used for other purposes. She hasn't asked for any lounge furniture.

A lounge isn't the only option for the area.

Another option for the area, Adair said, is to allow various student groups to use it for blood drives, art exhibits or student elections.

Donn Friedman, editor of the AggieLand, said he hopes the space can be used to distribute AggieLand yearbooks. He said this will help because it has been difficult in the past to find an area with enough room to store the books while they are being distributed.

Adair said she wants to

allow other groups to schedule functions in the Pavilion.

Richey said he doesn't want any meetings scheduled in the area before 5 p.m. each day because of the number of activities in the building during the day. Adair will be in charge of the area after 5 p.m.

Adair said daytime use is limited due to the snack bar noise.

She said possible uses of the area at night could include folk dancing, showing movies and having speakers.

Adair said a group from the Corps of Cadets contacted her about having a catered barbeque in the Pavilion.

Adair said other groups that have moved into the building probably will want to use the area. These groups are Student Government, Student Y, Off-Campus Aggies and the Residence Hall Association.

# Lizards' tails aid research

The thrashing movement of a detached lizard tail may give sports researchers a better understanding of how athletes kick into "high gear," says a Texas A&M biologist.

Dr. Benjamin E. Dial reported in a recent issue of Science magazine that lizards which lost their tails when attacked by a predator escaped while their attacker pursued the moving tail.

Dial and North Texas State University biologist Dr. Lloyd C. Fitzpatrick observed that the cat and snake used in the studies captured and ate all the lizards of a species whose detached tails did not move.

While supplying important information on the relation between predators and their prey, the study also can have implications for humans, Dial said, because the detached tails provide one of the most vivid examples of anaerobic metabolism.

Anaerobic metabolism occurs in humans when athletes such as long-distance runners need to run faster, Dial said. In such athletes, the body switches from aerobic metabolism that uses ox-

ygen to burn glucose for energy to anaerobic metabolism of glycogen stored in muscles. Anaerobic metabolism increases levels of lactate in the blood.

"In biology, we learn from looking to the extreme, and the lizard tail represents an extreme in anaerobic metabolism," Dial said. "From these extremes we can more accurately describe how biological processes work. I plan to examine the ultra-structure of these lizard muscle cells for special adaptations that permit such a high level of anaerobic metabolism."

"We may be able to find out what lizards have that allows their tails to thrash so much," he explained.

Dial said predators do not bite off a lizard's tail, but rather the tail is broken at a piece of cartilage within the tail vertebra. Movement of the tail after it is broken attracts the attention of a predator and gives the lizard time to run away.

Dial and Fitzpatrick found the distraction allowed the lizards up to 40 percent more time in which to escape.

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# Former court justice put in protected cell

United Press International  
HUNTSVILLE — Former Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Yarbrough — whisked from a Caribbean island to Texas to begin serving a five-year sentence for aggravated perjury — has been placed in a protected, private cell, a prison spokesman said Saturday.

Byrd said it is normal procedure for officials to place anyone involved in law enforcement in a separate cell area for protection from the rest of the prison population.

Byrd said Yarbrough reportedly had complained of threats against his life, but such threats had not been confirmed.

It is possible Yarbrough could remain in a single cell during his entire sentence for security reasons, he said.

Yarbrough arrived at the TDC unit about 7:30 p.m. Friday after state officials flew him

to Texas from the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Although Yarbrough earlier had complained of chest pains and a possible heart attack, Byrd said he mentioned no such medical problems during his initial interviews at the prison.

The warden of the Diagnostic Unit of TDC said Yarbrough was not hospitalized.

Byrd said Yarbrough would stay at the Diagnostic Unit for six to eight weeks, undergoing regular background and psychological checks, before being permanently assigned to a prison unit.

# Senator blasts president

United Press International  
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — U.S. Senate hopeful Bob Krueger said Saturday Mexico's financial problems are the result of Ronald Reagan's refusal to buy more oil from the economically beleaguered neighbor.

The New Braunfels Democrat, who observers say will make a strong bid next year for U.S. Senator John Tower's seat, said Mexico loses \$1 billion annually because the administration buys less crude oil from Mexico for the underground strategic reserves than it is authorized to buy.

Krueger, 47, said Congress authorized the president to buy 225,000 barrels yearly for the reserves. Reagan buys 140,000 barrels annually for the reserves, he said.

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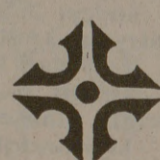
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