

What's up

Wednesday

TAMU SELF-DEFENSE CLUB: From 8 to 9:30 p.m. will be demonstrating self-defense techniques and registering members for the spring semester. Contact Fred Springer, 846-0782

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Start off the semester right and join the Newman Club in the Catholic Student Center for mass at 7:30 and fellowship following.

CENTURY SINGERS, REVELIERS, SINGING CADETS, AND WOMEN'S CHORUS: Vocal auditions continue today for all four groups. Go by the Vocal Music Office 003 MSC to sign up for an appointment. Appointment scheduling begins the first day of class at 8:30 a.m. For more info, call 845-5794 or go by the Vocal Music Office.

MSC INSIGHT: The student and faculty discussions committee will have its first meeting January 19 in 216 MSC at 7 p.m. Topics, faculty and committee officers will be chosen. All are welcome to attend.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS: The Society of Women Engineers will have a high school conference January 19 in Zachary 342 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: is having an organizational meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Contact Paul Giles at 846-2777

ARLINGTON HOMETOWN CLUB: is meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder to discuss spring activities and party plans, and elect officers. Contact Bruce Smith at 696-0531 or Kelly Heape at 260-8349.

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Friday

IM-REC SPORTS DEPARTMENT: is having a pre-season basketball tournament from Friday, Jan. 20 to Sun., Jan. 22. Contact Im-Rec sports in 159-E. Kyle at 845-7826.

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New fins save endangered turtle

United Press International

ISLAMORADA, Fla. — Lucky, a pregnant loggerhead sea turtle, paddled triumphantly across a tank of water Tuesday with a pair of rubber flippers attached in a \$200,000 operation to replace the originals snapped off by a shark.

"I love it, I love it," cried Dr. Patrick Barry, the head surgeon, after the 350-pound turtle was carried on a stretcher from her concave, open-air operating table to the tank, then paddled herself to the other side.

A crowd of about 100 cheered the sight.

Barry called the three-hour operation "an outrageous success."

"We worked so hard for it for so long and now it is happening."

Lucky will remain for about 30 days recuperating, then be tagged and released in the ocean, possibly on Valentine's day — saving her from 75 years of life in a pen "with no open sea, no mate, no sex."

Lucky was mating in the Florida Keys when a hammerhead shark attacked and bit off her front flippers.

The team of surgeons led by Barry removed the stumps of Lucky's front legs, drilled into the bones and inserted the metal pins that hold the flexible rubber fins in place.

"It fits," Barry exclaimed triumphantly as the first flipper was attached an hour after the operation began.

"Everything is right on the button. It's going perfectly," he said. Lucky was expected to try out her new fins in a tank after the anesthesia wore off.

The turtle lay on her back, a concave-curved board holding her shell to keep her from rocking.

Assisting Barry, an orthopedic surgeon who once operated on an arthritic elephant, were veterinarians Dr. Robert Foley from the Theater of Sea tourist attraction where the operation took place, and Dr. Jesse White from the Miami Seaquarium, an anesthetist and two nurses.

Doc Pingree, spokesman for Goodyear, estimated his company had spent \$35,000 on the

fins. Howmedica Inc. of Rutherford, N.J., spent another \$10,000 designing the metal joints that attach the rubber flippers to the bone, he said.

Pingree estimated that the time and services donated by members of the operating team, plus the housing and care of Lucky brought the entire bill for the operation to about \$200,000.


Authorities noted that loggerheads are an endangered species, and said the operation may provide more information

on why reptiles do not bleed copiously. But noting that the 25-year-old Lucky is carrying eggs that probably will be delivered in a year, Barry said "We're doing this for motherhood, too. Look at her alternatives — 75 years in a pen with no open sea, no mate, no sex. She would have a life of solitary confinement."

The flexible rubber fins are about 16 1/2 inches long, tinted beige with darker brown scales and emblazoned with Lucky's name, the name of her doctors and the Goodyear logo.

DANCE INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Dance Arts



Society

Auditions for ballet and tap teachers will be:
Tuesday, Jan. 24,
at 7 p.m. in 268 E. Kyle

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Rebeca 845-2665

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