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RHA plans February contest to promote campus security

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The Residence Hall Association will kickoff a program in February to see which dorm can best promote security awareness on campus.

The Lock Up and Look Out project, scheduled for Feb. 15 through Feb. 28, was discussed by RHA members Thursday night.

"We will make the project into a contest pairing off dorms together to see which dorm can do the best job at promoting security awareness," explained Stacy Graf, RHA external affairs chairman. Women's dorms will be paired with men's dorms.

She said that based on a point system, residence halls will be

judged on educational programs presented to hall residents, the creativity of the program as well as the attendance, along with security awareness projects conducted with other dorms.

Dorms will compete in pairs to gain the highest total points. First prize for the most points accumulated will be an all-expense paid dinner and mixer between the winning pair of dorms.

"Bicycles, books, jewelry and car stereo equipment are prime targets and major items of theft on campus," Graf said. "Included in the annual report presented by the University Police for the 1980-81 school year, bicycles were at the top of the list of reported prop-

erty crimes followed by jewelry, books, radios and televisions."

Graf stressed the need for students to secure their property.

"Register bicycles, insure valuables, mark driver's license numbers on televisions and stereo equipment, lock doors and report anything stolen to police immediately," she suggested.

In other business, RHA members spoke in favor of continued

assistance to cable companies in residence halls on the north side of campus. Hall council representatives collect all money from residence halls for service in dorms, take it to local cable companies and receive a discount for doing so.

In contrast, residence halls in the Commons Housing Complex set up tables for students to sign contracts with cable companies.



Staff photo by Daniel Sanders

Jenny Saylak speaks at the seminar "Europe Travel Committee and the Study Abroad on Your Own" sponsored by the MSC Office.

Europe on shoestring easier than you think

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Traveling in Europe is not as costly as it seems, and anyone that has a chance should do it.

That was the message of the "Europe on Your Own" seminar presented by MSC Travel Committee and the Study Abroad Office.

Tom Ryan, chairman of MSC Travel, said travelers should be aware of several things while in Europe — pickpockets, rain, lack of laundry facilities and the frequency of four-day holidays when everything closes, usually when a bank is needed most.

Ryan said if a Eurailpass is used, the traveler shouldn't carry

luggage because even the kind on wheels won't work well getting on and off trains. A backpack, is the best way to carry belongings, he said.

Gennie Saylak, a representative of Executive Travel, Inc. said to apply for a passport — which is needed before a Eurailpass can be purchased — the potential European traveler can fill out a form from either the passport office in Houston or the City-County Building in Bryan.

Two pictures and a birth certificate are needed for the passport, she said.

"It's a good idea to get two extra pictures and make a xerox copy of your birth certificate in case you

lose your passport while traveling," she said. "Because without it, you can't get anywhere."

"If you take a valuable camera with you, I suggest you chain it to your wrist while you sleep."

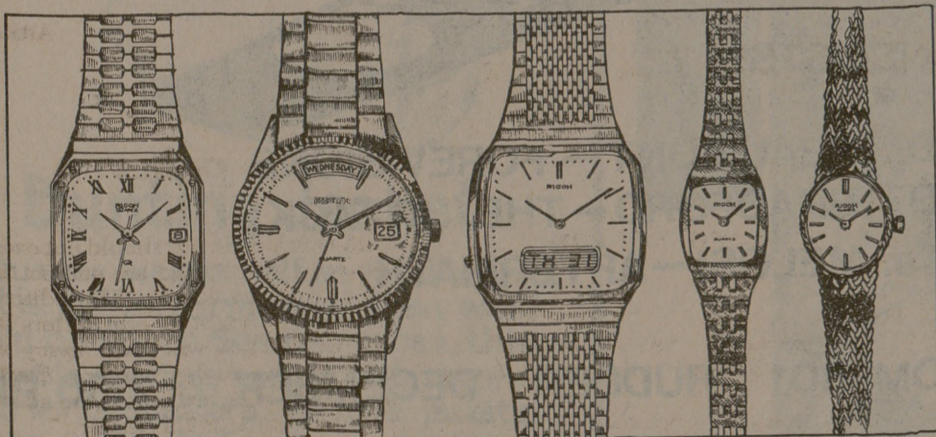
Travelers checks are the best way to carry money, she said. A small calculator will help in figuring foreign exchange rates.

Gene Alford, a senior biomedical science major, advised travelers to stay in pensiones where low-priced, clean rooms could be found.

A diary is vital to a clear memory of your trip, Alford said. He said he would treasure the diary he kept during his trip for the rest of his life.

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