

Study Abroad Program suggests early planning

By Melanie Heldt
Reporter

Summer is still months away, so it may seem a little early to begin planning the perfect vacation. But if summer plans include traveling overseas, now is the time to begin making preparations.

A passport is required for entry into a foreign country and for re-entry into the United States. Some countries also require travelers to have a visa and immunizations before entering. Getting these documents takes time.

"I would allow myself six months if that's possible," Cathy Schutt, staff assistant of the Study Abroad Program, said. "There are certain times of the year when everyone is throwing their application in and it slows down the system."

Passport applications are available in the Study Abroad Office.

After filling out the application, the

applicant must take it to the office of the district clerk in Bryan.

The application is processed and sent to another office.

It usually takes three to four weeks to get the application back.

Some countries also require records of immunization. To find out which countries require immunization, travelers should contact that country's consulate.

"Most of the Western countries do not require immunization," Schutt said. "Some of them are starting to require AIDS exams, though. They're tightening their belts."

Some countries require travelers to have a visa.

France is the only Western country that requires tourists to have visas.

Applications for a visa also are available in the Study Abroad Office.

The applications and the traveler's passport are sent to the French Consulate

and returned through the mail.

Students who are thinking about traveling abroad may want to consider buying an International Student ID card.

The card can be bought in the Study Abroad Office for \$10. The card identifies students and makes them eligible for various discounts, including discounts on airfare through certain agencies.

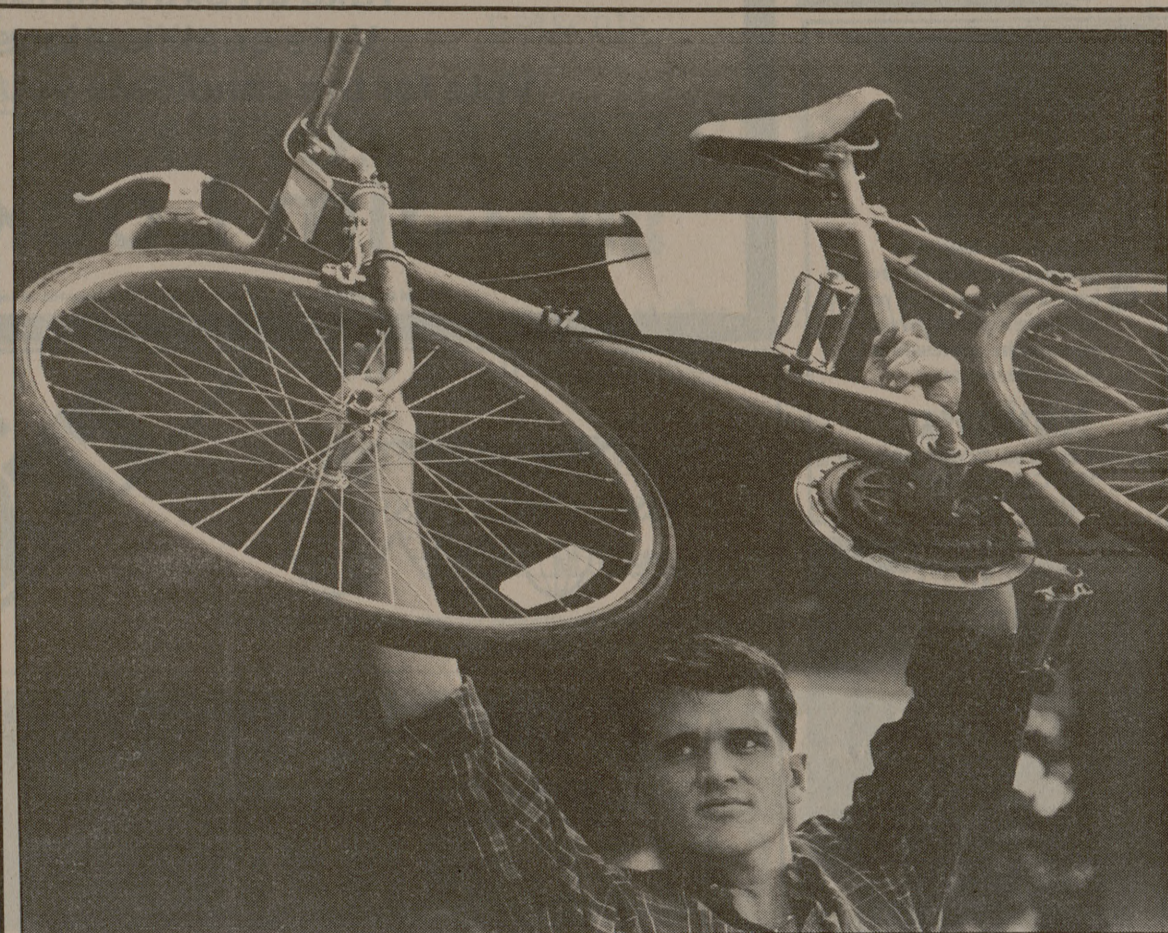
In addition, purchase of the card includes an insurance policy and counseling services in case of medical emergencies. The organization also helps students if they lose a passport or traveler's checks.

Geri Felling, an A&M student who backpacked across Europe last year, said that getting a student ID is a bargain.

"I got discounts at museums and hostels because I had a student ID," she said. "It was a very helpful thing to have."

Students who will study abroad next summer are required to take a mandatory one-hour class that will help them get all the proper documents.

The students also will be able to meet the other students and professors who will be going abroad, as well as visitors from the countries in which they will be studying. The classes also offer a chance to learn about the culture, history, geography and language of the countries the students will visit.



Bryan Reilly, a junior accounting major from Arlington, displays one of 150 bicycles up for bid at Hart Hall's auction Tuesday at Rudder Fountain. The money raised will help pay for new bike racks around campus.

Nebraska convict faces Texas murder charge

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Eli Stutzman, convicted of abandoning the body of his 9-year-old son in a case that gained nationwide attention, will be sent to Texas to face a murder charge, a judge ruled Monday.

Lancaster County District Judge Earl Witthoff granted Texas temporary custody of Stutzman to face the charge in the 1985 death of his former roommate.

Stutzman, 38, was sentenced in January in Thayer County District Court after pleading guilty to two misdemeanors related to the death of his son Danny, whose body was found Dec. 24, 1985, in Thayer County.

Stutzman is serving a one-year sentence for abandoning a human body and a six-month term for concealing a death.

On July 18, Texas authorities indicted Stutzman in the murder of Glenn Pritchett, 24, whose body was found near Austin on May 12, 1985.

Pritchett, who had shared a house with Stutzman and his son, was shot once in the head. On July 25, Texas authorities requested temporary custody of Stutzman so they could proceed with the murder indictment.

A hearing on the transfer was postponed earlier this month when Stutzman appeared in court without a lawyer. Witthoff appointed the Lancaster County public defender's office to represent him.

Assistant Nebraska Attorney General William Howland said Monday that because Stutzman will complete his Nebraska sentence on Dec. 15, he probably will not be returned to Nebraska.

Howland said Stutzman will be transferred to Texas as soon as all the paperwork is processed and arrangements are made to transport him.

Danny died while he and his father were driving to Ohio from Wyoming. According to authorities, Stutzman left his son's body in a ditch along a road near Chester and a passing motorist discovered it. The people of Chester and Hebron called him "Little Boy Blue" because he was found wearing blue pajamas.

His identity remained a mystery until Reader's Digest published a story on the case in its December 1987 issue.

Texas' Project RIO will assist parolees

By Tom Kehoe
Reporter

Texas is implementing a new program to assist parolees in becoming productive tax-paying citizens.

Project RIO (Re-Integration of Offenders) began last spring as an attempt to place ex-offenders in jobs. The program is a coordinated effort of six state agencies conceived to alleviate the overcrowding problem in Texas prisons. It also focuses on keeping parolees from becoming repeat offenders.

"A steady job is important to any individual, but a job to an ex-offender means everything," says Mary Scott Nabers, commissioner of the Texas Employment Commission. "It's the only way possible for a parolee to remain free and become a contributing member of society."

While Texas has had a program to help parolees find

work through the Texas Employment Commission, RIO augments the old program by better preparing incarcerated offenders and offering hiring incentives to employers of parolees.

Through a variety of services, the program offers employment counseling to offenders who are still in the Department of Corrections. They may participate in screening and evaluation programs, take aptitude and proficiency tests and receive career guidance.

Parolees are taught to fill out job applications properly, go on interviews and utilize community services.

Once paroled, offenders receive intensive job referral, current labor market information and more counseling to help them deal with "future shock" after long periods of incarceration.

RIO continues to help the parolee by offering incen-

tives to potential employers. If a RIO participant is hired, the employer is eligible for up to \$2400 per year of tax credit. The program also provides employers with up to \$25,000 of cost-free bonding for each ex-offender hired.

Despite all the benefits the program provides, it can be effective only if the parolee takes the initiative to participate.

"The biggest problem with ex-offenders is getting them to go to the service," says Craig Blakely, the associate director of the Texas A&M University Public Policy Resources Lab.

The lab is conducting the continuing evaluation of RIO.

Directors of RIO say that any offender who is willing to help himself should be given the opportunity.

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1.04	2,150	4,000	.52	795	1,500
1.03	2,850	6,000	.52	795	1,500
1.03	2,195	4,000	.56	895	1,700
1.03	3,875	8,000	.51	795	1,500
1.01	1,495	3,000	.50	695	1,300
1.01	1,895	4,000	.50	695	1,300
1.01	3,495	7,000	.50	795	1,500
1.01	2,185	4,200	.48	695	1,400
.95	2,395	4,600	.47	695	1,400
.93	1,595	3,000	.46	650	1,200
.92	1,850	4,000	.46	595	1,100
.92	1,650	3,200	.44	595	1,100
.91	3,195	6,000	.44	495	1,000
.90	1,750	3,100	.43	575	1,200
.89	1,350	2,800	.39	275	500
.89	895	1,700	.47	375	600
.88	1,340	2,800	.37	335	600
.85	1,685	3,000	.36	335	600
.85	2,150	4,000	.34	335	600
.83	1,595	3,000	.33	275	500
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.82	1,575	2,900
.79	1,895	3,600
.74	795	1,500
.72	1,650	3,200
.72	2,130	4,200
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.70	2,250	4,400
.70	1,250	2,400
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