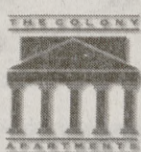


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Wednesday, Mar

## RHA named School of the Year

BY RICHARD BRAY  
The Battalion

The members of the Texas A&M Residence Hall Association (RHA) always have known that A&M's residence halls were the best in Texas; now there's proof.

RHA members have been awarded



School of the Year by the South West Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SWACURH) at the University of Houston.

"I think it shows how hard everyone in RHA is working and that we are making a difference on campus," said Becky Howard, RHA national communications coordinator.

Howard headed the team that wrote the bid for the award. Josh Kaylor, RHA director of financial development and a freshman computer science major, presented the bid.

Kaylor said SWACURH judged the schools by attendance at general assemblies, programs, student participation and a general evaluation of the the accomplishments cited in the bid.

Kaylor added that most of the questions posed to him during the

presentation were about RHA's exceptionally high budget.

"We have the largest budget in the nation, and that's all raised through RHA. They spent a lot of time asking about how we do that," Kaylor said. "We have a budget of \$10,000 this year, and we plan to increase that to \$28,000 next year."

In May, RHA will compete against eight schools for the title of national School of the Year.

The award will be announced during the RHA's general assembly Wednesday.

RHA will also be discussing the proposition for a new residence hall, adding community kitchens to residence halls and possible changes in Welcome Week — a week of activities to help students adjust to college life.

Tara Gray, RHA vice president of programs, said RHA is considering changing Welcome Week so that freshmen have more time to acclimate to college life.

"There has been an overall feeling from the hall councils that they do not like the shortened week with the freshmen," Gray said. "They get very little orientation time before classes start."

Gray said RHA also will be discussing the possibilities of bringing community kitchens to the halls. RHA will address the role kitchens play in drawing students to off-campus living and how a community kitchen might improve retention of students in the residence halls.

## Train hopping



PATRIC SCHNEIDER/The Battalion

Cory Collins, a freshman business major, crosses over a train that stopped between west and main campus Tuesday. Several other students did the same in order to get to class.

## Visiting lecture on hormone replacement

Dr. John Green, a visiting professor in the Department of Health and Kinesiology, will give a lecture focusing on the role of hormone replacement in female physiology Wednesday night from 5:30 p.m. in 281 Student Recreation Center. In his lecture, Green will cover both the positive and negative aspects of hormone replacement for women of all ages.

Green teaches classes in therapeutic principles of sports medicine, exercise evaluation and prescription and clinical exercise physiology. Green's latest project concentrates on the interaction of exercise and estrogen replacement on the cardiovascular system in post-menopausal women. The lecture is free, though there will be no late admittance.

## NXNG Music Festival to donate \$12,000 to three organizations

The North by Northgate Music Festival (NXNG) will be donating \$12,000 earned by last week's performances to Carpoolies Are Protecting Over Our Lives (CARPOOL), Scotty's and Brazos Greenways' Council.

Christine Odilvie, NXNG's coordinator, decline to comment on the total earned, but said the event would be well next year.

Odilvie said that festival goers can expect a similar event sometime around Halloween.

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