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## Aggie Club moves temporarily into coliseum quarters

By JEFF L. BRADY  
Staff Writer

The Aggie Club is alive and well but can't be found in its usual location between G. Rollie White Coliseum and DeWare Field House.

The organization has temporarily relocated in G. Rollie White while its usual office adds 700 square feet to accommodate several years of steady growth.

"We have 500 to 1,500 people through that office on a football Saturday," says Executive Director Harry J. Green, Jr., describing the crowded circumstances on fall semester weekends.

Plans call for the 1200 square-foot building to be expanded to 1900 square feet as a reception area is built for club members to visit while on campus. Staff personnel say they expect to be back in residence at the old location in 90 days.

Beginning the year with over 3,500 members worldwide and a record intake of \$2.6 million last year, the organization is bigger, says Green.

"This year we're hoping for a little bit more than that," he says, describing the club's current outlook for member donations.

Aggie Club donations each year amount to almost 12 percent of the Athletic Department's overall budget, says Wally Groff, associate athletic director for finance.

Ticket sales, mostly football, generate the largest percentage of the department's budget — 60 percent, Groff says.

Royalties from TV coverage account for another 12 percent and the University's supplement to the women's athletic program makes up the rest, says Groff.

Green is quick to point out, however, that the Aggie Club targets none of its funds once they are turned over to the Athletic Department.

"The Aggie Club is an independent corporation, not an integral part of the Athletic Department," Green says.

Green also points out that the money his organization raises benefits all sports, not just football. In fact, he says, the football program needs little financial aid.

"The Aggie Club supports everything but football," he says. "Football supports itself."

Green also clarifies that Aggie Club support is strictly athletic.

The Association of Former Students, he says, is the group that funds Buck Weirus Spirit Awards, faculty achievement awards and provides student loans.

"They support needy students probably in 20 different ways," he says.

The Aggie Club has always been geared toward athletic aid.

Founded in 1950 by seven leaders of the former students' association, the club raised a modest \$16,000 that first year and has since grown into a multi-million dollar operation.

The club is governed by an annual board of directors and an executive committee made up of business and civic leaders.

Green says the club's growth rate has remained constant for several years. Generally 400 members drop out and 600 join each year, he adds.

Green says people allow their Aggie Club memberships to run out because they are financially unable to support the organization or they don't like the season.

## Doctor negligently used radiation: Court

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that there was evidence to support a jury's finding that a doctor was negligent in using radiation treatment that paralyzed a patient.

Estle King sued Dr. James Bauer, who had treated King for lung cancer in 1978. Approximately 10 months after the completion of radiation therapy, King's spinal column degenerated, resulting in complete paralysis of her lower body.

The Victoria County trial court

awarded King \$297,000, but the Corpus Christi Court of Appeals reversed that judgment and ruled that King should get nothing.

The appeals court said there was no evidence to support the jury's finding of negligence because she had failed to present evidence that Bauer had used treatment "which would not have been taken by a reasonable and prudent physician under the same or similar circumstances."

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