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Tired of outrageous prices, surly sales people and "Student, go home" treatment? Texas A&M University's Student Government may have an answer.

Student Government's Business and Consumer Relations Committee has released its 1977-78 student purchase program booklet, filled with discounts, money-saving coupons and consumer tips.

Under the student purchase program, local businesses agree to offer discounts or coupon specials to Texas A&M students, committee chairman Jeb Hensarling said. In exchange for those discounts, each business is listed in the booklet which the consumer committee distributes free to students each fall.

This year's booklet contains about 20 per cent more discounts than last year's book, which was the first purchase program booklet published in recent years, Hensarling said.

The program helps both students and local businesses, he said. Students receive discounts they otherwise wouldn't get on a wide variety of merchandise and services, and

businessmen get a boost in business from students taking advantage of the discounts they offer.

If students use the program discounts, they're also helping themselves in years to come, he said. Ideally, as more students use the discounts, more businesses will offer discounts or coupons through the program because of the extra customers it can provide, Hensarling said.

The booklets are being distrib-

uted free to students in several ways, he said. Of the 15,000 copies printed, 5,200 will be mailed to the occupants of each apartment in College Station and some Bryan apartment complexes. Mail officials say \$5-95 per cent of those apartments are occupied by students, Hensarling said.

Most of the remainder of the discount booklets will go to on-campus students. There will be several thousand copies distributed through

the Student Programs office in the Memorial Student Center for off-campus students who don't get one in the mail.

"We're aiming at one per apartment or dorm room," Hensarling said.

"If students will use the programs, it'll help all the students in the long run," he said.

The one requirement for students using the program discounts at businesses offering discounts, is that

they must show their student card and request the discount cashier before he has totally purchased. Failing to do so is the merchant from any responsibility to honor the discount.

The booklet also contains consumer services section providing information on legal, health, and other services available to them, as well as information to deal with most common consumer problems confronting students.

## Probe uncovers \$1.1 million

United Press International  
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Canceled checks held in Securities and Exchange Commission files reveal that three key promoters of the bankrupt Progressive Farmers Association received more than \$1.1 million either through direct payments or through complicated corporate dealings before the company collapsed.

The canceled checks, representing the bulk of the \$1.6 million subpoenaed by the SEC's investigation into possible securities violations by the PFA, revealed that:

- ✓ Donald E. Burks, former PFA president, was paid at least \$502,000 in salaries or to his corporation;
- ✓ Darence Cloninger, a PFA

substant considered one of the "Big Four," was paid at least \$343,000;

- ✓ Carle Bledsoe Jr., another former PFA president, received at least \$306,000.

Examination of the 1,500 checks by reporters of the Kansas City Star and Times was made possible by special authorization by PFA trustee Richard Farrington.

The checks were being held by SEC officials in Chicago, where SEC attorney Peter B. Shaeffer has been leading the investigation of the Springfield, Mo., corporation.

Investigators emphasized the checks could not be considered a complete history of PFA business arrangements, nor could they tell the story of how PFA became finan-

cially unstable and was forced into bankruptcy by the SEC in May. The checks do not differentiate between salaries, commissions or expenses.

However, they show the location of at least part of the money invested by more than 8,000 Missouri investors — people who stand to get only pennies back for the thousands poured into PFA coffers.

Authorities allege that those investors could have been misled into paying hundreds of dollars a year to the PFA in hopes of eventual financial windfalls that the PFA officials never intended to provide.

The largest single check in the SEC files was written for \$98,534.42 Jan. 9, 1976 to Burks. That check came three days after Burks resigned as PFA president and agreed

to sell his interest in PFA for \$215,000, according to PFA rate minutes.

Also included in the checks several totaling about \$75,000 Robert Fields, a former PFA president.

However, still undisclosed payments made through connections to PFA's reputed former Russell E. Phillips, a 42-year-old Springfield businessman, are the mastermind behind the entire PFA operation.

Trustee Farrington has orders in Springfield, but details release them before the securities creditors' meeting, scheduled this Thursday. Farrington was using the records to answer questions for Phillips regarding money.

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## Deputies waiting to extradite woman

United Press International  
LOS ANGELES — Sheriff's officers yesterday were awaiting word from Texas officials on possible extradition proceedings against a woman suspected of imprisoning mentally deficient and disabled persons and taking their pension checks.

Lillian Gobert, 42, was arrested Friday at the home of a relative. She had been sought since last Sunday when 13 unwashed, undernourished and allegedly mistreated Californians were freed from her three-bedroom home near Wharton, Tex.

Attorney Rose Hemperley said Mrs. Gobert, who was jailed without bond on unlawful imprisonment charges, would fight the extradition and would seek release on "more reasonable" bond than the \$120,000 figure recommended by Texas authorities.

"She tells a totally different story about the case," Ms. Hemperley said.

A spokesman for Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said its role was to arrest and hold Mrs. Gobert and "the rest is up to the Texas people." The spokesman said extradition could be requested this week.

In Texas, a second woman, Lee Etta Bradshaw, 49, was charged with unlawful imprisonment and jailed in lieu of \$60,000 bond. Deputies charged she had helped watch the captives in Mrs. Gobert's absence.

Another suspected conspirator, Elmer A. Tompkins, 34, of Van Nuys, Calif., who described himself to deputies as "cook and flunky," remained jailed in lieu of \$60,000 bond on similar charges.

The victims, who investigators said may be just some of the helpless persons shuttled back and forth between California and Texas for more than a year, were hospitalized in satisfactory condition.

Wharton County Sheriff's Capt. Joe Covarrubio said the victims were intimidated into surrendering

power of attorney so their checks could be cashed.

Federal authorities were investigating for possible civil violations, officials said.

Covarrubio said he does not know whether anyone died at the home described as a den of filth, with beatings and sexual abuse.

Mrs. Gobert, a native of London, had been living and doing business primarily in California for several years, officials said.

Seven honorees in Silver Taps set for Sept.

The death of Texas A&M University freshman Douglas M. Davis, 20, of San Antonio was reported to campus officials last Wednesday as a roommate.

Burns, a 19-year-old major, died May 17 from injuries sustained in a traffic accident.

Antonio. He was the son of Harry J. Burns family, 1200 E. Lane in San Antonio.

Silver Taps for Burns were held in memory of senior Carl Lott of Tyler, freshman Allen Fiebrich of Bastrop, Ronald Joseph Goertz of Creek, sophomore Howard Johnston of Houston and student Michael Grimaldi of side, N.Y.

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