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Student government to give coupon booklet new name

By DENISE CRENWELGE
Campus Reporter

Texas A&M University's student government is giving a new look to an old friend. This fall, the Student Purchase Program — student government's discount coupon book — will become Aggie Bucks.

Sue Vito, director of Aggie Bucks, said the SPP books are undergoing the name change for a number of reasons.

"We needed a new approach to the whole project," Vito said. "We didn't get a good response at first and we needed a name that students could relate to and remember."

"Right now we're known as 'that other book' or 'the book that the student government puts out,'" she said.

Most people are more familiar with student government's competitors, the People Book.

Aggie Bucks will have a new cover, new format and possibly an index. The coupons will look like dollar bills, Vito said.

Aggie Bucks workers are now preparing for the advertisement sales for the fall edition and merchants will be offered a chance to advertise by the semester or yearly, she said.

The books will be similar to the SPP books. They will concentrate on fast food places, but will include restaurants, auto repair shops, figure salons, T-shirt shops, bookstores and stereo shop coupons, Vito said.

Aggie Bucks wants to get busines-

ses that students use regularly, she said.

Cheryl Swanzy, vice president for external affairs, said the books will be published each semester as they have been for the past three years.

She said 22,500 books were printed this semester.

Vito said the Aggie Bucks will be distributed in survival kits. The kits contain information about campus facilities and campus traditions. One kit is geared to on-campus students and another is geared to the off-campus students. Each kit will contain two books and each dormitory room will receive one kit.

"This activity is one of the more noticed activities of the student gov-

ernment and a major public relations project for the campus," Swanzy said, referring to the coupon books.

Swanzy said distribution has been by trial and error so far, and through the survival kits they are hoping to solve the problem.

"In print we have had students present fee slip and I.D., and other times we have just handed them out," Swanzy said. "We are hoping the survival kits will enable everyone to get a book and prevent others from getting several."

There are about 1,000 SPP books still available, Vito said. Anyone wanting one may pick it up by going to the student government office at 216 MSC, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Register by filling out postcard

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Registering to vote in the upcoming local elections is as easy as filling out a postcard.

Melissa Cosper, campus voter registration chairman, said Texas A&M University's student government is working to make it easier for students to register.

She said that as of Thursday, posters covered the campus containing pre-addressed and pre-paid postcards that have all the registration information on them. Students just need to fill one out and drop it in the mail, said Cosper.

Buddy Winn, Brazos County tax assessor-collector, said the only requirements for registration are that voters reside in Brazos County and that they register 30 days prior to election day.

A voter is registered for two years before he needs to renew, said Winn.

Winn said the upcoming elections include city and local elections on April 1, Democratic and Republican primaries May 3 and a run-off in June if necessary, and the general elections in November.

Winn said if a voter is registered in another county and wishes to vote in Brazos County he must surrender his privileges in the other county.

If a voter moves, Winn said he has 90 days to renew before his eligibility is void.

Cheryl Swanzy, vice president of external affairs, said the student vo-

ter turnout needs to increase. "We don't have the number necessary to show concern or have an impact on what is said in govern-

ment," said Swanzy. "We need more voters so we will have that impact and people will listen to us."



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A&M wins overall trophy

By GAIL WEATHERLY
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Texas A&M University not only has great football, basketball and baseball players, it can also claim to have the best college chess and women's billiards players in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Three Aggies won first place in the annual association of College Unions-International Region 12 games tournament Feb. 14-16 in Baton Rouge, La.

Thirty other Aggies placed high in different events to enable Texas A&M to keep possession of the trophy for the most points scored in the tournament.

A total of 337 students from 27 schools were at Louisiana State University to compete.

Gary Gray and Mark Hulsey won first place in the team chess division, and Gray also won first place in the individual division.

Since there is no national competition in college chess, Ted Geoca, vice chairman of the MSC Recreation Committee, said Gray and Hulsey are "the best college chess team in the Southwest."

Sandy Patterson won first place in women's billiards and will go on to the national competition in April in Carbondale, Ill. She will compete against the winners of 14 other geographic regions in the United States.

A national sponsor will pay all expenses for Patterson, and the 14 other regional billiards winners, to go to the national competition.

Besides chess and billiards, there were backgammon, Frisbee, bowling, table tennis and table soccer competitions. All except backgammon and chess have a national competition and an all-expense paid trip to nationals for the regional winner.

In a close competition with the University of Houston, Texas A&M

won 11 more points to retain possession of the all-events school trophy. Last year Texas A&M won the trophy by 16 points over the University of Texas.

Sanders Ledbetter, recreation coordinator for Region 12, said these games are "recreational activities that revolve around student unions on many college campuses which allow just about any college-age student the opportunity to compete in things he or she enjoys on a national level."

So, what can start out as a hobby can take a student who is good enough to national competition. To get involved in the school games competition, Geoca said the only prerequisite is to be a full-time student.

Students then participate in a series of tournaments sponsored by

nine subcommittees of the MSC Recreation Committee. The tournaments decide who will advance to regional competition, Geoca said, and those who win first place there go on to national competition.

Fibrosis ride coming up

Spring is in the air. The weather is great, and it's time to get out the old two-wheeler and start gearing up for this year's bicycling season.

The 1980 Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon is being organized in the Bryan-College Station area and local residents, organizations and businesses are being asked to help.

"We want to try to involve as many people and organizations in this project as possible," Mo Moser, chairman of the bike-a-thon, said.

The date for the bike-a-thon is April 12, but the route has not been arranged, Moser said.

"It's still in the planning stages,"

he said. Definite plans for the route and arrangements for prizes and entrants will be made in the next two to three weeks.

The funds raised through the bike-a-thon will help support research programs for cystic fibrosis and other lung-damaging diseases.

Money raised will also provide medical care to lengthen the lives of

lung-damaged children in over 120 cystic fibrosis centers in the United States.

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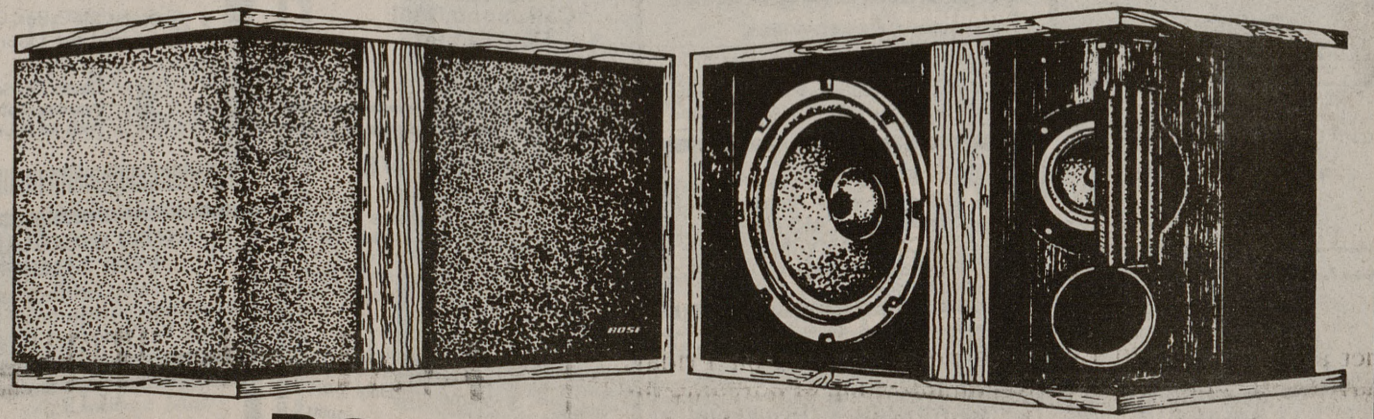
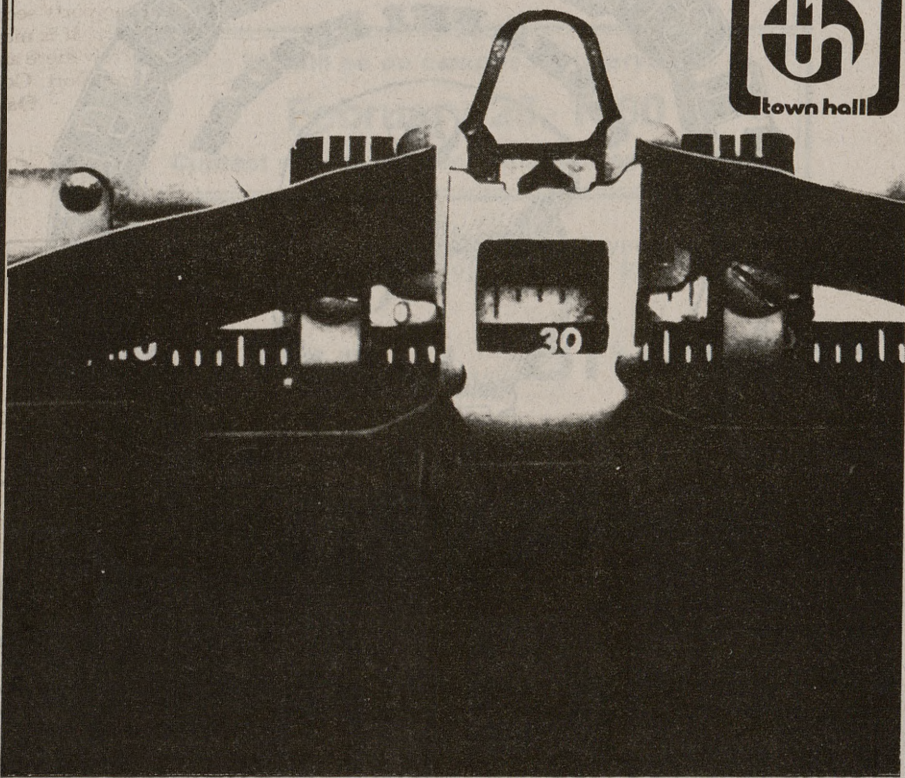
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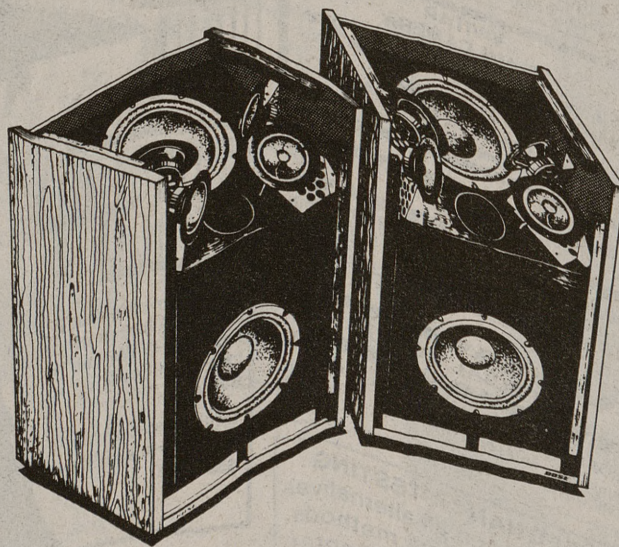


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