

Aggie Blood Club open to all Aggies

by Patrice Koranek
Battalion Staff

The Aggie Blood Club, established in 1963, is open to all students, former students, faculty and staff of Texas A&M through Wadley Central Blood Bank's sponsorship of the Aggie Blood Drive.

"The blood club is simply a benefit of using Wadley as a sponsor," said Linda Thomas, Student Government chairman of the Aggie Blood Drive.

Each year Texas A&M donates about 5,000 units of blood — two to three times as much as other donating organizations — and the membership in the club is a privilege given the University as a result of this response, she said. Texas A&M donates more blood than any other college in the nation.

The blood club records the amount of blood donated and

keeps track of how many credits Texas A&M has, Thomas said. The number of credits is based on the number of units given during the Aggie Blood Drive each semester.

Texas A&M receives about 5,000 credits each year and only uses 2 to 3 percent of that, Thomas said.

A person receiving blood through the Aggie Blood Club receives one credit, worth \$15, per pint of blood used, Thomas said. The cost of one unit of blood is about \$60, although the unit of blood component only costs \$15. The additional costs are hospital fees which are not a part of the fees from Wadley.

Any student, former student, faculty or staff member at Texas A&M and their immediate families are eligible for credits through the club, even if they never donated blood, Thomas

said. To receive blood through the blood club, call the Student Government office and give the following information:

- the full name of the patient;
- the number of pints of blood used;
- the name and address of the hospital;
- the name, address and class year of the student, former student, faculty or staff member of Texas A&M.

The office then will contact Wadley who transfers the credit to the patient. However, the hospital must be one of those served by Wadley to receive blood through the blood club.

Wadley is affiliated with the American Association of Blood Banks. Blood collected through campus blood drives goes to the central blood supply in Dallas.

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Car club sponsors Aggiecross XIV

by Michelle Powe
Battalion Reporter

More than 100 cars from all over Texas will participate in a high-speed autocross at the Texas World Speedway Saturday and Sunday.

Aggiecross XIV, sponsored by the Texas A&M Sports Car Club, will host cars from such clubs as the San Antonio Car Association and the Corvette Club of Houston, said John Jankowski, a member of the Texas A&M club.

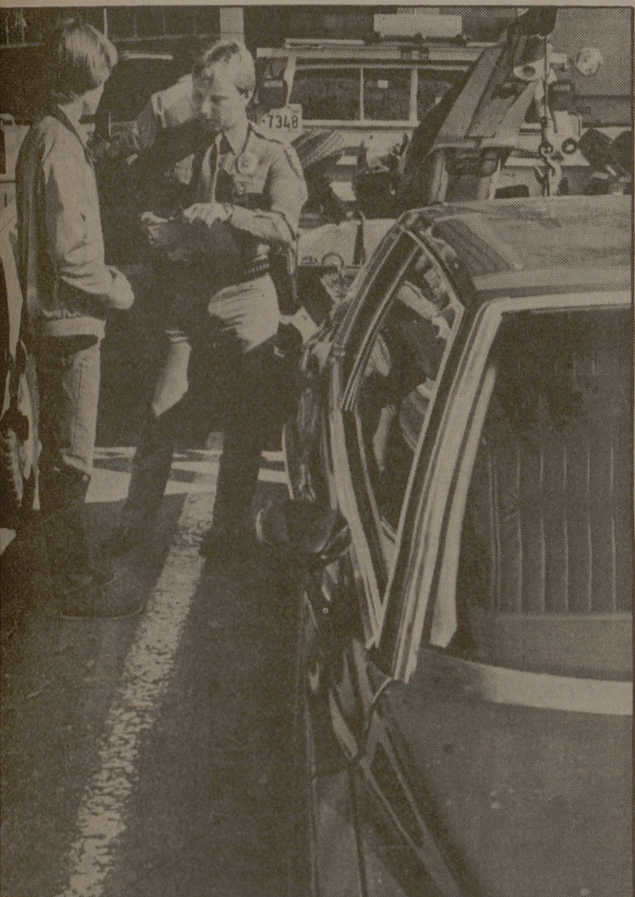
The autocross is a timed event, Jankowski said, in which cars run against the clock. Although some speeds may reach more than 100 m.p.h. on the one and one-eighth mile course, emphasis will be on car-

handling and driver skill. There will be eight or nine classes in the competition, Jankowski said, and trophies will be given in each class.

The majority of the drivers are amateurs who have been invited to compete by the Texas A&M club, Jankowski said. The majority of the cars driven in the autocross are everyday cars that the owners drive on the streets.

The Texas A&M Emergency Care Team will be on hand with an ambulance both days, but there has never been an injury during an Aggiecross, Jankowski said.

Aggiecross XIV will begin 9:30 a.m. on April 2 and 8 a.m. on April 3 and will last all day both days.



staff photo by Bill Schulz

The University Police Department adds one more car to the 135 vehicles it has towed this month. The police tow an average of four cars a day. Although any car that has more than three unpaid parking tickets can be towed, the police do not usually locate these cars until they accumulate eight or nine unpaid tickets.

Parking tickets get cars towed

by Melissa Adair
Battalion Staff

If you parked your car illegally this morning, don't be surprised if it's not there this afternoon.

The University Police Department has towed 135 vehicles this month — an average of more than four cars a day. Last month they towed 160 vehicles.

University Police Assistant Director Morris Maddox said the majority of the cars towed don't have parking permits and have more than eight parking tickets.

Although any car that has more than three unpaid parking tickets can be towed, Maddox said, the police do not usually locate these cars until they have eight or nine unpaid tickets.

Vehicles also can be towed if they are parked in parking spaces reserved for the disabled, reserved spaces, fire lanes, loading zones or bus stop areas. Any cars found with stolen or falsified permits also will be towed, Maddox said.

When a vehicle is parked in a reserved space, the owner of the space can call the University Police and ask that the car either be ticketed or towed. If the owner wants the car towed, an officer is sent to the space to verify that the car is still there, and the wrecker service is called.

"They (the owners of the spaces) pay \$72 for their space so they have the right to have the car removed," Maddox said. When a car is towed it costs the owner one \$10 parking ticket and a \$25 towing fee.

An inventory of all cars towed is taken by an officer before the wrecker service arrives. This protects the owner of the car, the University Police and the wrecker service, Maddox said.

A-1 Wrecker Service in Bryan is the only wrecker service that tows vehicles off the campus.

Frank Kallinec, owner of the wrecker service, said although many students complain about the \$25 towing fee he thinks it is fair.

The normal charge for cars towed from anywhere off campus is \$40 plus a \$5 a day storage charge. For the first six days, no storage charge is added to cars towed off campus.

If the owner sees the wrecker in time, he can pay \$10 to keep his car from being towed. Kallinec said this is an advantage for the owner of the car because it keeps him from having to pay the \$25 towing fee.

However, all cars are ticketed whether they are towed or not. The \$10 fee is charged to cover the cost of transportation and labor, he said.

Students would be better off in the long run if they paid their outstanding tickets, Maddox said.

A student who has unpaid tickets may be blocked from registration, Maddox said, but the police cannot keep anyone from graduating.

However, Maddox said, it could catch up even with those who have graduated. Once a former student called because he couldn't get a copy of his transcript until he paid the parking tickets he accumulated as a student.

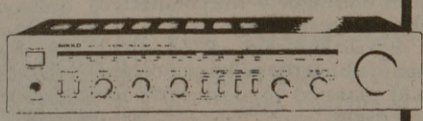
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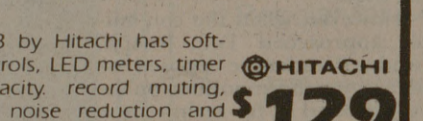
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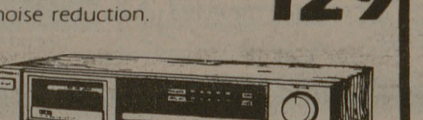
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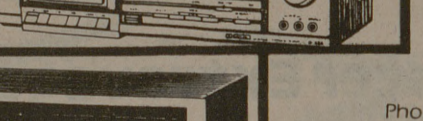
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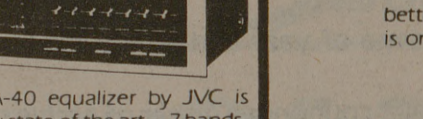
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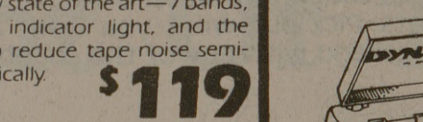
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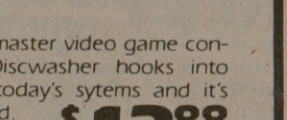
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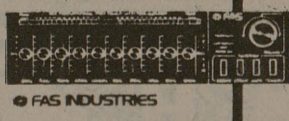
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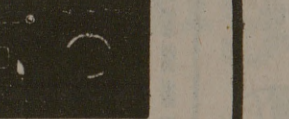
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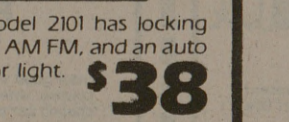
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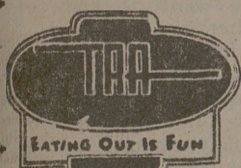
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