tin quite your 'Sarge' not typical Ag

Chapman A&M's fan for 28 years

By AMY BOWMAN Reporter

From the looks of him, George B. apman is just another old man. He oks like he could be anybody's andfather, until you look at him

He wears a white shirt with a maon bow tie, maroon pants with a estern belt that has "SARGE" amped on the back, A&M track es with A&M shoestrings. His hair white as snow with a few touches of y around the sideburns that give a distinguished air. Tiny smile nes and his sparkling eyes reveal at he has truly enjoyed life. George B. Chapman is known as

ge to many students and coaches

Sarge has been enshrined in the earts of many Aggie athletes beise of his consistent devotion to xas A&M athletics.

For the past 29 years, Sarge has een to every athletic practice and ame he could attend, unless he was sale he could attend, thiess he was sick or had a business appointment.
"I'm just a gung-ho Aggie," Sarge aid. "Aggies have a great, oh man, hey have the greatest athletic program in the world."

Sarge makes a special point of ing to all the practices and home mes of the women's softball team.
has particular fondness for the yers on the team and knows them

"Girls have a special place in my leart and my life," Sarge said. Whenever I miss a practice, the girls ay, Where the hell have you been,

I congratulate the softball girls by ving them a hug every time they me up to the softball field when y win. You talk about friends. Boy Itell you, I'd do anything in the world for those girls. I'd fight for 'em, I'd steal for 'em, I'd do anything, I guess, because they're just wonderful." Sarge said he likes to sit around the

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rbershop and gossip. "I try to get the guys to come watch egals play softball and promote the am," he said. "I've been trying for ven years to help give the team the cognition they deserve."

Sarge speaks as if every player on team is his own daughter. He old dress up to be the perfect Santa us, bounding children on his knee d telling them tall tales.

Every year, Sarge takes a senior tember of the softball team as his ate to the annual softball banquet.

Sarge came to A&M from Snyder the 1920's, but stayed for only two ears. He then went to Sul Ross State versity for a year, and was later missioned to serve in World War

Sarge got his nickname while serv-ing in the Air Force. An old friend, ormer A&M baseball Head Coach om Chandler, called him Sarge then he met him at a baseball game d the name has stuck ever since.

"I know at least 950 people person-ly," Sarge said: "They're friends of ine on the campus at A&M and if ord ask nine out of 10 of 'em, I oubt one out of 10 would know what

Sarge is a people-person. He is full stories and could sit and entertain y age audience for hours on end. is mind is like a mousetrap and he is an ear for facts. Sometimes, he'll st sit with a glimmer in his eye as he inks about his past.

"My mother told me two things then I was a little boy, about three ears old," he said. "She said, 'Son, emember two things going through fe. Number one, Jesus loves you. and two, friends are greater than iches.' That's one of the main casons why I take part in athletics."

In his bedroom at home, Sarge has hat he calls his "sports gallery" cov-ring one wall. Pictures of every outhwest Conference championip team, Aggie team pictures and cht-by-10 color action shots line his il. "Á&M is proud to honor loyalty athletes," are the words on a certifi-te signed by the assistant athletic frector. Another plaque is for the 2th Man Hall of Fame. Nametags, cket stubs and other Aggie paraphealia are stuck behind the pictures.

Pictures of his grandchildren line the other walls, along with sets of old oins, family pictures and promotion ertificates from the Air Force.

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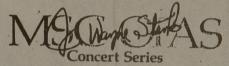
Sarge lives off social security and curement pay, which is how he pays admission to the athletic events. e is a widower and promises to nevreveal his age to anyone.

The chance is pretty good that on y afternoon at A&M Field, Sarge II be out rooting his Fightin' Texas gie softball team and showing his ride for Texas A&M.

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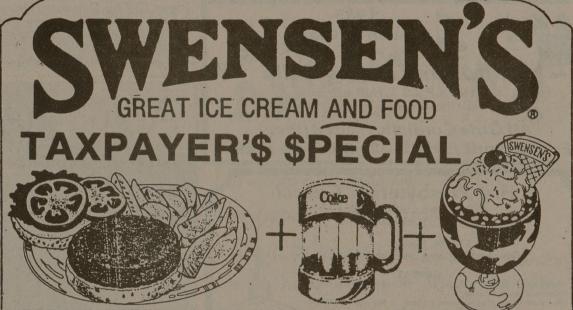






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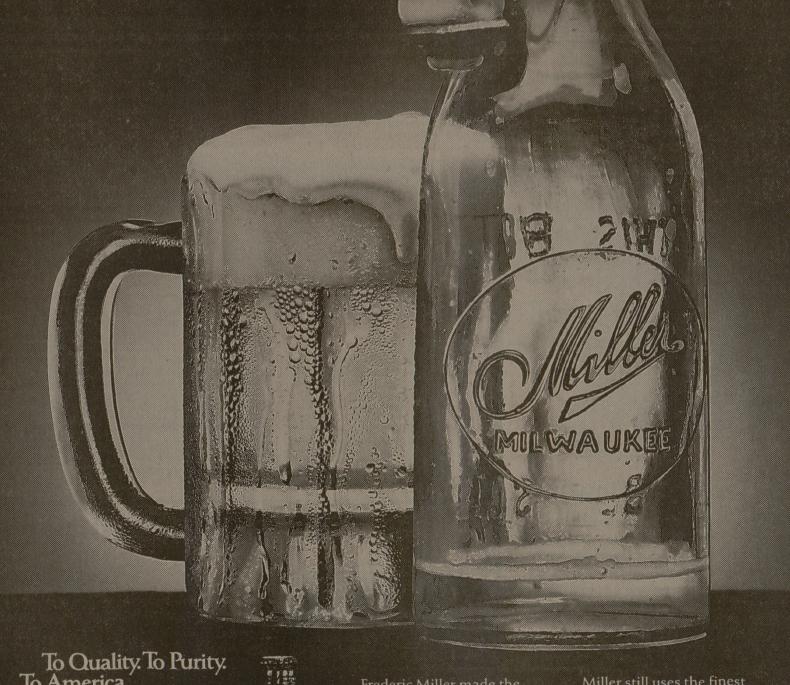
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