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Delisa Falks, executive director of the Scholarship and Financial Aid Office, said the office's MoneyWise Aggie Program counsels students to be more financially responsible in college.

"We talk about budgeting as in what money you have coming in that is going to help you pay for education expenses, and then what are the expenses that you have," Falks said. "So you have student fees, your room, your board, your books and supplies -- students can kind of manage that budget with their money throughout the semester."

Although part of reserving the majority of her budget for necessities, Bradford said there is still room to treat herself once and a while.

"I try to limit myself to \$5 a week on "unnecessary couponing." Bradford said. "So if Walgreens has a sale where nail polishes are \$.99 after coupons, I allow myself to buy some as long as I stay under \$5 so I don't go out of control and take away from my savings."

Bradford said couponing takes up a fairly large amount of time, but its benefits are worth the sacrifice.

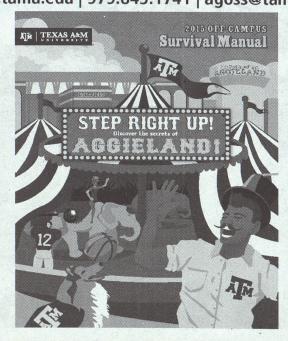
"When I tell my friends I coupon. they get really interested, then they realize how much work it takes so then they don't try it out after all," Bradford said. "I get it, everyone is busy, I'm busy, but couponing is so doable. I think that students have a hard time sacrificing time on certain things. Like they could be taking some of their "going out time" to plan a budget so they can save money here and there.'

Story by Katie Canales

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