Hooray for 'Boo-ray'

FROM TIME TO TIME we get an inquiry for info on the ancient and honorable game of bourse (sometimes spelled "boo-ray" phonetically), and are pleased to report that the last word on the subject is a still-available booklet. The author is Henry J. Engler Jr., who copyrighted "Rules and Techniques of Bourre" in 1964. Title of the French-oriented pastime springs from the word "bourrer," which means "to stuff with hair." By extension, explained Engler, its current connotation is "to stuff the pot."

Engler, acting director of development at Loyola University, resides at 120 14th St. 70124. So popular was his 24-page booklet when it first came out that in some quarters it was outselling O'Hara and Faulkner. He plans to revise it later this year. He described the game so popular in Louisiana and elsewhere in the South as "a Frenchified version of Boston."