

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The 31st Instrumentation Symposium will be held in Rudder Theater today until 5 p.m.

The College of Education Centennial Assembly will be held in the Forum Theater until 10 p.m. today.

New Agents Training will continue until 10 p.m. today in 501 Rudder Tower. The Lacrosse Club will meet at 7 tonight in 410 Rudder Tower.

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The TAMU Sailing Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 301 Rudder Tower. The South Texas Tri-County HTC will meet tonight at 7 in 140 MSC.

The Sophomore Class will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder Tower.

Officials cite Privacy Act to close open records

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Officials at all levels of government are citing the new federal Privacy Act as requiring them to close off access to records formerly open to the public. And in most cases they are wrong, say officials responsible for administering the act.

"Privacy is getting a bad name in some circles, simply because it is being confused with secrecy," David F. Linowes, chairman of the Privacy Protection Study Commission, said in a recent speech.

Linowes referred to a controversy over "press access to information in the hands of government officials and new constraints on that access imposed by officials who have either misinterpreted or failed to understand what the Privacy Act requires."

The commission chairman cited these examples of misinterpretations:

"In some cities, police departments no longer let reporters read the police blotter; in some states, local officials are denied essential Social Security information needed to determine welfare payments. In Washington, D.C., a government hospital refused to release details on the condition of an important public

official, citing the Privacy Act as the reason. In Idaho, state employment officials refuse to give out Social Security numbers to state accountants going over the agency's books."

Linowes emphasized that the act "does not deny the press access to information it had before enactment of this legislation." He added that the problem "lies not in the act itself but in the way some have chosen to interpret it."

Some critics of the Privacy Act disagree with that last statement by Linowes. They blame Congress for doing a poor job of defining just what the act was supposed to do.

"On the whole, the Privacy Act is not a well-drafted piece of legislation," wrote one government attorney at the conclusion of a 40-page analysis of the act. "There are many ambiguities, internal inconsistencies and instances where the full effects of its provisions were not appreciated by its drafters."

The Privacy Act is one of two federal laws under which individuals can demand access to any records government agencies maintain about them. The other is the Freedom of Information Act.

Are there cases where the two laws conflict? Where the Freedom of Information Act requires a government agency to surrender informa-

tion, which the Privacy Act says must remain confidential?

Each law contains a paragraph which attempts to avoid conflicts.

The Privacy Act says it would not apply to information which could be released under the Freedom of Information Act. And the Freedom of Information statute exempts from disclosure any material which would constitute "a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy."

But the government lawyer's analysis concluded that "this approach ignored the fact that there are few categories of personal records for which clearcut decisions can be made as to whether their disclosures would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

Student Radio KANM staff to meet tonight

Students interested in working with student radio KANM-FM should attend a staff meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Student Programs Office, MSC 216.

Students do not need licenses, and no experience is required to work with the student-run FM station. Experienced station staff and those who signed up to work last semester also are urged to attend.

CRAFT SHOP SPRING WORKSHOPS

Jewelry, macrame, weaving, kite making, tatting, pottery, cake decorating, leaded glass, painting, chair caning, bike repair, dip & drape dolls, silkscreen, watercolor, lapidary, bread dough, sand terrariums, crochet, needlepoint.

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News Briefs

GRADUATION announcements for spring graduates may be ordered during a three week period beginning Feb. 9. The orders will be accepted in Room 217 of the MSC, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

KEITH KINGBY, king of the American bicyclists, will visit here Jan. 27-28. Tuesday he will speak about bike safety, bike lanes and bikeways in Room 707 of the Rudder Tower.

THE NATIONAL Conference of State Criminal Justice Planning Administrators in San Antonio, yesterday, voted that their respective governors should decide about regulating handguns. Dissenting delegates called the move "a cop-out."

The Task Force had studied handguns and their relationship to violent crime for the past year and proposed a federal law be written to either ban the handguns or tightly restrict them.

JOHN HILL, deputy administrator of the Federal Energy Administration, said in Midland yesterday that the 1975 federal energy bill is imperfect and not a cureall for the nation's energy problems. But he said that the bill is better than President Ford's original proposal and he regrets that people in the oil produc-

ing areas are so hostile to it. Hill was in Midland to conduct a forum on the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975.

GOV. DOLPH BRISCOE told the closing session of a conference sponsored by the Texas Safety Association and the Highway Users Federation in Austin yesterday that state government can play a helpful role in traffic safety, but not a domineering role. He said that only the people can do something about the high traffic deaths.

SOUTH AFRICAN military units have been ordered to pull out of Angola, U.S. intelligence officials reported in Washington. The sources say that without the support of the South Africans, Western soldiers in Southern Angola will be unable to repel the more heavily armed pro-Soviet Angolan forces and their Cuban allies.

THE THIRD anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion is being marked by a Washington rally and intensive lobbying in support of a constitutional amendment that would ban abortion.

SCONA HOSTESSES NEEDED

Is your life dull, unexciting and in general lacking something? Do you want to be a more enlightened person? Looking for some way to make other people happy, to do something worthwhile for yourself and A&M? Then, come up to the SCONA cubicle in the MSC and sign up for an interview time to become a hostess for the twenty-first student conference on national affairs. Interview times must be scheduled by 5:00 this Friday, the twenty-third. This is your opportunity to become a part of SCONA and help other people from other schools find out about the "friendliest campus." Sound like an ad for a computer dating service? You're wrong, but what we've got to offer can't be programmed because it all has to do with dealing with people.

Brush fire blazes, nears Nixon home, San Clemente

Associated Press
SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — Wind-whipped flames swirled across about 2,400 acres of tinder-dry brush above this seaside resort, burning at least 21 expensive homes and approaching, at one point, the home of ex-President Richard M. Nixon.

At least 12 persons were injured and hundreds fled their homes Wednesday as the fire spread from its starting point at the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton right up to their back porches, firemen said. Fire damage to homes was estimated at more than \$1 million.

Fire officials reported after nightfall that the blaze had been encircled, but they wouldn't predict how long it would take to control the fire.

The blaze that swept down on various canyon housing developments came within 1½ miles of Nixon's ocean-front villa, located on the coast about midway between Los Angeles and San Diego. Nixon was apparently inside the house at the time.

The fire would have to cross several major thoroughfares, including the San Diego Freeway, to get to the former Western White House.



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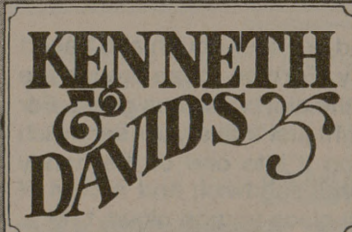
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