Student records are kept safe, private

availability of their records to out-

In many states, academic records are accessible to business firms, the armed forces, law enforcement agencies and various other organizations, without the student's con-

This practice has been cited by critics as being unfair to the students. They contend that records, such as instructor evaluations, can be biased and inaccurate.

Texas has ended this policy with a new law. The Open Records Act, part of the Open Meeting Act of 1973, is the new protector of stulaw makes all public school records, academic information, admissions

Student records, defined as any record specifically pertaining to a student's academic career, are available only to the student, his parents or guardian and the student's spouse. Employes of the institution, that the student is attending, also have access to the files. The law prevents companies, individuals, banks and other organizations, governmental and private, from inspecting a student's record without

Almost all student records at TAMU are kept by the Registrar's

with the exception of student re-cords, open to public inspection.

Student records, defined as any

correspondence, registration forms, schedules, grade reports and cumulative records. Not included in

Robert Lacey, registrar, is in charge of student records. This duty involves gathering and storing the

files.

"All student records are confident to be a tight." tial information and we keep a tight security system on these files," said

Students can inspect their records by presenting their ID card in room 107A of the Coke building. Transcript copies can be obtained in

Charitable groups up goals to keep pace with inflation

The Community Chest of Ruther-

dents explaining that it had become increasingly difficult to get volun-

was switching to a direct mail cam-

problems with getting volunteers, but they said inflation was forcing

them to watch their spending more

carefully. Some officials said that

the worsening economy made

middle-class citizens more aware of

"We're doing well," said the Rev. Hugh Behan, discussing fund-

raising efforts by the Roman

Catholic diocese of Jefferson City,

Mo. "I think the negative effect of

inflation is countered by a deepen-

In contrast, Rudolph Kraft, a

spokesman for the Salvation Army

in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area,

said the group expected to fall about

\$75,000 short of its \$900,000 goal

this year. He said big contributors

were short of funds and were cutting

the problems of the needy.

ing spiritual involvement.

back contributions

Officials elsewhere reported few

(AP)—Charitable organizations trying to keep pace with inflation are looking for more money this year and some of them are finding the cash is harder than ever to come

An Associated Press survey showed most community fund drives and other charitable groups have upped their goals by from 7 to 10 percent this year and they note that increased collections won't buy any additional services.

The rising cost of living also is taking its toll on contributions: people say they don't have the money to spare; they're wearing clothing longer instead of contributing it to groups like the Salvation Army; women who used to volunteer to ring doorbells have taken jobs to

boost the family income.

The United Way in Stamford,
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utility bills. We are now focusing on

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