

New A&M patent office developed

All the inventors at Texas A&M University can take heart. A&M's Texas Engineering Experiment Station has established a patent and technology transfer office to develop new inventions and to guide researchers through the intricacies of applying for a patent, consistent with Texas A&M University System policies.

Ed Lefner, who can be found in TEES' second floor Zachry offices, helps researchers define the rights and obligations of the institution, the inventor and the sponsor.

Lefner's office serves as a collection point and a funnel for technological discoveries on their way to the marketplace via the federal patent office.

"First we need to be able to identify the technology being developed here," Lefner said. "Our goal is to transfer this technology into the hands of industry so it will be developed and used for the public good. In this way we can make the best use of research developments at Texas A&M."

One of the first operations of the new office will be to take a number of

A&M inventions to a technology transfer world's fair in Chicago in February to locate potential customers or licensees who are seeking inventions to develop.

Lefner is presently confining his activities to projects being funded through the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (which administers funds for research from the legislature, state and federal agencies and private industry), but says he will be

happy to answer questions from anyone outside of TEES.

Patents can be applied for on inventions or discoveries of "a new or useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof."

The stipulations are that the invention must have utility and the applicant for the patent must establish novelty in a patentable sense.

The invention must also be nonobvious at the time of invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which it pertains.

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Lambda Sigma, Tower 510, 7:30 p.m.
A&M Wheelmen, SC 141, 7:30 p.m.
Audubon Society, Film and Speaker, Rudder Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
ENP-TAEX State Conference, Rudder 6th Floor, 8 a.m.
Secretarial and Clerical Workshop, Rudder 302, 8:30 a.m.
Affirmative Action Accountability, Rudder 410, 8:30 a.m.
32nd Instrumentation Symposium, Rudder Theater, 9 a.m.
University Traffic Panel, Rudder 404, 3:15 p.m.
New Student Orientation, Rudder 701, 6 p.m.
Omega Phi Alpha, Rudder 501, 6:30 p.m.
Chi Alpha, MSC 139, 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY
Ag Ed Vocational-Administration Committee, Rudder 607, 8 a.m.
AIC Planning Session, Rudder 501, 8 a.m.
Affirmative Action Accountability, Rudder 410, 8:30 a.m.
32nd Instrumentation Symposium, Rudder Theater, 8:45 a.m.
Circle K, MSC 140, 7 p.m.
Class of '78, Rudder 301, 7:30 p.m.
Cepheid Variable, "A Clockwork Orange," Rudder Auditorium, 8 and 10:30 p.m.
Instrumentation Symposium, Banquet, MSC 201, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
AIC, Planning, Rudder 501, 8:30 a.m.
University Library, Demonstration, Rudder 607, 9 a.m.
32nd Instrumentation Symposium, Rudder Theater, 10:15 a.m.
Texas Chapter American Foundrymen Association, Banquet, Rudder 201, 7 p.m.
Classical Archeology, Rudder 801, 7:30 p.m.
Aggie Cinema, "Godfather II," Rudder Auditorium, 8 p.m.

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