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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY STUDENTS In the past, certain information has been made public by Texas A&M University as a service to students, families and other interested individuals. Under the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," the following directory information may be made public unless the student desires to with-hold all or any portion of it.

Student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized ac-tivities and sports, dates of attendance, de-grees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or in-stitution attended by the student.

Any student wishing to withhold any or all of this information should till out, in person, the appropriate form, available to graduate students at the Graduate College and to undergraduate students at the Registrar's Office, no later than 5 p.m., Friday Septe

Edwin H. Cooper, Dean Admissions and Records Texas A&M University

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY STUDENT RECORDS POLICY August, 1978

August, 1978 To comply with the requirements of the "Family Edu-cational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," Texas A&M University has adopted policies and proce-dures publicly periodically. These policies and pro-cedures are intended to implement the requirements of this Act and to clarify these requirements for all members of the University student body, faculty, pro-fessional staff, parents and other interested parties. Any person desiring further clarification of this policy statement may request same from Mr. Robert A. Lacey, Registrar.

According to the Texas A&M Student Rec-ords System, records will be maintained in a variety of administrative offices as outlined be-low. The chief administrative officer in each office will be responsible for the records under his control and for the release of information in these records. those records

Name	Position	Type of Records
Robert A. Lacey	Registrar	Academic and ad- missions records
Billy G. Lay George W. Kunze	Director of Admissions Dean of the Graduate College	
Arthur L. Tollefson	Director of Academic Counseling Center	Academic counseling and testing records
John J. Koldus, III	Vice President for Student Services	Disciplinary and personal counseling records
Thomas R. Parson	s Director of Security and Traffic	Campus security records
R. Clark Diebel	Controller of Accounts	Financial obligatory records
Alvin P. Bormann,	Jr. Interim Director of Student Financial Aid	Financial aid records
Claude B. Goswick	Director of the Univ- versity Health Center	Medical records
Ronald E. Sasse	Assistant Director of Student Affairs	Address and housing records
James R. Woodall	Commandant	ROTC records
Marvin P. Tate	Athletic Director	Student athlete records
William B. Lancaste	Manager of Payroll Services	Personnel records of employed students
Louis J. Van Pelt	Director of the Placement Office	Job placement records
William H. Clayton	President, Texas A&M University at Galveston	
H. O. Kunkel	Dean of the College of Agriculture	Student records of the eleven colleges
Raymond D. Reed	Dean of the College of Architecture & En- vironmental Design	
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Robert H. Page	Dean of the College of Engineering	DAUDATES PROPERTIES.
Earl F. Cook	Dean of the College of Geosciences	
W. David Maxwell	Dean of the College of Liberal Arts	
Robert S. Stone	Dean of the College of Medicine	
Thomas T. Sugihara	Dean of the College of Science	
George C. Shelton	Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine	
The Academic Department Head	Heads of the Academic Departments	Student records of the academic departments
Mona Rizk-Finne	International Student Advisor	Foreign student per- sonnel records
Carolyn M. Adair	Director of Student Activities	Student Honors and Activities

# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY STUDENT RECORDS POLICY

II. Student Access to Education Records All students (and former students) of Texas A&M University have the right of access to their education records for the purpose of re-

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validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, and improving instruction, but such or-ganizations must not show the personally identifiable information to outsiders and the information will be destroyed when no longer needed for audit, evaluation, and/or enforcement of federal legal re-quirements

Accrediting organizations H. Parents who certify a student is carried as a dependent for federal income tax pur-poses. This certification must be ascer-tained by the University office concerned. (It would include such items as grades, transcripts, financial aid and probation re-ports.)

Appropriate persons, if the knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.

J. Individuals requiring such information by means of a judicial order or any lawfully issued subpoena, upon condition that the student is notified by the University of all such orders and subpoenas in advance of compliance.

lent Rights to Challenge Records Students have the right to a hearing to chal-lenge records and information directly relating to them. The challenge is restricted to inaccu-rate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate records and information. The following proce-dures shall be followed:

A. Any student wishing to challenge records or information directly relating to him must notify the individual responsible for main-taining the record of the wish to challenge.

The notice must be in writing and specifi-cally identify the item challenged and the basis for the challenge. This written re-quest must be field in duplicate with the custodian of the challenged record. B. All initial hearings will be informal and par-ticipants will be the custodian of the chal-lenged records or information, the student and the author (if appropriate) of the mate-rial.

C. If any of the participants (record custodian, student or author) are not satisfied with the results of the informal hearing, a formal hearing will be conducted under the pro-cedures adopted and published below: The hearing will be conducted and the results decided within a reasonable period of time (seven business days) following the request for the hearing.

The hearing will be conducted, and the decision rendered, by an institutional official or other party who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing. The appointment of the of-ficial or party will be made by the Vice President to whom the record custo-dian reports.

dian reports. The student will be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to challenging the content of the educational records in order to in-sure that they are not inaccurate, mis-leading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of students. The hearing also provides an opportunity for correction or deletion of any inaccu-rate, misleading, or otherwise inappro-priate data contained in the record and/or to insert into the record a written explanation of the student respecting the content of the challenged record. The student will be afforded a full and

VI. Release of "Student Directory Information rerease of "Student Directory Information" Information on students, such as date and place of birth, participation in officially recog-nized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of atten-dance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended, is defined and referred to in this Act as "student directory information" this is a category of information and does not refer necessarily to a publication known as a directory").

The information mentioned above will be re-leased by various campus offices periodically or upon request unless the student requests in writing that specific information be withheld. A publication known as the Texas A&M Uni-versity Directory is one type of periodical containing data classified as "student directory information". It will contain the student's name, address, telephone listing, major field of study and classification unless the student requests that part or all of the data be withheld.



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- view, with the exception of those records pro-nibited by the Act (see Section III).
  A. Students have the right to obtain copies of records relating to themselves at the ex-pense of the student. The reproduction charge shall not exceed the actual cost to the University.
- The University will respond to all requests for explanations and interpretations of records or information, provided the re-sponse is not in violation of this Act.
- sponse is not in violation of this Act. The Act provides that a student may waive his right of access to confidential letters of recommendation in the areas of admis-sions, job placement and receipt of awards. Students seeking employment through the University Placement Office may have signed such a waiver. Informa-tion concerning the status of such waivers may be obtained from the Director of Placement. Consent to release personally identifiable information, such as rank in identifiable information, such as rank in class, personal conduct, grade point ratio, academic progress, etc., to non-authorized personnel (see Section IV) should be obtained from the student by individuals releasing such information.

### Records Not Accessible to Studente

- A. Instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel records and educational personnel records pertaining thereto in the sole possession of the author and not revealed to any person other than a substitute (i.e., grade books, notes of observation and notes for recollection purposes).
- B. Records of a student in the custody of the Office of University Police, provided they are maintained solely for law enforcement purposes, and are made available only to law enforcement officials of the same jurisdiction.
- C. Employment records of a University employee who is not a student.
- D. Records and information on a student maintained by a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist employed by the University. These records and a student of the student o de available to a physicility or other ap-

propriate professional of the student's

- E. Financial records of the parents of a stu-dent and any information contained
- zed Non-Student Access to Student Records — Under the following circum-stances and to the following people, educa-tional records (or personally identifiable infor-mation within a record) may be released with-out the written consent of the student:
- A. Officials, faculty and staff employed by Texas A&M University, if they have a "legitimate educational interest."
- B. Officials of other educational institutions in which the student intends "or seeks" to enroll, provided the student is notified of what is being released and given a copy if desired.
- C. Authorized representatives of the Com-ptroller General of the United States; the Secretary of Health, Education and Wel-fare; administrative heads of educational agencies; or state educational authorities.
- D. Individuals needing this information in connection with a student's application for, or receipt of, financial aid.
   E. State and local officials to whom state laws (in effect on or before November 19, 1974) require information to be reported.
- Organizations like Educational Testing Service and College Entrance Examina-tion Board in connection with developing.

Periodically the Registrar will publish official notice of the above policy so that students wishing to do so can make requests known to the Registrar (undergraduates) or the Dean of the Graduate College (graduate students). After the official notice has been published, the

## Registrar will inform offices concerned of the requests received. VII. Destruction of Records

Texas A&M University constantly reviews "education records" it maintains and periodi-cally it becomes necessary to destroy certain records. In no case will the University destroy records if the action is prohibited by state and/or federal law.

Basic scholastic records are kept permanently in the Registrar's Office. Beyond these, the various departments and offices may deter-mine their own policies regarding retention of records within existing law.

VIII. Letters of Recommendation

- Students have the right to review confiden-tial recommendations used in applications for employment or for admission to any educational agency or institution, or infor-mation concerning honors awarded, ex-cept when the student waives, in writing, the privileges of examination.
- B. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the student does not have access to confidential letters and statements of recommendation which were placed in the education records prior to January 1, 1975, if the letters or state-ments are used for purposes for which they were specifically intended.

### mer Students

These procedures apply to all persons for-merly enrolled at Texas A&M University as well as to those currently enrolled.





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