OFFICIAL NOTICE OFFICIAL NOTICE

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 activities and sports, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.

Any student wishing to withhold any or all of this information should fill out, in person, the appropriate form, available to graduate students at the Graduate College and to undergraduate students at the Registration of the control of the contro

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

#### TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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To comply with the requirements of the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," Texas A&M University has adopted policies and procedures publicly periodically. These policies and procedures are intended to implement the requirements of this Act and to clarify these requirements for all members of the University student body, faculty, professional staff, parents and other interested parties.

According to the Texas A&M Student Records 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 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. Parsons	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-	Medical records

# II. Student Access to Education Records

B. 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.

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The Act provides that a student may waive his right of access to confidential letters of recommendation in the areas of admissions, job placement and receipt of awards. Students seeking employment through the University Placement Office may have signed such a waiver. Information concerning the status of such waivers may be obtained from the Director of Placement. Consent to release personally 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 Students

- A. Instructional, supervisory, and administra-tive personnel records and educational personnel records pertaining thereto in the sole possession of the author and not re-
- 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.
- 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 prysician or other apmade available to a prysician or other ap-
- propriate professional of the student's choice.
- Records Under the following circumstances and to the following people, educational records (or personally identifiable information within a record) may be released without the written consent of the student:
- A. Officials, faculty and staff employed by Texas A&M University, if they have a "legitimate educational interest."
- 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
- . 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.
- Individuals needing this information in connection with a student's application for, or receipt of, financial aid.
   State and local officials to whom state laws (in effect on or before November 19, 1974) require information to be reported.
- F. Organizations like Educational Testing Service and College Entrance Examina-tion Board in connection with developing.

validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, and improving instruction, but such organizations 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 requirements.

G. Accrediting organizations. Rearents who certify a student is carried as a dependent for federal income tax purposes. This certification must be ascertained by the University office concerned. (It would include such items as grades, transcripts, financial aid and probation reports.)

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.

V. Student Rights to Challenge Records Students have the right to a hearing to challenge records and information directly relating to them. The challenge is restricted to inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate records and information. The following procedures shall be followed:

cally identify the item challenged and the basis for the challenge. This written request must be filed in duplicate with the custodian of the challenged record.

All initial hearings will be informal and participants will be the custodian of the challenged records or information, the student and the author (if appropriate) of the materials.

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 procedures 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.

3. The student will be afforded a full and

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 insure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of students. The hearing also provides an opportunity for correction or deletion of any inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate data contained in the record and/or to insert into the record awritten explanation of the student respecting the content of the challenged record.

The decision must be rendered in writ-

The decision must be rendered in writing to all interested parties within a reasonable period of time (seven business days) after the conclusion of the hear-

Information on students, such as date and Information on students, such as date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, 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").

leased by various campus offices periodically or upon request unless the student requests in writing that specific information be withheld.

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

**Destruction of Records** 

Texas A&M University constantly reviews "education records" it maintains and periodically 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 determine their own policies regarding retention of records within existing law.

A. Students have the right to review confidential recommendations used in applications for employment or for admission to any educational agency or institution, or information concerning honors awarded, except when the student waives, in writing, the privileges of examination.

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

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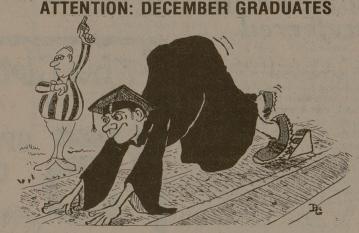
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