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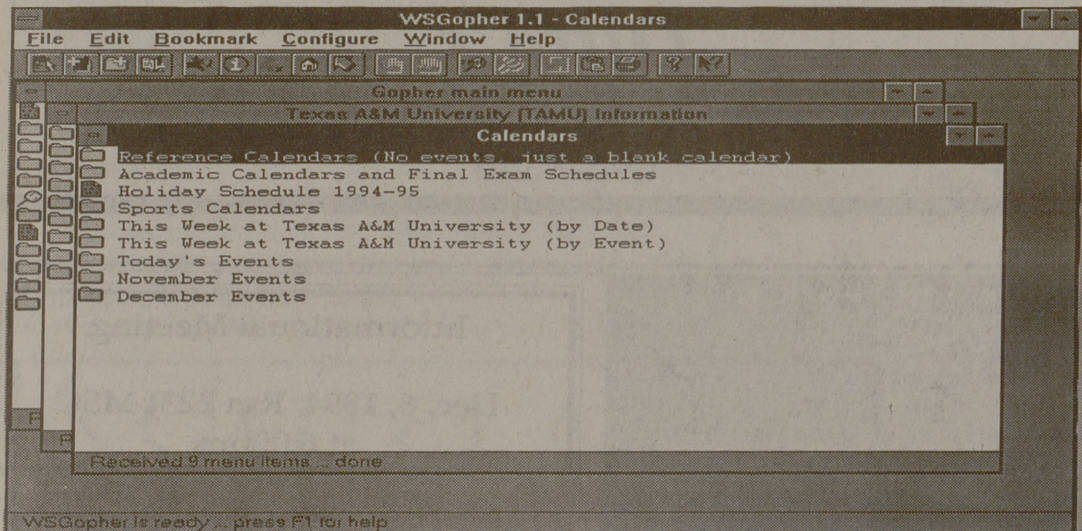
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The Texas A&M University Calendar



Screen showing the Texas A&M University Calendar on Gopher

If you've been browsing the Texas A&M Gopher recently, you may have noticed that one of the menu items has been revamped. The entry for *Calendars* has been changed in order to point to a new centralized calendar system. The Texas A&M University Calendar is now your central source for information about upcoming events here at Texas A&M University. From concerts to lectures and from athletics to conferences, you'll find it all here. The Calendar is constantly updated from sources around campus, and includes events of interest to students, staff, and faculty. You can even add your group's or department's events to it!

Searching the Calendar for events

The Texas A&M University Calendar menu in the Texas A&M Gopher is organized so that you can easily see what events take place today, this week, or this month. Some of the more popular types of events, such as sports and entertainment, are also listed here. A keyword search will be available in the future so that you can search the calendar for any event, type of event, date, sponsor, etc. Choosing the search item will return to you a form, in which you can search the calendar by one or more fields (**type:** athletic, for instance). UNIX and OpenVMS/VAX Gopher client users should bear in mind that hitting <ENTER> submits the form; use <TAB> or your arrow keys to move between the different fields.

The Calendar is stored in an Oracle database, to which we currently have a Gopher gateway. A World Wide Web (WWW) gateway to this database is currently in development. Information in the database is obtained from the University Center, Student Programs, and Student Affairs organizations of Texas A&M University, as well as from individual submissions.

Adding events listings to the Calendar

There are several ways to add your event to the Calendar. If you choose the Texas A&M Gopher menu item *Add Your Event to the Calendar*, you can fill in an electronic form and have it mailed to the Calendar. Once again, if you use a UNIX or

OpenVMS/VAX Gopher client, you should bear in mind that hitting <ENTER> submits the forms; use the <TAB> or arrow keys to move between fields instead. The form will be checked for accuracy and then added to the database. A similar form can be used if you use a WWW browser like Mosaic.

If you have several events to add to the Texas A&M University Calendar database, you can send electronic mail to: CALENDAR@TAMU.EDU. Please make sure the body of the message is in the format of the following example:

Title: 78th Fraser Highlanders Bagpipe Band
Begin date: 08/28/94
End date: 08/28/94
Time: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Type: Concert
Audience: Estimated Attendees: 500
Location: Rudder Theatre
Cost: Free
Sponsor: Texas Highland Society
Contact: Thomas Stewart (845-9325)
Description: This talented bagpipe band from Canada will play Scottish military music.
Source: Robert Hareland

If your event only occurs on one day, you should make the **End date:** field equal to the **Begin date:** field. Some examples of **Type:** field include, but are not limited to, "Lecture," "Concert," "Athletic," "Cultural," etc. Before you send in your submission, please make sure that your event is not already listed in the database. We receive events from many different sources and your event may have already been included.

If your department has a database of information to include, or if you'd like to include information on a regular basis, please send electronic mail to: CALENDAR@TAMU.EDU, and we'll work with you to set up an automated process.

For more information

Any questions or comments about the Texas A&M University Calendar should be directed to Dawn Lee (847-9368) or Sam Fleitman (845-6903) or via electronic mail to: CALENDAR@TAMU.EDU. We welcome your opinions! ●

Dawn Lee, Sam Fleitman
CIS Electronic Information Group

SAS Update

SAS Release 6.09 has been installed on the UNIX system. SAS/BASE, SAS/ETS, SAS/FSP, SAS/GRAPH, SAS/IML, SAS/OR, SAS/AF, SAS/STAT, SAS/TUTOR, SAS/QC, SAS/ASSIST, SAS/CONNECT, SAS/INSIGHT, SAS/ACCESS Interface to ORACLE, SAS/ACCESS Interface to SYBASE and SQL Server, SAS/ACCESS Interface to Ingres, SAS/LAB, SAS/CALC, SAS/EIS, SAS/ENGLISH have all been site licensed for academic use at Texas

A&M University. SAS Release 6.08 is available on Wylbur and VM/CMS. SAS for Windows is available at the CIS generally-accessible labs like the ACC (Blocker), RCC (Cushing), WCCC (West Campus Library) and Bio/Bio lab (Biochemistry/Biophysics).

For more information on these packages or for further assistance, call Padmanabh M. Padaki at 862-3137 or 862-4684 or send electronic mail to: PADAKI@TAM2000.TAMU.EDU. ●

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Cologne

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"The colognes were approved for sale throughout the country in J.C. Penney stores, Makowski said. Now, each manager of a J.C. Penney store has the option to order the cologne. Person said she was not sure why other stores in the district were not carrying the

cologne. However, she said that a store's choosing to sell the cologne depends on the store's size and if it has the money to carry the item.

Makowski said each school has a different fragrance for its cologne. The fragrance is either chosen by the company itself, or the company will send samples to the university and the university will choose its fragrance. However, he said the final fragrance must always be approved by the university.

Makowski said the colognes have been selling very well.

"From a customers' sense, this is a great Christmas, graduation or Father's Day gift," Makowski said. "This is good even if the person is not a cologne-wearer. We have had people request the bottle only because they are proud to have gone to their school."

Makowski said there are currently plans to introduce a selective women's line of collegiate fragrances in 1995.

Bus Routes

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"We are trying to make it easier to get from library to library," he said.

Weaver said developing the new routes was a negotiation process between the bus operations management and the parking, traffic and transit management.

"They came to a group of trainers at bus operations," he said. "We are students so we have contact with other students."

Weaver said the trainers were asked to come up

with new routes that are feasible, practical and efficient, and they came up with five routes that both managements could agree upon.

To inform students of the bus route changes, Weaver and some other bus operations employees have been delivering a presentation to student organizations.

"We have given our presentation to about 20 organizations around campus," he said, "and to some dorms."

Weaver said the purpose of the presentations is to inform as many people as they can about the changes so people will have some foundation to fall back upon.

"We don't want people to get on a bus without knowing the new route," he said.

Nicole Simpson's father denies claim that she wrote letter before death

TARRYTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Nicole Brown Simpson's father disputed a magazine report Sunday that his slain daughter had written a letter predicting her death at the hands of O.J. Simpson.

Star magazine reports in its Dec. 12 issue, out Monday, that Ms. Simpson wrote in May that "If I am killed, my husband, O.J. Simpson, did it."

"Nope, I'm afraid not," Ms. Simpson's father, Louis Brown, said from his home in Dana Point, Calif. "I have an advance copy of the Star magazine you're talking about. There's no truth to that."

According to the Star, Ms. Simpson addressed the three-page handwritten letter "To my family ... to be opened in the event of my death."

"I'm in fear of my life. That's why I am writing this letter, because I don't want him to get away with it. Please take my letter and use it in court," Ms. Simpson wrote, the Tarrytown-based tabloid said.

Simpson is charged in the June 12 slayings of Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman in Los Angeles. Selection for alternate jurors in the

trial was to resume Monday.

Trish Whitehead, a spokeswoman for the Star, would not say how the magazine got the letter nor whether the information was paid for.

"We stand by our story," Whitehead said. Robert Shapiro and Johnnie Cochran Jr., two of Simpson's lawyers, did not immediately return calls Sunday seeking comment.

The letter was handed over to a lawyer along with a will about five weeks before the slayings, the magazine reported.

The magazine said the letter was given to Ms. Simpson's parents about six weeks after her death, but they waited until late September to pass the document on to the Los Angeles district attorney's office.

Family members were afraid of Simpson and thought he might fight them for custody of the Simpsons' two children if they revealed the letter earlier, the Star said.

The letter also describes years of spousal abuse Ms. Simpson suffered and says Simpson is "not the O.J. everyone knows and loves," the Star said.

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