



## **MONTHLY FAST FERPA FACT - SEPTEMBER 2006**

### **WHAT ABOUT PARENTS?**

When a student reaches the age of 18 or begins attending a postsecondary institution regardless of age, FERPA rights transfer to the student. Parents may obtain directory information only at the discretion of the institution. Parents may obtain non-directory information (grades, gpa, etc.) only at the discretion of the institution AND after it has been determined that their child is legally their dependent. Parents may also obtain non-directory information by obtaining a signed consent from their child.

We all want to be helpful; however, we have an obligation to protect the rights of the student and the College. Please refer inquiries from parents to the Office of the Registrar to ensure FERPA compliance.

For those who have access to the SIS database, students who have provided a signed consent to the College is noted on the student record.