## ammer Internship Required for Journalism

By CHARLES ROWTON Battalion Special Writer

"Texas A&M's Department of Journalism is one of the few universities that require a summer internship for all journalism majors as a prerequisite for grad-

Dr. Delbert McGuire, head of the Journalism Department, made this statement in the April edition of the American Society of Journalism School Administrators Roundtable that dealt with journalism internships.

JOURNALIS internships give the student an opportunity to work for any of the media in the field of communications and to earn a salary at the same time. All internships under the auspices of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association have a minimum salary of \$65 per week. However, most of the students average \$80 to \$85 per week, according to Mc-

The intern program is listed in the Texas A&M bulletin as "Jour. 300-Summer Work."

THE INTERN keeps a string book of all the copy he or she produces and keeps a diary of other activities involved in his training. The editor or supervisor also gives the student a grade but Dr. McGuire does not rely on this a great deal.

"Editors tend to grade unrealistically and give the students higher grades than they deserve," McGuire said

"WE ALSO try to visit the students on the job.'

When the student returns to school, he turns in his string book and the quality of the work is checked. The student receives no credit for his internship, but he is eligible to enroll in Jour. 485, a three-hour problems course, and do a report on his internship for three hours of credit.

Some students choose to do an internship during the long semester. This is approved only if the student can find a position that will allow him to work the equivalent of ten 40-hour weeks.

JOHN HOTARD, former editor of the Texas A&M Review, is currently doing a long semester internship for the Fort Stockton Pioneer and Ronald Bott is working for the Tyler Courier Telegram. However, McGuire feels that the summer following one's junior year is the best time to

"In addition to this being good for the student, this is also good for the media. An internship gives a paper a very good opportunity to hire a student after he graduates." McGuire emphasized the value of interns as vacation relief. Most newspaper employes get a two-week vacation and the intern can usually fill the void created during this period.

"IF WE PUT out good interns we are going to have the suptinued.

Most of Texas A&M's news paper internships are acquired under the TDNA program. A&M began the internship program in 1948 and gave its alloted internships to the top students in the department. Since that time the program has expanded greatly in Texas.

About 1956 an internship was made mandatory for all A&M journalists. This move was made because of the conflict with the Reserve Officer Training Corps summer camp. Because the intern program was not a degree requirement and summer camp completion was required for a commission, cadet journalists were not doing internships.

THE DEPARTMENT of Journalism has an agreement with the R.O.T.C. units that allows students to serve as interns between their junior and senior years and to attend summer camp following their senior year.

The Texas A&M Department of Journalism is the only journalism department in Texas with required internships, but students at other schools are encouraged to complete an internship.

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Texas A&M has been awarded a \$44,444 National Institutes of Health grant to support biomedical and health related research for 1967-68, announced A&M President Earl Rudder.

Dr. A. D. Suttle Jr., A&M's vice president for research, said the general institution grant is proportional to the number of "hard" research dollars awarded to A&M

DR. SUTTLE said plans are to deans.

allot deans of respective colleges conducting biomedical and health related research two-thirds prorata shares in respect to the college's total NIH-supported re-

The balance of the grant monies, Suttle explained, will remain in a central university reserve to support emergency proposals submitted by principal investigators and endorsed by their

ONE OF THE "emergency" measures last year, Suttle noted, was the kick-off of a post doctoral university supported program in biochemistry and nutrition.

Suttle said A&M has \$350,000 in NIH research grants this year as compared to \$250,000 last year. He noted that A&M received \$35,-000 in similar supporting funds in

Dates for the 1967-68 grant are June 1 to May 31, Suttle comto all member newspapers. If an editor sees an individual he would like to have intern for him, he can contact him. However, most internships are secured by the student applying to a newspaper for which he would like to work.

INTERNSHIPS in other media - magazines, radio and television, advertising, and public relations - are secured by the students.

Reactions to internships differ with the individual, but students who have already completed an internship all agree that it provides valuable experience and practical training.

Elias Moreno, Jr., managing editor of The Battalion, served as an intern for The News-Citizen of Pasadena last summer.

"My internship gave me an opportunity to show what I could do. My writing was a little stilted at first and I could not type fast enough but I soon overcame that," Moreno said.

AFTER ONE month, Moreno was in charge of front page

#### Graduate's Poetry To Be Published **By National Group**

William T. Dowden Jr. of Nederland, a graduate student at Texas A&M, has authored poetry that will be published in an "Anthology of College Student's Poetry".

Dowden's poem "Busy, Busy," was selected from among 30,000 submitted for the 25th annual anthology, according to Dennis Hartman, editor of the National Poetry Press publication.

A graduate assistant in the English Department, Dowden is studying for a masters degree in English at A&M. He is a Nederland High School graduate and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Dowden Sr., 319 22nd Street,

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ed was what newspaper work really involves, what you have to do well, and how you have to do it."

TEXAS A&M will have 15 interns this summer, in addition to Hotard and Bott.

"Our internships are very broad. We try for internships in the student's field of interest." McGuire said.

Most of this summer's interns will work for newspapers, but some of them will work in other

Connelle Peace will work for the Texas A&M Agricultural Information agency, James Size-more will work for KBTX-TV in Bryan, and John McCarroll, an agricultural journalism major, will work for a magazine, The Progressive Farmer, in Dallas.

NEWSPAPER interns and the papers they will serve on are Gary Sherer - Binghamton, N. Y. Evening Press, Judy Franklin-Austin American-Statesman, Jerry Grisham — Bryan Daily Eagle, Robert Stewart - Bryan Daily Eagle, John Fuller - Dallas Morning News, Bob Borders -Tyler Telegram, Richard Campbell - Seguin Gazette, Robert Solovey - Chester, Pa., Times, and Robert Palmer - Stillwater, Okla., News-Press.

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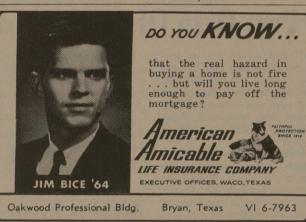
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