

Placement Office Reports Increase In New Grads' Pay

Starting salaries for new graduates of Texas A&M University are continuing to climb, a Placement Office report indicates.

A&M's non-technical spring graduates likely will draw initial paychecks averaging \$648 a month. That's \$34 a month higher than the national average for spring 1967 graduates.

Students in technical areas with brand new sheepskins in the undergraduate school apparently will fare even better, Robert O. Evans, placement and corporate support director at A&M, pointed out.

"Average beginning salary offers are \$771 a month, or \$51 a month higher than the national average a year ago," he noted. "Our master's degree candidates received offers averaging \$791 monthly in non-technical fields, \$889 in technical areas, reflecting healthy gains over 1967."

Evans said doctoral candidates in the technical field were offered an average of \$1,197 a month this spring.

"There were insufficient numbers of non-technical doctoral offers to indicate any trend," Evans explained.

"We no longer handle teacher placement," the placement director divulged. "The Education De-

partment has charge of that."

Evans said the highest 1968 offer to a bachelor's degree candidate was \$891 monthly to an electrical engineering student.

Best cash offer to a master's degree candidate was \$1,100 in electrical engineering, with the top bid for a doctoral candidate being \$1,250 in chemical engineering.

"Our highest average monthly dollar offers were in engineering areas," Evans observed. "Highest average for bachelors' earners was \$830 in petroleum engineering, and for a master's winner—\$1,030 in chemical engineering. We didn't compute an average for doctorates."

Evans said 1,055 graduating students registered with his office this year, compared to 1,189 a year ago.

Of 396 employment questionnaires returned by graduating students, Evans pointed out, 24 per cent plan to go into military service, 19 per cent are bound for graduate college, 44 per cent

are employed, and 13 per cent unemployed.

Evans said 658 companies were on campus for 757 interview "days" in 1967-68.

Iva Starnes Builds CS Men's Store

A new men's clothing store—Iva Starnes' University Men's Wear—is set for a September 1 opening in College Station.

The store in the Northgate area is under construction at 327 University Drive.

"Future growth plans of Texas A&M University," Starnes said, "as well as its academic offerings and the nature of the Texas Aggie

offered encouragement to our establishment of this store."

The store will feature traditional architecture, with quarry tile flooring extending over the sidewalk, plus divided glass display windows. Plans call for merchandise fixtures of antique heavy wood furniture.



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Two Appointed To P.E. Department

Dr. Homer Tolson and Pat Patterson have been appointed to the Health and Physical Education Department faculty, announced Dr. Carl W. Landiss, head.

Tolson, who is completing his doctorate at Purdue University, will be an assistant professor and will work primarily in exercise physiology. His appointment is effective Sept. 1.

Patterson will begin work June 1 as an instructor and associate swimming coach to Art Adamson.

Tolson, 27, has been instructor of advanced tests and measurements at Purdue, where he received the bachelor's and master's degrees in 1963 and 1964. The Starke County, Ind., native's dissertation on physical fitness and hearing sensitivity will be completed this summer.

A member of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Tolson coordinated youth and adult fitness programs at West Lafayette and was graduate assistant to Dr. A. H. Ismail, research director of Purdue's health and physical education and recreation department.

The professor is married and has one daughter.

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