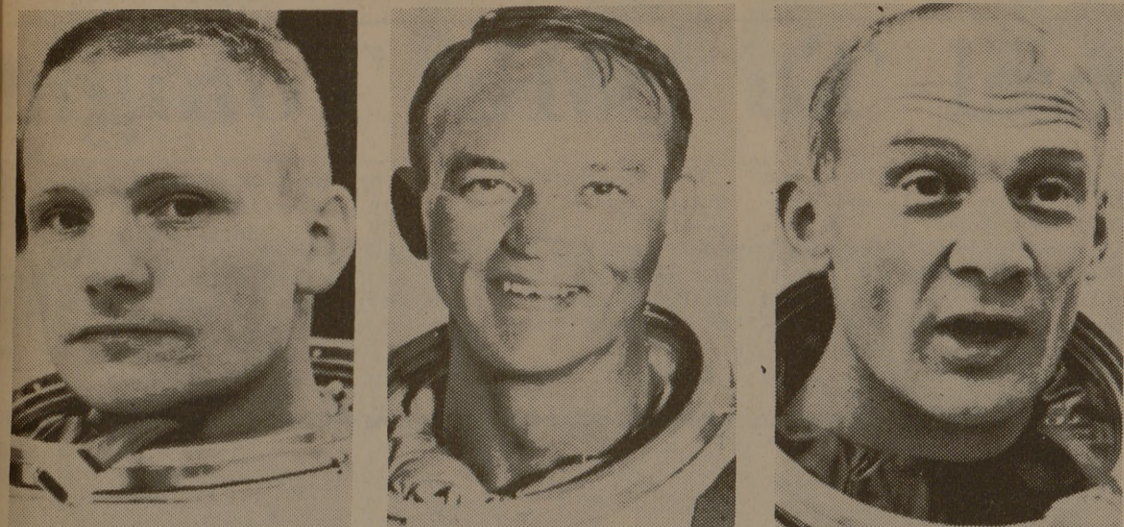


Engineers Get Top Job Offers



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These three astronauts, civilian Neil Armstrong, Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Collins, and Air Force Col. Edwin Aldrin, have been named as the crew of Apollo 11 mission, scheduled to land on Moon about midsummer. Armstrong will command, Collins will command the module pilot, and Aldrin will be the Lunar module pilot. (AP Wirephoto)

Job offers to bachelor degree candidates in the technical disciplines at A&M started on a sound note in the last months of 1968 as employers interviewed prospective employees, Placement Director Robert C. Reese reported.

In a two-month salary survey of job offers, Reese pointed out candidates for mechanical engineering degrees received the highest offers ranging between \$934.87 and \$745, for an average of \$810.30.

One offer of \$950 was made in the same discipline to a student working on his master's degree.

Petroleum students scored second with salaries ranging between \$880 and \$850, with an average of \$865.

ELECTRICAL engineering majors came third with offers of \$875 to \$770.93, for an average of \$809.84.

Other high salary averages for students earning master's degrees this month included aero engineering, \$934.89; industrial engineering, \$930.20; computer science, \$908.06, and industrial statistics, \$905.

Reese said A&M job offers are comparable to those of a year ago.

Nationally last year at this time the number of offers to bachelor degree candidates in the technical disciplines in 122 colleges and universities was down 26 per cent over the previous January.

This year the national January volume is up 25 per cent over a year ago, and the total of 2,179 offers is just short of the all-time high of two years ago, Reese noted.

A&M is one of the 122 universities participating in the national College Placement Council's Salary Survey.

UNLIKE LAST year's unusually slow start, recruiting in the early months of the 1968-69 season "has come close to rivaling" the all-time high of two years ago, council officials said.

The council's data is based on actual offers made to male students at representative institutions from coast to coast.

Non-technical volume, which experienced only a slight dip last January, is up 14 per cent this season.

AT THIS EARLY stage in the recruiting season, the average national offer for undergraduate

technical candidates stands at \$800 per month, an increase of 4.3 per cent since June. The non-

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At The Movies

by Mike Plake

"Bullitt"

is a from-the-gut version of the cop and robber epic, one of many films that were made familiar by Humphrey Bogart and, more recently, Frank Sinatra (Tony Rome, The Detective, Lady in Cement), Paul Newman (Harper), and George Peppard (P.J.).

But "Bullitt" breaks the old mold. "The Detective" used caustic, cutting dialogue and

marriage to a nymphomaniac to move the plot; the plot itself, involving an expose of big city corruption, was complicated. Bullitt has none of these.

Its plot is simple. The hero, Steve McQueen, is Detective Lt. Frank Bullitt, terse, tough, dedicated to the principles of... it's hard to say what principles he adheres to. Anyway, Bullitt and his helpers are assigned by a vote-seeking politician to guard a man who is to testify before the politician's crime committee.

THIS WOULD seem an easy enough assignment, until you realize that it's the Mafia that's after the guy. And the Mafia's arm is swift and efficient. They shoot him, and the remainder of the movie concerns McQueen's attempt to find out whodunit.

But the plot is not what makes "Bullitt" run. It moves by means of fast cars and shotgun blasts, and how it moves is easy to watch.

Take the moment, for instance, when the stool pigeon, shot-gunned, is transferred to the hospital. It's not a nice, white, clean hospital, on which are labeled neat names of doctors in clean white robes, as seen in daily soap operas. Instead, it's a place much like what really exists. It is crowded, with bloody, crippled bodies and tubes and opaque liquids flowing, and pain. When the doctors operate on the stool pigeon, when they are attempting to save his life, the doctors actually perspire, and seem worried. As one writer has described it, you can almost smell death when it comes. It's real, man, stark, so much you get sick at your stomach.

OR TAKE another of many fantastic moments in this flick. The Chase. When wheeling through the streets and hills of San Francisco, Bullitt finds himself being tailed by the Mafia, who think he's nudged their business dealings too much, already.

So they chase him. And they turn a corner, and they lose him, until he appears in their rearview mirror, chasing them. Maybe that's the principle Bullitt adheres to — maybe that's the reason he does his job so well; he is The Hunter.

It probably has more sheer excitement than any other movie

of its kind. Technically, its effects are perfect. If you're the type that identifies with your characters, see "Bullitt," and kill everyone on your block.

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Depending on the size of the project, Don works individually or in a small team. He's now working with three other engineers on part of an air traffic control system that will process radar information by computer. Says Don: "There are only general guidelines. The assignment is simply to come up with the optimum system."

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Recently he wrote a simulation program that enables an IBM computer to predict the performance of a data processing system that will track satellites. He handled that project himself. "Nobody stands over my shoulder," Don says. "I pretty much set my own pace."

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