

Summer activity helped Year-end placement upswing seen here

College placement dipped during 1970-71, a Texas A&M placement review shows, but a slight year-end upswing appears to be continuing on the basis of summer activity.

A&M Placement and Corporate Support director Robert C. Reese made the evaluation upon release of his office's annual review.

Employing companies interviewed 1,016 graduating students, a decrease of 22 per cent from the previous year. Companies interviewing fell from 242 to 164 last fall and from 263 to 184

during the spring, the report shows.

"Unlike 1969-70 when the situation worsened as the year progressed, activity this year seemed to pick up in the closing months," Reese said in the report.

The placement director said inquiries from companies needing college graduates have continued during the last two months. These figures are not reflected in the report, which coincides with the 1970-71 school year.

"Everybody was a little hesitant and sat on their budgets,"

he commented. "Things appear to be loosening up a bit."

"We feel pretty comfortable with what's coming," Reese added.

He said more companies already have been scheduled for fall job interviews than the office had last year. Part of the increase is from summer contacts with companies that have not recruited at Texas A&M recently.

"We're not back up to pre-1970 standards," Reese admitted, "but at least it's an improvement over last year."

The office report includes an employer section listing the individual companies, recruiters' names and their degree preferences. Distribution of the placement report to various A&M departments enables professors to contact recruiters directly.

Reese said the employer section also has been made available to alumni and graduating students who did not interview last spring.

A placement manual for graduating students will be available for the first time this year. It

will include alphabetical listings of recruiting companies and dates they will be on campus.

In addition, placement meetings will be held Sept. 7, 8 and 9. Graduating students will be given an explanation of what the recruiting process involves, tips on interviewing and other information. The 4 to 5 p. m. meetings will be in Rooms 2C and D of the Memorial Student Center on Sept. 7 and 8. The Sept. 9 meeting will be in Rooms 2A and B, Reese said.

McCoy ends 31-year Army career

Army Col. Jim H. McCoy, who postponed retirement to assist in transition to a new commandant at Texas A&M, will close out 31 years military service this month.

Retirement ceremonies will be conducted Aug. 30 at Fort Sam Houston by 4th U. S. Army officials.

An award will be made to McCoy during the observance.

McCoy, 55, was to have retired early this year. He extended to complete the 1970-71 school year and acquaint the new commandant, Col. Thomas F. Parsons, with the ins and outs of the post.

The commandant heads the two-department School of Military Science and is responsible for the operation of the Corps of Cadets through its student leaders.

A 1940 Texas A&M graduate, McCoy returned to the university in 1967 as commandant and professor of military science.

During his A&M assignment, the Corps of Cadets had only a slight decline in size and instigated numerous programs and concepts to remain in step with regular service policies.

ROTC participation here this fall is expected to about equal

1970-71, when 2,500 wore the TAMU uniform patch.

During the 1970-71 school year, almost 400 cadets were commissioned officers in the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps. The first WAC officer commissioned at A&M received her lieutenant's bars last summer.

In McCoy's four years, the corps initiated freshman retention and cadet replacement programs, began new study emphasis and was featured in a nation-wide news telecast about ROTC. It also received Department of Defense recognition and was awarded a 4th Army trophy for cadets'

summer camp accomplishments.

The period also was accentuated by four straight national championships by the Freshman Drill Team.

McCoy, an Eddy native, served in Europe, Japan, the Far East, Puerto Rico and Korea during his 31 years service. He commanded an infantry company and 28th Division battalion in World War II, Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico and a 4th Division battle group at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The colonel earned diplomas from the Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College and Armed Forces Industrial College. He was PMS at Bangor, Maine, High School.

His assignment before coming to A&M was deputy director of plans in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics in the Pentagon. The officer's decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star, Legion of Merit and Bronze Star.

End-of-month rainfall gives July above-average total

July-ending rains in the Bryan-College Station area boosted the month to above-average wetness.

LBJ Award recipient here

Norman Alexander of San Marcos, recipient of the Lyndon B. Johnson Award Saturday at Southwest Texas State University, plans to enter graduate study here this fall.

Former President Johnson presented the \$2,500 cash award during graduation ceremonies at SWTSU. Alexander said he will begin graduate work in physics at A&M.

"I am gratified that you will be using this award to further your education," Johnson told Alexander.

"I am happy to present this check for more money than I ever saw in four years of college and it's about what some teachers were making for teaching a whole year then," Johnson added.

The Carter's Creek drainage area averaged 2.78 inches in July, which normally has 2.6 inches.

But the July wetness was limited to the last six days of the month and was preceded by a 27-day dry spell from late June.

Exceptional rainfall in late July and early August may serve as the pattern for the next 30 days, according to the National Weather Service outlook for Aug. 15 to Sept. 15.

Rainfall is expected to be near to above normal, or between three and four inches. At the same time, the outlook calls for below to much below normal temperatures. Average for the 30 days is 81.9 degrees. The outlook is for a near 80 degree mean. July temperatures averaged 84.8, 1.3 degrees above normal.

July precipitation figures collected from 32 points in the Carter's Creek catchment area reversed the pattern of previous months, according to Dr. Robert A. Clark of Texas A&M University's Meteorology Department.

The southern half of the area under Texas A&M rainfall-runoff study received the most rain for

the last few months. July rains were heaviest in the northern segment, with four to 4.5 inch gaugings normal north of Villa Maria Rd. An observer in the 1400 block of Hoppers recorded 4.52 inches for July.

Precipitation southward ranged generally from 1.5 to 2.5 inches, with a 1.53 low taken in the 300 block of University Drive.

An observer in Kurten measured 5.63 inches. Millican had .96, the Farm Service recorded 1.87 and Easterwood Airport, official gauge of the NWS, tabulated 2.83 inches. The Federal Aviation Administration measured rain on four days.

The drought-relieving nature of the rain was spotty over the East Central Texas region, however. Meteorology research in the East Yegua Creek basin west of Caldwell revealed only .73 inches of rain there in July.

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