

Student gets Washington internship

by Laura Williams
Battalion Staff
Erica Krennerich will spend her spring semester in a congressional office rather than a Texas A&M classroom. The 19-year-old student from Houston will be working for Sen. Robert W. Jepsen, R-Iowa, in Washington, D.C. after being chosen for the Sears Congressional Internship Program for Journalism Students.

"The most important thing about this program is the marvelous experience Erica will have when she's through," Bob Rogers, head of the Department of Communications at Texas A&M, said.

Krennerich said she plans to focus her interests on television broadcast.

"I like the immediacy of television," she said. "I like the idea that you don't have to wait on printing to tell people what's happening."

Krennerich will begin a week of orientation Feb. 1 and her internship will be Feb. 8 through April 30.

Interns will work with their appointed congressman 40 hours per week and attend seminars on reporting economics, the White House and other Washington news.



Erica Krennerich, left, receives a Sears Congressional Internship from Gary I. Jackson, manager for Sears. She will work for Sen. Robert Jepsen in Washington, D.C.

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Texas A&M now has a total of 325 National Merit Scholars enrolled.

Last year, with 235 such students, Texas A&M ranked 13th nationally among all colleges and universities and fourth

among the nation's state-supported institutions.

A major reason for the growing interest in Texas A&M by many students is an expanding academic scholarship program that allows the university to recruit scholars the way most schools recruit blue-chip football players, President Frank E. Vandiver said.

The scholarships are financed by private contributions, with 250 of the more than 500 recipients receiving support from the President's Endowed Scholarship program.

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Dr. Robert E. Young, assistant professor of industrial engineering at Texas A&M University, has been awarded the 1982 Outstanding Young Manufacturing Engineer Award by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Young is a leader in the construction of miniature machine tools built with plastic parts from West German toymaker Fischer-technik that simulate factory machines costing millions of dollars.

His laboratory has built

machines for several major corporations.

Young also is active in the new robotics laboratory being established by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station. He is studying applications of robots in industry and safety needs.

Dr. Joe Schuster, head of the Range Science Department at Texas A&M, has been elected second vice president of the International Society for Range Management.

Schuster was elected to post in the 4,000-member professional organization made up of ranchers, research scientists, government administrators, educators and students.

In addition to the Society for Range Management, Schuster also is a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America, the Council on Agricultural Science and Technology, the Southwestern Association of Naturalists and Wildlife Society.

Michel T. Halbouty, an internationally known geologist, is moving to Texas to accept a roleum engineer and advisor to President Reagan. He provided half a million dollars to Texas A&M to establish a professorship in geology. Halbouty is a 1930 graduate of Texas A&M and was named a distinguished alumnus in 1968. In addition to the academic chair which will be used to attract a leading geologist to teach and conduct research, Texas A&M, Halbouty has funded a President's Endowed Scholarship, a \$25,000 graduate fellowship in geology, two scholarships in geology and roleum engineering and a \$150,000 endowment in the College of Geosciences.

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