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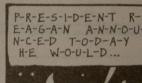
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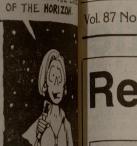
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by Scott McCul



## Large response prompts TAES to add spaces

By Laura Miller Reporter

Minority students in agriculture and home economics are responding in such large numbers to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service internship program that the number of positions had to be increased from 5

Bill McConnell, personnel officer, said a strong commitment to minority students prompted the Director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Zerle Carpenter to develop the program in 1987 to get more blacks and Hispanics interested in the service.

'The purpose of the internship is for us to identify qualified and interested minorities who may be willing to go to work for the service when they complete their college work and also to give these folks a quality edu-cational experience," McConnell

The interns are responsible for following the service guidelines, which include keeping records on their assigned counties and submitting reports of their experiences at the end of the term, McConnell said. Mario Perchez, a biology graduate

student and an extension service intern at A&M, said his job in horticulture involves researching parts of South Central Texas to determine which areas yield the best crops. A typical day for Perchez includes attending class in the morning and collecting data on fruits and vegetables in the afternoon.

"I am grateful for the minority student program because it has given me the opportunity to work with many of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service professionals," Perchez said.

McConnell said the service tries to place interns in the same counties as their hometowns or universities and gives each intern the option to work part time throughout summer or full time for one summer semester. By doing this, the service hopes to cut down on the students' living ex-

Minority students interested in summer internships need at least a sophomore classification and major in agriculture or home economics and have a minimum 2.5 grade-"We are excited about further ex-

pansion of the program and have been real pleased with the response we've had from County Extension agents who are very willing to do the extra work that it takes to supervise the interns," McConnell said.

Similar intern programs also exist at Prairie View A&M, Texas A&I University, Tarleton State University and Texas Tech University.

Students considering future internships can contact William McConnell in 2 System Adminstration.

## **World Briefs**

### Shuttle launch delayed to September

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The launch of Discovery on the first space shuttle mission since the Challenger disaster has been officially delayed several days, a NASA spokesman said Tuesday.

An announcement from space agency headquarters in Washington confirmed what many launch site officials have been saying for some time, that an August launch was impossible because it is taking longer than expected to prepare Discovery for flight.

The announcement said the new goal is a launch in early September. Astronaut Jon McBride NASA's liaison with Congress

told a meeting in Washington target is Sept. 4.
The delay was the thin

nounced this year, with launch dates set in Febru June and August. But, one, they have fallen by the side as technical probler up the nation's recovery fro loss of space shuttle Chal and its seven crew member fiery explosion 73 seconds liftoff on Jan. 28, 1986.

For several weeks, the agency has carried Aug. 22 public target for launch, was abandoned unofficially

### Official pleads innocent in Contract

WASHINGTON (AP) - A former CIA official pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges he conspired illegally to arm the Contra rebels and then asserted through his lawyer that he was only following President Reagan's

After Joseph F. Fernandez, 51, the agency's former station chief in Costa Rica, entered his plea in U.S. District Court, his attorney said he had committed no crime and that his indictment sends a chilling message to the nation's intelligence agents. The message tells agents that

"Should you become enmeshed in activities . . . involving policies where there may be an absence of political harmony at home, may find yourselves upon wreturn to the United States targets of criminal prosecuto defense attorney Thomas E. son said in a statement to

"Throughout the time Mr nandez served in Costa Rica, actions were entirely con with United States law a the declared policies of the dent of the United States,"

Fernandez, who left the Clast year, stood in U.S. District Jut Aubrey E. Robinson Jr. asked

### Video evidence aids Pentagon prob

WASHINGTON (AP) - Investigators in the Pentagon bribery probe regard as significant potential evidence videotapes of recorded meetings between Defense Department personnel and industry consultants, sources said Tuesday.

More than one of the tapes picked up an audible sound track of the conversation, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The sources refused to say whether the tapes show money or confidential government documents changing hands, but one said the participants are doing more than talking.

One source said "there; that many videotapes, video are not an extensive techn the case," largely because difficulty of making ar ments to tape a meeting might be taking place with much advance notice.

But the sources said the ernment regards the video as important evidence when bined with extensive wiretappi that has been the basic tool in investigation to date.

Information gathered from the phone taps about meeting dential nomi that were to take place allo FBI agents to set up the videoto ing, the sources said.

### Turks fake plot to assassinate Pope

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