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 whether the program meets the criteria for excellence we have here at A&M," he said.
 Sumpter is a former journalist who has worked for several print publications.
 Sumpter worked for the Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise, in Bartlesville, Okla., the Tulsa Daily-Tribune, in Tulsa, Okla., and for the Daytona Beach News-Journal in Daytona Beach, Fla.
 "When I was with the Daytona Beach News-Journal I was an assistant city editor, and I focused on police reporting and business reporting," Sumpter said.
 Sumpter said he has more

experience in magazine reporting and has worked for the Oil and Gas Journal for six years.
 Sumpter received his bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State University, his master's at the University of Florida and his doctorate from the University of Texas.
 Charles A. Johnson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said he feels Sumpter is well-prepared for the position.
 "Dr. Sumpter is very well qualified," Johnson said. "He brings experience as a journalist as well as experience on faculty and a commitment to provide journalism education for students here at Texas A&M."
 Brenna Rackham, however, said she is not impressed with the new minor.

"I think it's sad that they're going to take away the journalism department altogether. Even though (the new minor) is a poor substitute, it's better than nothing," said Rackham, a sophomore journalism major.
 Though many students are still upset over the closure of the journalism department, the new journalism education minor will still allow Aggies interested in studying journalism to do so at A&M.
 "I think most students I've talked to (who are enrolled as journalism majors) understand that they will be able to finish," Sumpter said. "I think students who enter this program will understand this would be a good field of study for their minor degree."

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