

summer internships

Serve, learn, and profit too!

by peggy caldwell

The Internship Program in Community Education and Service presents a fresh and exciting approach to the methods of serving and learning, as it offers to student participants a chance to gain meaningful experience and increased insight into the problems of the urban community.

There are material profits, too. In exchange for about forty hours of work and participation in a seminar each week during the twelve-week summer session, the intern earns approximately \$1,000 stipend and six hours academic credit.

UNCC works with various government and service agencies in the Charlotte area to establish jobs for the interns.

The emphasis of the internship project is on a new style of learning. The student takes the facts and theories of the classroom away from the campus and puts them into practice in the modern urban area.

Thus, as a liaison between the campus and the city, the intern should ultimately effect a closer relationship between the two communities, vastly supplementing his own academic experience with a practical type.

In the pilot program of the summer of 1969, eight interns worked with various community agencies. The service-learning project was fully developed last summer, within the framework of UNCC's Institute for Urban Studies and Community Service, as forty students from four area colleges and universities participated in the 1970 edition of the program.

In an effort to further explain the purpose of the internships and to promote interest in next summer's program, some of the interns will share their experiences, through a series of

Students on campus interested in finding answers on their own to some of our social and ecological problems might be interested in a new program sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Entitled "Student Originated Studies," the program offers financial support to student projects dealing with problems of the physical, biological, and/or social environment. These projects must be originated, planned, and directed by students and endorsed by the host college or university.

The NSF's deadline for receiving proposals is November 30, 1970; so you had better start planning now. The North Carolina Internship Office will provide to interested students additional information and technical assistance in developing a proposal. They can be reached at (919) 829-3147, or write Robert Lee Sigmon, Director, 130 E. Morgan St., Raleigh, N.C.

JOURNAL interviews, with the UNCC community.

Students desiring additional information on the internship project should contact Mr. Larry Owen, UNCC Director of Institutional Research. Applications for the 1971 summer program will be available soon.

If you deal in drugs, don't approach Mike Gupton. After spending a large part of last summer in the Charlotte Police Department Crime Laboratory, working on the analyses of numerous drugs, Gupton has become quite familiar with drugs. He realizes all too clearly the seriousness and enormity of the drug problem in Charlotte.

A senior Chemistry major from Salisbury, Gupton worked in the chemistry lab at the Law Enforcement Center as a member of the 1970 Internship Program.

When a confiscated drug was brought to Gupton in the lab, he analyzed it to identify the type of drug. Then, if the possessor was in violation of the law, the solicitor would know with what to charge him.

Gupton's work was not confined to drug problems but included investigations in cases of homicide, car accidents, arson attempts, or any crimes that required analyses.

Several investigations were made in the crime lab on the Carla Underwood case, involving the

kidnapping and murder of a teen-age girl in Charlotte. The chemists examined clothing samples for clues and analyzed the remains of Miss Underwood's burned car, the latter to pinpoint a cause of the fire.

In the lab, Gupton also studied the morphology of hair and identified several hairs from crime scenes. He learned to determine the kinds of cars involved in hit-and-run accidents by matching the paint samples on a victim's clothing with those in the lab's file of samples.

Although Gupton's investigations included the evidencing of numerous types of crimes, he estimates that about eighty per-cent of his work load involved drugs.

Amazed with the ease with which one may obtain drugs in Charlotte, Gupton relates the story of a police officer who came to the lab to get drug samples to show the new recruits. When the lab lacked some of the samples, the officer left, returning some forty minutes later with the desired drugs. He told the chemists that he could obtain "anything but heroin, at the nearest high school."

Adults are often as guilty as young people in increasing the danger of drugs, Gupton feels. Drugs used at "pill parties" of junior and senior high school students often come from parents' medicine cabinets.

The teen-agers put all the pills in a bowl and, in a deadly game he believes, try to determine which combination of drugs will produce the biggest high.

According to Gupton, the drug confiscated most frequently in Charlotte is LSD, followed by heroin and marijuana.

Gupton's summer experience instilled in him a strong desire to implant in others an awareness of the enormity of the drug problem in Charlotte, a feeling which Gupton himself continually expresses.

Few people realize the consequences of violating drug laws, Gupton says. The results of an arrest and conviction for the possession of one gram of marijuana include: loss of one's right to vote for life; loss of the right to own a gun; loss of the right to run for public office; loss of the right to become a licensed doctor, dentist, CPA, attorney, architect, realtor, private detective, pharmacist, teacher, barber, or certain other licensed professionals; no choice of which branch of service to enter.

The possessor, he added, also may be forbidden from working

for the city, state, or national government. "After all these deprivations are added to the effects on one's relationships with his family and friends, the price is quite a high one to pay for selling or even holding grass," Gupton said.

This was only a portion of the vast insight that Mike Gupton gained as a summer intern. He feels that he also benefitted greatly from the weekly seminars in which the forty interns exchanged ideas relevant to their individual jobs and to the urban community.

Gupton said that it is especially helpful to be exposed to a different side of life while one is still in school.

Thus, Gupton fully endorses the internship project and, after appearing on a television show with participants from several similar service-learning projects, he feels that the 1970 Charlotte program was definitely the best in the state.

Delta Delta wins United Appeal Award

The United Appeal Campaign for 1970 ended November 4. Heading this year's campaign for the university was Dr. Edward S. Perzel. The Student chairman was Joan McClure. Delta Zeta Sorority sponsored a contest awarding a trophy, donated by First Union National Bank, to the group pledging the most money. The trophy will be used annually by United Appeal and will remain on display in the University Center. This year the trophy is to be

awarded to Delta Delta Sorority. The other contributing organizations were Rotaract, Chi Phi, Alpha Delta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Delta Zeta, and Civinettes.

United Appeal donations are collected from all business organizations. Forty-two agencies depend on the voluntary contributions of United Appeal. Among them are Girl Scouts of America, YMCA, YWCA, and the Florence Crittenton Homes for unwed mothers.

Homecoming

UNCC's annual Homecoming festivities have been set for Saturday, January 9, according to Gary Baucom, president of the alumni association.

Plans for the event include an early afternoon registration, followed by entertainment by a big-name group and a session at Gus's Original 49er prior to the 6:00 tipoff of the UNCC Frosh-Isothermal Community College basketball game.

Feature attraction of the evening will find Coach Bill Foster's 49er varsity squad pitted against the tough Aggies of Texas A&M at 8:00 in the university's new gymnasium. A dance is planned following the varsity contest.

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