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ARBORETUM INTERNS

THE CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION supplied funds again this summer to continue the horticultural internship program at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum. Five students from local schools were chosen on the basis of their interest in making a career in the field of horticulture.

Two students from Mt. San Antonio College, David Cameron and Jane Olmstead, were recommended by their instructor, Charles Hewitt. David Cooke and Rubin Flores, upper division students at the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, also took part in the program. For the first time, a high school student was selected as an intern at the Arboretum. Damian Sanchez will be a senior next year at Eagle Rock High School, according to John Provine who, as Arboretum superintendent, coordinated the internship program.

The program provided the Arboretum with additional manpower at the same time it gave the students a practical taste of many facets of horticultural work. During the nine-

week program, each student worked under the direction of several different Arboretum staff members. The interns did not work as a team this year, instead they rotated individually through the six phases of the program.

Most of the interns' time was spent on the grounds handling and learning to maintain equipment such as mowers and sprinkler systems and working on special construction projects. The students also got first-hand experience on the proper methods for weed control, watering, mulching, planting, and making out plant status reports. During a stint in the nursery each student practiced the treatment and planting of seeds and cuttings and learned methods for mixing and sterilizing soils. Pest control, nursery housekeeping, and reporting on seed germination and the subsequent caning of plants were also part of the program.

The students got an insight into horticulture from the homeowners' point of view when they each spent a day finding answers to questions brought to the Arboretum by the public.



Damian Sanchez



Rubin Flores



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