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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- A fellowship program designed to permit advanced journalism and law students to work with the National News Council has been established and its first winner selected, the Council announced today.

The Fellowships are named after Matthew Fox, a young staff member of the Twentieth Century Fund who worked with the independent Fund Task Force which studied the problems of press responsiveness and recommended establishment of a news council.

Shortly after Mr. Fox's death last year at the age of 26 the National News Council was established to serve the public interest in preserving freedom of communication and advancing accurate and fair reporting of news.

The first Fox Fellow is George F. Carpinello, of Rensselaer, N.Y., a student at Yale Law School.

Mr. Carpinello, who was graduated magna cum laude from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University in 1972, will serve with the Council as a summer intern. The Council investigates complaints filed with it about inaccuracy or unfairness in news reporting. It also conducts studies of complaints of restrictions on the freedom of the press.

Future recipients of Fox Fellowships will be selected by a jury headed by Roger J. Traynor, who formerly was Chief Justice of

the State of California and who served as the first Chairman of the News Council. Other jury members are Norman Isaacs, Associate Dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism; M. J. Rossant, Director of the Twentieth Century Fund; Merlyn S. Pitzele, Mr. Fox's stepfather; Ms. Carol Barker, Research Associate, Twentieth Century Fund; and Robert B. McKay, National News Council Vice Chairman and Dean of the New York University Law School.

Details for selection of future Fox Fellows will be announced before the beginning of the next academic year by the selection jury. For the most part, Fellows will be advanced students in journalism or law, with a special interest in communications and the First Amendment.

In addition to serving as summer interns with the National News Council, Fellows may also be selected for part-time service with the Council during the school year.

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