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- Dylan Dempsey (International Letters and Visual Studies, Film minor, 2015)
- Development Intern
- Full-time, about 40 hours per week
- Unpaid but receiving CJ Saraceno Internship Grant (Tufts CMS Department)

**What do you do as an intern at this organization?**

I covered the desks of Albert Berger and Ron Yerxa. This involved answering phones, administrative tasks, reading scripts, doing coverages, and making suggestions for rewrites, castings, and directors for projects that are already underway. I helped entertain the business associates of Albert and Ron, did a research project and presentation on a subject of my choosing, and occasionally watched films for research purposes.

**How did you find your internship?**

The CJ Saraceno Internship Grant came to my attention through the Tufts CMS department.

**What do you enjoy most about your internship?**

I loved the people I worked with; the producers Albert and Ron, their assistant Boon (who I worked with most closely) and part-time fellow interns were all very down-to-earth. The work environment was relaxed, and all of my assignments were extremely interesting! On top of that, it was a great opportunity just to watch a professional film development office in action.

**What do you find challenging?**

It was challenging having constant thought-provoking work to do. This made the internship a very rewarding experience, but required me to be fully focused at the office, even when getting sleep was sometimes a challenge.

**What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?**

The deadline for my application was April 4th. If you apply for an internship like this, it's likely that you are passionate about the subject in question. Even so, internships can be frustrating – especially when the fruits of your labors are more abstract than tangible. Regardless of whether or not your experience involves the type of hands-on work you're looking for, you must be fully devoted to the job. An internship is a learning experience above all; if you put in the time and focus your energy, you'll get a lot out of it.

**About the Organization**

Bona Fide Productions
Los Angeles, CA

At a time when it has never been tougher to get a movie made, credit is due to indie producers Ron Yerxa and Albert Berger, who have slowly but surely turned out quality indie pics ever since they hung their Bona Fide Productions shingle back in 1993.