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DALLAS--One of the first persons in Dallas to be granted newly instigated certification by The Institute of Internal Auditors is UT Center auditor Jesse Brittain. Brittain was granted his CIA (Certified Internal Auditor) May 9.

He will receive his certificate in October.

The UT Center auditor has been working professionally in his field for nearly 20 years. He has been connected with the Health Science Center schools for 12 years.

According to Brittain, it "was recognized that management needed specialists to evaluate and report to them on their internal accounting." Thus, the Institute of Internal Auditors was founded. Also, he said, this same philosophy is what attracted him to the profession.

Brittain began studying internal auditing on his own. He bought the first textbook on the subject, Internal Auditing by Victor Z. Brink, Ph.D., also read many others and has attended numerous seminars over the years to help him develop his specialty. These things, in addition to his years of experience in internal auditing, led to his early certification by the professional organization.

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"Internal auditing has provided me a personal satisfaction for quite a time. I have put in many hours on my personal development, and I am extremely proud of this award," he said.

The work of the internal auditor differs from the work done by CPA's, he explained, in that the internal auditor works within the institution on a day-by-day basis. "For example, we are more interested in evaluating the operation and making improvements, increasing the utilization of personnel, making departments function more efficiently. We may not be dealing with dollars and cents but intangible values--time, services, and so forth."

Julius Weeks, vice-president for business affairs, had this to say about Brittain's certification: "It is to his credit and to the school's that Jesse Brittain was one of the first men in the country--and is among the few in Dallas so far--to be so honored."

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