

Texas A&M gets Consortium fellowship recipient

By KIM GRIFFITHS
Reporter

Cherri Smith, a 22-year-old chemistry graduate of Texas Southern University, has become Texas A&M's first fellowship recipient under the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. program.

The Consortium, a non-profit corporation organized in 1976, is a joint venture of 48 engineering colleges and 46 industrial/governmental laboratories which have joined together to provide opportunities for minority students to pursue master's degrees in engineering.

The program helps the students get practical engineering experience

through summer work opportunities at the participating laboratories and companies. The program also helps in financing graduate studies toward a master's degree in one of the various disciplines of engineering at a member university.

Luann Morris, a staff assistant in the College of Engineering working with the GEM program, said Texas A&M was notified in November 1983 that it had been accepted as a member school and would be eligible to enroll GEM supported graduate students such as Smith.

Smith said she chose Texas A&M over other schools because of its friendly atmosphere and because of

its strong research-oriented program in chemical engineering.

Of course, being so close to her hometown of Houston and having a recent Aggie graduate as a brother helped make her choice easier.

"My brother, Charles, has told me a lot about the friendliness of this campus, the Corps of Cadets and the school's strong traditions," Smith explained. "Academics are fine as starting point, but it was the University as a whole that made the final decision for me."

Jeanne Rierson, assistant director of minority affairs for the College of Engineering, said that approxi-

mately 6 percent of all Texas A&M undergraduate engineering students are minorities — a figure that she said meets the national average at other schools. However, in the graduate program, Rierson said only 2 percent of students are minorities.

Minorities as defined by GEM and Texas A&M are those United States citizens who are classified as American Indian, Black American, Mexican American or Puerto Rican.

"We are trying to boost our minority enrollment in the graduate program," Rierson said, "and the GEM program offers us the opportunity to do this on a national scale

— with students applying from every state."

For the past three years, Texas A&M has offered a \$9,000 fellowship to a qualified minority graduate

Under the GEM program, Smith receives a \$5,000 stipend to which the University will add an additional \$4,000, Rierson said.

Each fellowship pays full tuition and fees plus the \$5,000 stipend for the academic year. Summer employment at a member-research laboratory is also provided by the fellowship.

Smith said she expects to be employed at Standard Oil Co. next summer where she would probably work in a refining division in either Pennsylvania or Ohio.

GEM is presently accepting applications for its Graduate Fellowship Program which will provide 150 awards to qualified minority students.

The deadline for application material for the 1985-86 fellowship year is Dec. 1, 1984. For further information contact the College of Engineering or write: Graduate Engineering for Minorities, P.O. Box 537, Notre Dame, Ind., 46556.

Ike's death toll soars over 1,360; no help taken

United Press International

MANILA, Philippines — The death toll from Typhoon Ike soared to more than 1,360 Thursday as the government, refusing help from abroad, shipped relief supplies to victims of the Philippines' worst recorded storm this century.

Four days after Ike slammed into the country with 137 mph winds officials were still assessing the extent of damage nationwide. An estimated 1.12 million were left homeless by Ike and by Tropical Storm June.

Ike, meanwhile, was churning across the South China Sea toward Vietnam.

A compilation of reports from the government, the military, the Red Cross and the state-run news agency showed 1,363 died in Ike's two-day rampage, with more than 300 others injured and over 500 people missing.

Ike was the deadliest typhoon on record to strike the Philippines this century, far surpassing the previous record of 763 people killed in a 1951 storm.

The central and southern Philippines were the hardest hit by Ike, which slammed into the country Sunday, only days after

the northern Philippines was struck by Tropical Storm June, which claimed 67 lives.

As relief efforts in Ike's aftermath continued in the southern and central Philippines, President Ferdinand Marcos flew north to his home territory to inspect areas damaged by Tropical Storm June.

"The most urgent, really, is the road and bridge repair, the medicines for our people and the rehabilitation of all kinds of buildings," Marcos said during a visit to his hometown, Laoag.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Franklin Ebdalin said in Manila that the Philippines had so far refused offers of additional foreign relief assistance.

"The policy has been to rely on our own resources," he said. "Everything is under control."

Marcos authorized the immediate release of \$4.4 million in government aid.

The air force announced it would begin ferrying construction materials today to the southern province of Surigao del Norte, where Ike flattened 90 percent of coastal Surigao City, killed about 1,000 people and left 480,000 homeless.

Students urged to 'Adopt-a-Grandparent'

By KIRSTEN DIETZ
Reporter

Mothers and fathers are honored each year on special days, but little recognition is given to grandparents. Gov. Mark White has declared Sunday "Grandparent's Day" in Texas to "call attention to the contributions of our grandparents."

James Grabbs, information officer for the Texas Department on Aging, said the first Sunday after Labor Day has been National Grandparent's Day since 1978, but it hasn't been promoted very well.

For Texas A&M students who enjoy being around older people, the Student Y Association offers an

Adopt-a-Grandparent program open to members of the Student Y. Interested students fill out an application and indicate a preference for the grandparent desired. The application is used to match the member and the grandparent.

The official Adopt-a-Grandparent program began last year, said Don Albright, associate director of student activities, although a hospital visitation program had been in effect for quite a while.

Gradually, the program developed into the idea of each person getting his own grandparent and meeting with that grandparent indi-

vidually, Student Y Secretary Mike Hardeman, said.

Cathy Mannion, Adopt-a-Grandparent chairman, said two group activities for the year are a Christmas visit and a spring senior citizen olympics. The activities, however, are still in the planning stages. Skits, movies and bingo games are some of the activities being planned for the day-long olympics.

"It's just kind of a day to spend the whole day with (grandparents) and bring them a lot of happiness and joy," she explained.

An activity Mannion plans to introduce this year is Adopt-a-Grandparent pen pals from Houston nurs-

ing homes. She feels this will go over well with students who don't have enough time to visit an adopted grandparent, but want to get involved in the program in some way.

"That's just another way for us to reach out to some more people," Hardeman said.

Mannion has expanded the visitation program to reach more elderly people. While last year Student Y members visited only residents of the Crestview Retirement Community in Bryan, this year they will visit residents of other area nursing homes and elderly members of the community.

Singer/guitar player on Grand Ole Opry for 41 years

Country star Tubb dies at age 70

United Press International

Nashville, Tenn. — Ernest Tubb, the Texan whose classic "Walking the Floor Over You" made him one of the legends of country music, died of emphysema Thursday. He was 70.

Tubb's last performance on the Grand Ole Opry was Aug. 14, 1982, manager Jerry Strobel said.

"It was an Ernest Tubb Opry performance," Strobel recalled. "He did 'Walking the Floor Over You.' The crowd came down to the stage. Flashbulbs were popping all over the Opry House."

"People realize that performers like Tubb and Roy Acuff are legends

and they are lucky to be there to see them."

"I think that Ernest Tubb, besides being a great country music talent, has probably done more for young entertainers, especially through his radio show Midnight Jamboree, than anybody in the country music business," Strobel said.

"He was always willing to spotlight the young artists on his shows and help them get into country music business. If the talent was great, mediocre or below average, he extended them the same courtesy that he would have a superstar."

Tubb was enshrined into the

Country Music Hall of Fame in 1965 at the age of 51.

Tubb had dreamed as a child of being a cowboy movie star, and in 1942 he made a couple of movies with Charles Starrett.

This in turn landed him guest appearances on the Grand Ole Opry. The Opry signed him as a permanent member in 1943.

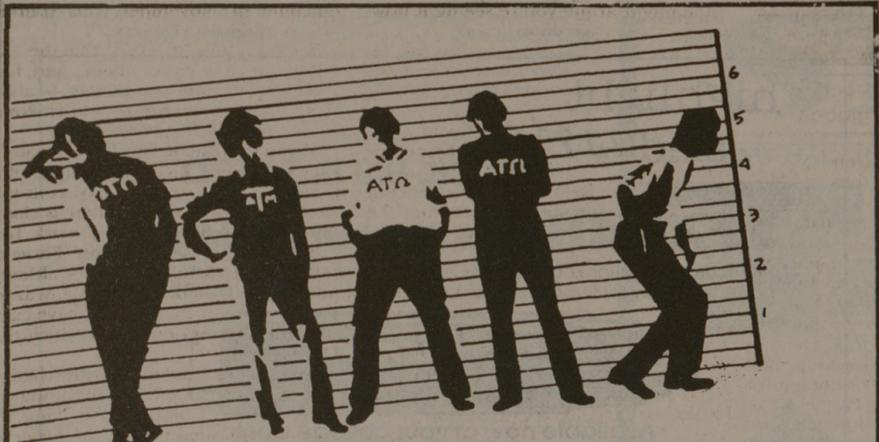
He founded the Ernest Tubb Record Shop within a stone's throw of the Ryman Auditorium, the old home of the Opry, and his sideline business interests prospered.

It was also at this time that the Ernest Tubb Jamboree, broadcast over

WSM immediately after the final act of the Grand Ole Opry, began to air.

It was beamed from his record shop and soon had a respectable audience on its own and eventually became a fixture — now called the Midnight Jamboree.

The Texas Troubadour had three songs in the top 10 in 1948 and in 1949 he had seven, including "My Tennessee Baby," "Blue Christmas," "Don't Rob Another Man's Castle," "Have You Ever Been Lonely," "I'm Bitin' My Fingernails and Thinking of You," "Slippin' Around," "Tennessee Border No. 2" and "Warm Red Wine."



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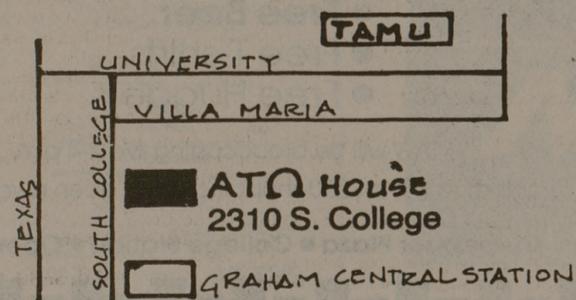
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Applications deadline is today for:
Muster Committee,
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and Traditions Council

Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and graduate students can apply for Judicial Board through Friday at 5 p.m.

Applications for the Student Financial Aid Advisory Board are due Friday at 5 p.m.

Freshman Aide application deadline has been extended to 5 p.m. today.

Come by the Student Government Office, 221 Pavillion, for details and applications. Or call 845-3051.