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General Electric offers grants to promote teaching careers

By Greg Mt. Joy
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The General Electric Foundation hopes to convince more minority students to consider teaching careers by awarding Texas A&M with two grants worth \$440,000. GE will provide \$110,000 to A&M's College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business, and \$330,000 to the Colleges of Engineering and Science during a three-year period

as part of their "Faculty for the Future Program." Dr. William Perry, the dean of faculties at A&M, said the funds would be used to attract students who might have been lured away from graduate school by large salaries. "Why should a student spend four or five years earning doctoral degrees when they could be making \$36 to \$40,000 right after graduation?" Perry asked. "You really have to believe in graduate study and its benefits to pass up those opportunities."

Perry said the grant money would be used to bolster several other financial aid packages available to minority students attending graduate school. Dr. Michael Kemp, associate dean of research in the College of Science, said the grant awarded to the Colleges of Science and Engineering would be divided into two main funds. The first fund would be forgivable loans of up to \$7,500 awarded to women or minority students who pursued an academic career. "Recipients will be forgiven 25 per-

cent of these loans for each year they spend teaching in a four-year college or university," Kemp said. "So if the student ends up teaching for four years, the loan is basically free money." The second part of the grant would be used to encourage undergraduates and convince them to continue studying applied sciences. "GE emphasizes applied physical sciences because it has an interest in future employees in research fields," he said. Kemp said the funds available to stu-

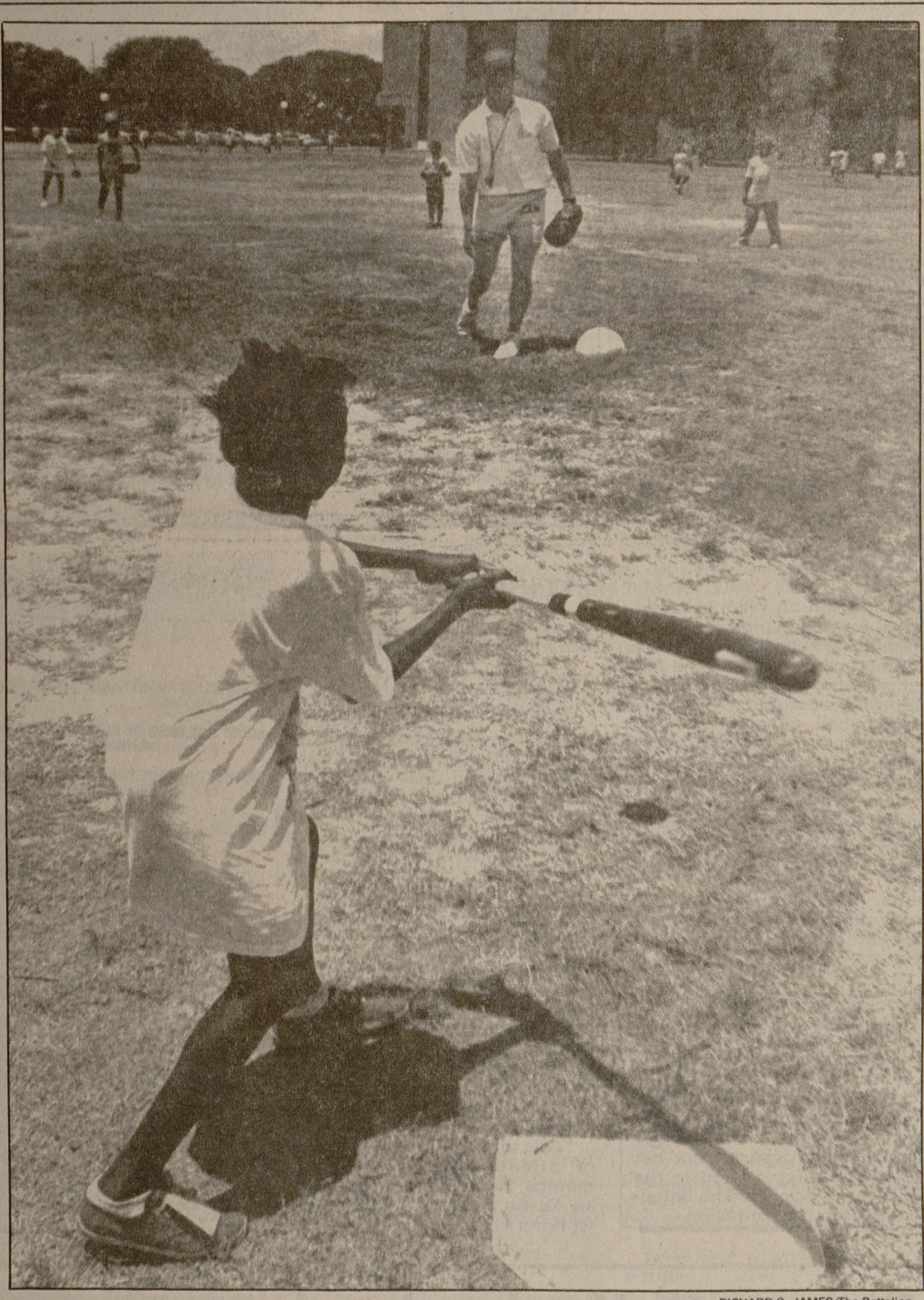
dents were flexible in terms of their amounts and how often they can be awarded. Making such funds available to students was a departure from typical grants, he said. "GE deserves a pat on the back," he said. "Normally this money would be set aside for buildings or supplies. This program is designed to support people, and some pretty enlightened people came up with it." Dr. Dean Wichern, associate dean of research for the College of Business

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New novel helps teach auditing

By Susan Maguire
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He's no James Bond, but accounting hero Lenny Cramer is up to saving Coca-Cola's secret formula and teaching Texas A&M students the secrets of auditing. "Trap Doors and Trojan Horses" was written by A&M accounting professors Dr. L. Murphy Smith and Dr. Larry Crumbley. "Trap Doors" will be Crumbley's fourth tax-oriented novel under his pseudonym, Iris Weil Collett (I.R.S. Will Collect). The novel is Smith's first fictional work, though he has written several textbooks. In the story, Lenny Cramer has been hired by the multinational corporation Coca-Cola to conduct an operational audit. As the story unfolds, Cramer uncovers a plot to steal the company's secret formula for Coca-Cola. Cramer and his sidekick Slam Duncan discover information missing from computers at one of the company's divisions; and in their efforts to solve the mystery, they travel from Atlanta to Washington to Poland. Crumbley said the book was named "Trap Doors and Trojan Horses" because these terms are computer jargon concerning ways to cheat people by using computers. Though the book was written mainly to teach auditing, "Trap Doors" could also be useful in computer and business classes, Crumbley said. "Students enjoy reading the novels for class," he said. "It is a change of pace from the textbooks." Smith said he used "Trap Doors and Trojan Horses" in his classes while it was being prepared. "Student feedback is very positive," he said. "The story is both entertaining and educational because textbook-type info is woven into the story. "We wrote the book to make learning accounting more enjoyable for the students and to show that accounting is not a dull profession." Crumbley said he and Smith worked on the novel for about a year and a half. Crumbley said because he does not teach auditing, he worked on the plot of the story and Smith wrote much of the text concerned directly with auditing. Both professors said they have not seen a finished copy yet, but the book should be in stores soon. Smith said several professors at A&M and a professor from Southwest Missouri State have expressed an interest in the book. Crumbley said his previous works have been adopted by more than 100 colleges, and he was confident that "Trap Doors and Trojan Horses" would follow suit.



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It's outta there!

Shawanna Scott of Calvert hits a softball pitched by Bob Tolar near Cain Hall Wednesday afternoon. Tolar is a counselor for the National Youth Sports Program for underprivileged children. Scott hit a home run.

MTV comes to The Edge

VJ Martha Quinn will host dance show

By Mack Harrison
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MTV is bringing VJ Martha Quinn to a local club on Friday to tape a dance show to get a better picture of Bryan-College Station and Texas A&M. Quinn and her camera crew will be dancing on the edge at The Edge, 313 S. College St., for a taping of "MTV Street Party" at 9 p.m. Friday. The network will broadcast the show at a later date. "MTV Street Party" airs on MTV Fridays from 7 to 11 p.m. CDT. Bryan-College Station residents, however, will be unable to watch themselves on the cable channel. TCA cancelled its contract with MTV in response to subscriber complaints about the channel's explicitness. Irene Fu of MTV Press said B-CS residents drew the attention of MTV with their protests against what they see as censorship. "Our viewers asked us to come," Fu said. "They've been calling and sending us letters (since TCA cancelled MTV), so we figured we'd go there live." John Whittendon, co-owner of The Edge, said the party would include three bands and start at 8 p.m. in the parking lot before moving inside. He added, however, that the event would be "very non-political." "There will be no protests or petitions," Whittendon said. "MTV's just here to have a street party." Two local radio stations, KTSR (92.1 FM) and KKYS (104.7 FM) will broadcast live from The Edge before and during the show. Tom Savage, DJ for KTSR, said the entire on-air staff will make the party. He stressed that the show is not intended as a protest forum. "The letters 'T,' 'C' or 'A' will not emerge from the mouth (of any DJ)," Savage said. "This is a party to promote MTV, nothing else." KKYS DJ John Stevens also said the party was not meant to provoke TCA. Stevens will be on the air starting at 7 p.m., along with the rest of the Kiss Air Force, he said.

Bush ends sanctions against South Africa

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush lifted economic sanctions against South Africa on Wednesday, citing clear progress toward racial equality there. He declared, "We expect progress to continue." Bush said his action was "the right thing to do" despite sharp criticism from civil rights groups and leading Democrats. South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela was also said to have told Bush he was acting prematurely. The move ended five years of U.S. sanctions that forced U.S. businesses out of South Africa, dried up trade and contributed to the white-ruled nation's economic isolation.

Professor relays teaching experiences from trip to Far East

By Karen Praslicka
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The Philippines and other Asian nations represent an extreme contrast to the quiet life of College Station for a returning Texas A&M journalism professor. Dr. Richard Shafer spent 14 months traveling and instructing journalism students in the Far East. Shafer spent his first 10 months in the Philippines as a lecturer and researcher. During the rest of the trip, Shafer traveled to India, Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia to continue teaching and his research.

Shafer also was in the Philippines during the country's revolution about five years ago. "College Station is very peaceful and kind of quiet," he said. "There's no political turmoil, earthquakes or coups d'etats; but sometimes it's too quiet." Shafer taught journalism courses at universities in all the countries he visited except Nepal. He said the students were good but the universities did not have the kind of facilities that A&M students are used to. "The students work hard to try to overcome economic difficulties and political problems," he said. "We get



Dr. Richard Shafer spent 14 months in the Philippines.

pretty spoiled here (at A&M), and some of the complaints students make here about the University seem petty. "Foreign students sometimes have to work harder to get an education," he continued. "But it proves you don't need a lot of fancy stuff to get an education—just hard work." Shafer said the universities were basically good, though some of the buildings were in bad shape and did not have air-conditioning. "There's a tropical climate, and it's very hot," Shafer said. "You teach in the sweltering heat and lack a lot of comforts." Shafer said the Philippines is trying to make an identity for itself. The nation is moving away from using English and toward making Tagalog its national language, he said. But the universities still teach classes in English, and Shafer said that in some of his classes almost one-third of the students had a difficult time understanding his lectures. "A lot of the students don't speak English well," he said. "It

(deciding on the language) is an on-going debate." Shafer and his wife, Jill, lived in a house in Manila during their first year of the trip. Shafer said they lived in what would generally be considered a middle-class neighborhood in the Philippines, but there were still "squatters" camping outside Shafer's home. Squatters are poor citizens who move into neighborhoods and build huts to live in. "They're very hard to displace," Shafer said. "You're not totally removed from

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