

Protection promised for plant

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TULSA, Okla. — Public Service Co. of Oklahoma, primary builder of the proposed Black Fox nuclear power plant, is working to provide increased protection from possible tornado-propelled debris, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission engineer says.

In an affidavit to the Atomic Energy and Licensing Board, Guillermo M. Campe said Wednesday an NRC study had "found that the cooling tower tornado debris protection was inadequate with respect to the mechanical draft."

Since the study, Campe said PSO pledged to upgrade the protection from debris that could be picked up by a tornado in the area.

The applicant (PSO) has made a commitment to provide tornado debris protection for the cooling towers that will be satisfactory to the NRC staff and there is reason to believe that an engineering solution is feasible," Campe said.

He said protection to cooling fans could be provided by a steel mesh covering the cooling tower openings.

Campe said he basically agreed with testimony earlier Wednesday that the low probability of a turbine blade breaking loose and damaging the nuclear facility.

Campe said his probability factor is slightly higher, but the difference was due to a "calculational approach" to the size of an area that might be struck by metal fragments blown off if a turbine broke down.

Engineers have figured the chances of such an accident are one in 100,000 per year of operation.

PSO has estimated the two-unit plant will produce 2,300,000 kilowatts of electricity yearly and cost about \$1.75 billion. Other utilities, however, have projected a cost of over \$2 billion.

New York utility goes electric

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NEW YORK — Under a federal Energy Department program, Consolidated Edison is buying a fleet of battery powered cars in an attempt to curb air pollution and reduce oil consumption.

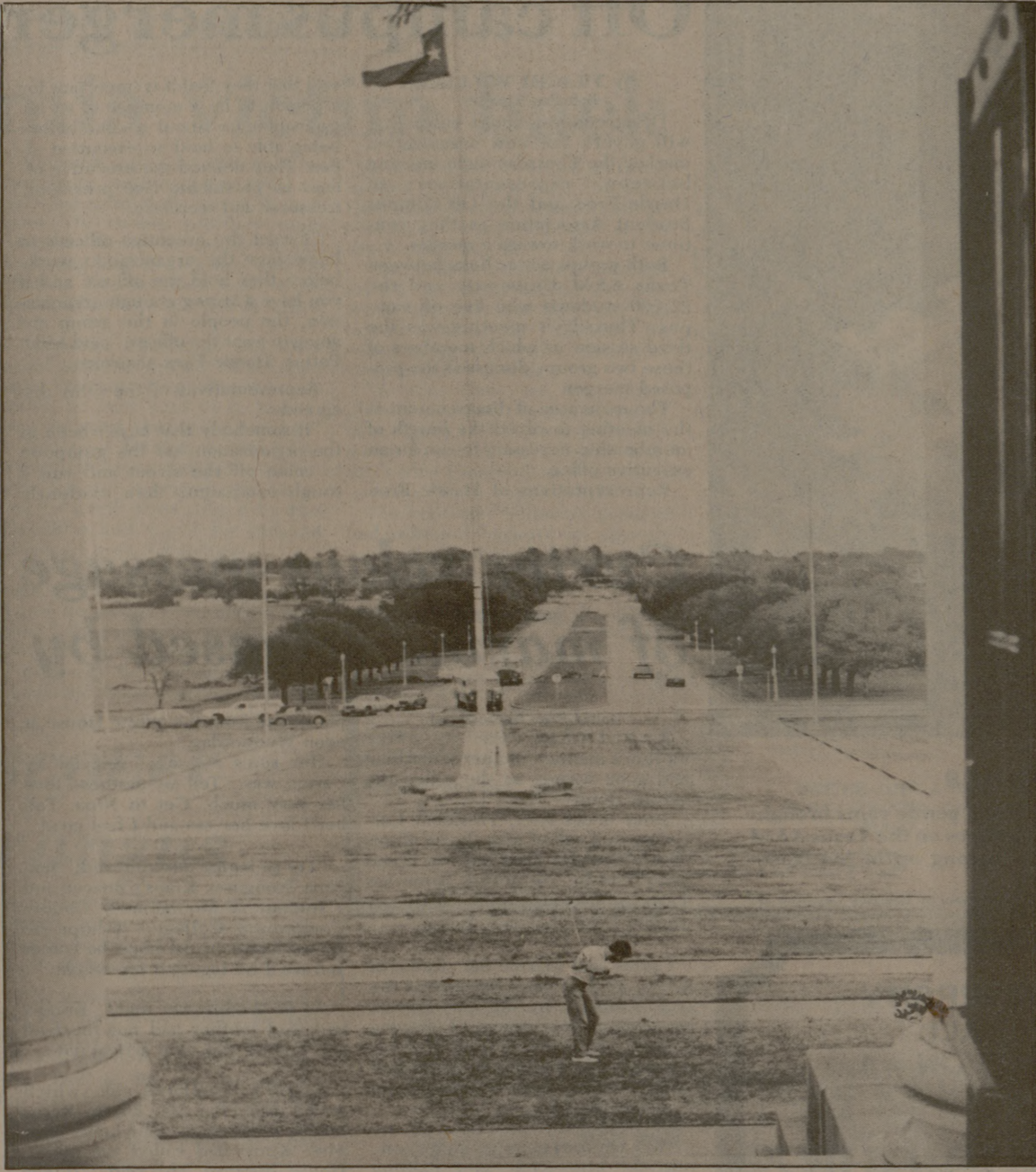
The giant utility said Wednesday it will buy 40 of the vehicles, which

have a cruising speed of 50 mph, for meter installers, field supervisors and delivery men during the next three years.

"Electric vehicles can play a key role in preserving scarce resources in an environmentally acceptable manner," said Con Ed Vice President Bertram Schwartz.

The utility is one of five companies chosen by the federal Department of Energy to take part in a three-year program designed to show that electric cars can work.

The vehicles are made by Electric Vehicles Associates of Cleveland using the body of the American Motors "Pacer" model.



Hoping it clears the street

Mike Malley, a sophomore journalism major from Houston, finds an unusual place to perfect his golf game. Malley's shot was at-

tempted from in front of the Systems Administration Building on Bizzel Street.

Battalion photo by Jeff Lucas

\$180,000 donated to fund faculty chairs

The boards of the Texas A&M University Development Foundation and the Association of Former Students have approved annual funding totaling \$180,000 to support six faculty chairs, effective in September.

Establishment of the six chairs — \$30,000 each year — is a commitment to provide immediate funding to help attain the University's long-range goal to raise \$17 million for chairs and named professorships, said Richard "Buck" Weirus, executive director of the Association of Former Students.

The alumni organization, which oversees and appoints trustees to the foundation, will provide annual funding until the chairs are permanently endowed by donors.

The foundation also approved funding for five faculty development leaves beginning in September.

In terms of importance to the University, Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller academic chairs program to the President's Endowed Scholarship program, which was designed to attract top students.

Dr. J. M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, who helped to formulate the endowment program, said the chairs and professorships offer the University a great faculty advantage.

"The existence of a few positions of prestige and recognition represents a great advantage in recruiting

and retaining first-rate scholars," he said. "These positions — endowed chairs and named professorships — are awarded to members of our own faculty or to persons we wish to attract, and the flexibility provided by the endowments acts as a real attraction."

Foundation trustees were told that assets now total \$15.53 million. Six years ago, the foundation had less than \$600,000.

Robert L. Walker, vice president for development and executive secretary for the foundation, reported a

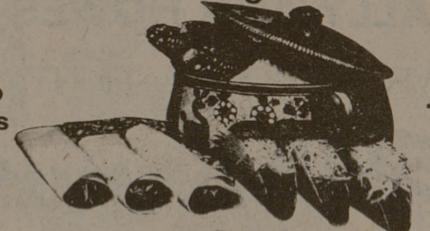
record \$2.23 million was donated during the fourth quarter of 1978, including 11 President's Endowed Scholarships during December.

He also announced that an endowment for professorships has been established to honor Dr. Jack K. Williams, former president and chancellor of Texas A&M who resigned in January. Anyone contributing to this endowment is invited to direct the gift to the foundation through the University's development office.

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20th Year	14,774.51	29,549.02	59,098.04	73,872.57	295,490.20
25th Year	23,879.19	47,758.38	95,516.74	119,395.93	477,583.70
30th Year	37,461.76	74,923.52	149,847.04	187,308.80	749,235.20
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