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## Electric vehicles offer efficient, practical cruising

By **KYLE BURNETT**

The Battalion

Traveling down University Drive, the thought of an empty gas tank crosses the driver's mind. As he looks down at the gauge, he is reminded that the van does not need gas, it is an electric vehicle.

The van, a late model GMC, belongs to the Texas A&M Center

for Electrochemical Systems and Hydrogen Research.

Blake Dickinson, an electrical engineering graduate student who works for the center, said the van can reach speeds of more than 50 miles per hour on one electric charge. A recharge takes about five hours.

Dickinson said the van, along with similar vehicles, is practical, but that people still had reserva-

tions about electric cars.

"It's great for around town because the average commuter travels about 25 miles a day, he said.

"The only problem is that people want to be able to take off at any time and go to any city in the United States. They can't do that with electrical cars."

The center has customized a similar van that is used daily by the College Station Hilton.

Ron Edward, Class of '84, said he often uses the Hilton's van and is pleased with it.

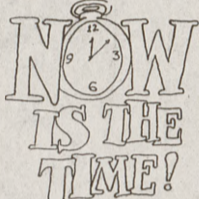
"It's pretty convenient," he said. "Acceleration is poor, but it's great for around town use."

Edwards said the van has been well received by customers.

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Recognized Student Organizations & University Departments

1993-1994 ALL-UNIVERSITY CALENDAR DATES ARE DUE



FRIDAY, MAY 7TH IN THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE

For your planning convenience, the major 1993-1994 University events will be published in the Battalion on May 4.

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## Greeks give to charity by recycling aluminum

Texas A&M Greek organizations have contributed more than 625 pounds of aluminum cans to Junction Five-O-Five - a non-profit organization that recycles.

Chi Omega sorority donated a total of 159 pounds and was awarded a plaque Monday from Junction officials.

Junction Five-O-Five helps provide individuals with disabilities secure jobs.

## Director of career center receives introduction

Dr. Leigh Turner will be introduced as the new director of the Texas A&M University Career Center at an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. today in Rm. 209 of the Student Services Building.

Turner became the director of the center in November, replacing Dr. Steven Yates who

died last summer.

Turner was previously with Career Services at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville for 11 years, serving as assistant director for five years before being named director in July 1986.

The newly restructured Career Center houses the Placement Office, the Cooperative Education Office and the Career Education Office.

## California foundation grants \$650,000 to A&M

A \$650,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation will provide a solid foundation on which to build a state-of-the-art computer facility at Texas A&M University's Albert B. Alkek Institute of Biosciences and Technology.

Alkek Institute officials say the new computer facility will support studies in Houston and elsewhere of the structure of the human genome - set of chromosomes - and the "ge-

netic codes" of agriculturally important plants and animals.

The Alkek Institute will use the grant from the Los Angeles-based Keck Foundation to plan and begin operation of the W.M. Keck Center for Genome Informatics.

## Camp Aggieland kicks off summer activities

Children ages 6-12 have a new option for summer activities - Camp Aggieland.

Those who attend the camp will participate in a variety of activities including sport and game skills, creative writing, outdoor education and environmental awareness.

There will be four two-week sessions during the summer.

The program is sponsored by the Child Movement Lab in the Department of Health and Kinesiology at Texas A&M University. Registration is \$150.

For more information, call 845-2612.

## Correction

In an editorial appearing in Monday's edition of The Battalion, it was reported that anyone who did not vote in the special May 1 election may not vote in the U.S. Senate runoff between U.S. Senator Bill Krueger and State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Any registered voter may vote in the runoff. In Monday's edition of The Battalion, the details of Texas' sodomy law were incorrectly reported.

The Texas House has taken action to repeal the law, penal code section 21.06, however the Texas Senate is still considering action. The Battalion regrets the error.

## Lotto winners receive checks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN - After receiving their first checks Tuesday, Gary McKee and Timothy Sturkie said they are glad to be sharing the \$50 million Lotto Texas prize with 12 others.

"I was happy that we were going to share it because \$50 million is

too much money," said McKee, 37, an electrician from Amarillo.

"It's scary," added Timothy Sturkie, 32, of Arlington. "I'm glad we only got part. I think I can handle this."

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## TAMU Santa Chiara Day 1993

MAY 5, 11:00-3:00, MSC Foyer  
Hosted by Dr. E. Dean Gage, Vice President and Provost

11:00	FREE Food provided by Double Dave's Pizza, with a pizza-making demo
12:00	Dr. Gage speaks; Art Auction of works by Prof. Paolo Barucchieri, Dir. Santa Chiara (Proceeds to go directly to Santa Chiara Center)
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3:00	

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