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Driving into the future

A year-long race to create a hybrid electric vehicle kicked into gear Friday, May 27, as the Chrysler Corporation presented a 1995 Dodge Neon to the Texas A&M Dwight Look College of Engineering. Faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students will

work to create a vehicle that will run on both electric power and natural gas, which would allow for a clean-burning engine with adequate power and range. Texas A&M is one of the 12 schools in the nation competing in the Hybrid Electric Vehicle Challenge.

Minorities

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population should increase as well," Perry said. "Our goal should be to increase our representation in the faculty so that we become more responsive to our student body."

Perry said he is pleased with the recent progress A&M has made in recruiting minorities but hopes to see growth in the future.

The key to increasing the numbers of minority faculty members is to develop a diverse candidate pool, he said.

George Wharton Jr., assistant executive director of A&M's Affirmative Action Office, said the University needs to look closely at minorities in the job pool.

"We are attracting minorities into the pool," Wharton

said. "We need to hire them." Portales said the University needs to make new efforts in the area of recruitment, including allotting more money, because recent programs have not worked.

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and decide what we have to do," he said.

That is what the Faculty Senate did in developing its proposal to increase recruiting, Portales said.

"The University needs to organize itself around these efforts," he said. "There is no concerted, University-wide effort."

"This is part of what we

have to do to prepare for the future of Texas," Portales said. "It's going to take some resources. The point is that these efforts won't happen without people working actively to bring about change."

Perry said he thinks the

commitment within the administration, faculty and the University will lead to a noticeable difference.

"I think what we'll see in the future is a continual increase in numbers," he said.

Perry said it is important, however, not to get too caught up in the numbers.

"We need to look at the numbers, but it is also up to us as

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saying in these recommendations is let's go back to a program that worked in getting these minorities."

Dr. William L. Perry, associate provost and dean of faculties, said the report indicates progress by the University.

"Clearly, if you look at the data, progress has been made," Perry said. "The fact is, the progress is not as fast as we would like."

"The numbers indicate a fluctuation in retention," he said.

Dr. Donald Deere, a senator from the College of Liberal Arts, said A&M should not be overly concerned with retention.

"Failure to have retention is not necessarily a bad thing," Deere said. "There are a lot of issues that come down to more than race and ethnicity."

Dr. Marco Portales, a member of the committee, said the University definitely needs to make progress in the area of minority recruiting.

an institution to look beyond the numbers," Perry said. "We're building a community that will last."

"We all understand that goals are something more than what we want to achieve. We want to exceed them," he said.

Perry said Texas A&M can increase the number of minority faculty by focusing on the recruitment of doctorate candidates.

"The number of blacks and Hispanics getting Ph.D.s is limiting," he said. "We should emphasize programs to get students to consider graduate school and Ph.D.s. Our job is to also be on the supply side."

Portales said Texas A&M has a good chance of increasing its numbers.

"We have the possibility to have a successful program in place," he said. "Everybody has to be involved in an endeavor like this. There has to be a University-wide effort."

Portales said 4.7% of the faculty is black or Hispanic.

"There is no word for that except shameful," he said. "We are a land grant college for the state of Texas. I think we have to represent that population."

Dr. James Wild, a senator from the College of Agriculture, said Texas A&M needs to realize the benefits received by working with minority faculty.

his term as Speaker with his State of the Senate address.

Morgan urged returning senators and 24 new senators to continue on the path of partnership with their administrative colleagues so they "will be able to accomplish things otherwise impossible."

In its final business, the Faculty Senate elected new officers for 1994-1995.

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"I certainly find my life enriched by the diversity I have around me," Wild said.

In other business, the Senate approved a recommendation from the HIV/AIDS Awareness Subcommittee to explore the possibility of including an HIV/AIDS education course in the University's core curriculum.

The health issues requirement would be either a one-credit or three-credit course or would replace one of the four required hours of physical education with a one-credit course.

Dr. James Morgan concluded

also from the College of Engineering, was chosen as deputy speaker, while Diane S. Kaplan, a senator from the College of Education, was elected to the secretary-treasurer position.

Senators chosen to serve on the Executive Committee include Dr. Raymond D. Reed, College of Architecture; Dr. Allison R. Ficht, College of Medicine; Dr. James M. Mazzullo, College of Geosciences and Maritime Studies; Dr. James M. Rosenheim, College of Liberal Arts; and Dr. Steven M. Oberhelman, College of Liberal Arts.



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Packing it in

Amanda Carpenter, a junior electrical engineering major from Dickinson, TX, moves into Crocker Hall on Saturday, May 28. Her father, Tom (Class of '65), and mother, LeeAnna, help Amanda move into her residence hall for summer school.

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