

Brown & Root argues back taxes

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HOUSTON—Brown & Root Inc. was billed \$13.76 million in taxes by Harris County for 110 ships and boats the company owns throughout the world.

However, Brown & Root officials said Thursday they will protest any taxation of the water vessels.

"Of course we are protesting

the additional taxes," James Harper, Brown & Root spokesman, said.

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Carl Smith said although the tax bills are due March 1, he anticipates it will be some time before the county collects from Brown & Root. The tax bill was for back taxes from 1978 to 1981. An additional \$5.5

million in interest is also due.

The \$13.76 million figure is based on a total market value over a three-year period of more than \$2 billion on the barge and boats.

The Zapata Leasing Corp. was also billed for taxes on vessels, but Zapata officials said they are protesting the \$579,691 in taxes.

Builders to probe future

by Tina Linch

Battalion Reporter

What will the world look like in the year 2000?

The way architects can affect the answer to this question is the topic of an international architectural symposium to be held Thursday and Friday at Texas A&M University.

"Toward Building a Better Environment for the Year 2000," sponsored by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, is aimed at students who will be in decision-making positions at the turn of the century and is designed to give students a better sense of the interrelationships between the fields related to architecture.

Classes in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design will be dismissed to allow students to attend the symposium, which is scheduled in Rudder Theater from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday. The public is invited.

The departments of architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture, building construction and urban and regional planning each will be represented by a speaker.

"Energy Conscious Design — Boom or Bust" will be discussed by R. Randall Vosbeck, 1981 president of the American



Staff photo by Diana Salinas

From left to right, Sam Toma, Pedro Martinez and Jorge Echevarria help attach a sign to a balloon in Anderson Park to be launched by Professor Richard Morse, right. Associate Professor of Environmental Design George Mann, second from right, helps them. The three senior stu-

dents in environmental design went Sunday to advertise for the international architectural symposium scheduled Thursday and Friday. The symposium is sponsored by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Institute of Architects.

H. Edgar Lore, retired executive officer of Dravo Corp. in Pittsburgh, Pa., will discuss "Resources for Construction in the Year 2000."

Other speakers are: William

H. Whyte Jr., author and member of the American Conservation Association; Dr. David Godschalk, chairman of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; G.E.

Kidder, architect, author, historian and Jose L. Duran Salinas, head of the Department of Architecture, Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Merida, Mexico.

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In 1971, Charles Manson and three women were found guilty in the murders of actress Sharon Tate and six other people.

In 1981, The 52 American hostages who had been held in Iran returned to the United States and went to West Point for reunions with their families.

PERSPECTIVES ON SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY



ON FEBRUARY 10-13, 1982 STUDENT LEADERS FROM CANADA, GERMANY, MEXICO, GUATEMALA, KUWAIT, AND VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES WILL CONVERGE ON THE TEXAS A&M CAMPUS FOR THE 27TH ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS. THIS YEARS CONFERENCE IS ENTITLED "PERSPECTIVES ON SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY."

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