

East Texas group lobbies for \$100,000 to get collider

Businessmen think area could receive site

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Could \$100,000 bring the Superconducting Super Collider to East Texas? There's a group of area businessmen who say that it could and they're stumping towns and cities throughout the area trying to raise the money.

North Bardell chairs a group of self-appointed community boosters that calls itself the Brazos Valley Superconducting Super Collider Foundation. Monday afternoon he addressed the College Station City Council, selling the possibility that Burleson County or a site thereabouts could strike the U.S. Department of Energy as the perfect place for the \$4 billion SSC.

Ten states are competing for the SSC, perhaps the most ambitious physics experiment ever undertaken. The circular tunnel, some 53 miles in circumference, is expected to take about eight years to build and draw 2,500 permanent employees to the chosen area.

"We cannot afford not to put our best effort into it," said Bardell, noting that the annual operating budget for the massive particle accelerator and collider will be about \$282 million. The \$100,000 Bardell is asking for would go largely toward engineering fees for the site evaluation — a task awarded to the Boston-based engineering firm Stone and Webster.

So far the foundation has lined up about a third of its needs — about \$36,000 in donations and loan commitments. The first \$20,000 came from Brenham, populated by a scant 9,000 souls. The small communities of Caldwell and Somerville have contributed \$5,000 each.

"Of course, we'd love to get \$50,000 from each city," Bardell said in suggesting the amount Bryan and College Station each could contribute.

The task the Brazos Valley SSC Foundation faces is daunting, not only because of the complexity of the proposal expected by the state

selection committee but also because of time constraints on the project. All proposals must be finished and in Austin by April 20.

College of Geosciences Dean Mel Friedman, speaking at a Monday night presentation at the College Station Hilton, said the Brazos Valley site had to prove itself an economical choice to be competitive with other sites.

Friedman is talking about unconditional title to 7,490 acres.

The proposal must also demonstrate that a "cut-and-cover" construction method — the least expensive technique — could be used to build the tunnel. Cut-and-cover construction involves using a dragline, a big mechanical shovel, to dig the 30-foot-deep trench.

The most competitive location in the country, the Fermilab site in northern Illinois, is disadvantaged in that the tunnel would have to be drilled through solid rock, 350 feet below the densely populated surface.

Attorney seeks delay of hearing

By Curtis Culberson
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The attorney for three Texas A&M football players charged with the misdemeanor assault of two women and a University police officer filed a motion Friday to postpone a hearing set for Monday.

Attorney Steven Sampson said he filed a motion of continuance because he had just recently been retained by the players. Sampson said he needs more time to review the prosecution's case against the players.

He said all three players would plead not guilty in the case.

Louisa Dunn, court clerk, said Justice of the Peace Mike Callahan will decide on a new hearing date.

Freshman defensive back Lafayette R. Turner is charged with the misdemeanor assault of two women students and senior defensive back James Earl Flowers is charged with the misdemeanor assault of a University Police officer.

Sophomore running back James Howse is charged with the misdemeanor assault of one of the women students in an incident that occurred March 11 in Cain Hall.

Director of University Police Bob Wiatt said he couldn't comment on the case.

But Wiatt did say the charges are class C misdemeanors punishable by a maximum fine of \$200.

7 Battalion staffers capture top honors in SWJC competition

Seven Battalion staff members won first-place honors in the 57th annual Southwestern Journalism Conference held at the Ramada Inn in College Station Thursday through Saturday.

Columnist Karl Pallmeyer and former editor Cathie Anderson tied for the top spot in column writing. Pallmeyer for his piece on the conflict between members of the Corps of Cadets and students who tried to cross Kyle Field during midnight yell practice Oct. 3, and Anderson for her column on the Ku Klux Klan's candidate for governor. Anderson currently is working for IBM in Houston.

Mike Sullivan's article "A&M student 'feared for life' in robbery" received the first-place award for best news story. The piece was an interview with an A&M student who was held hostage during a robbery at a local 7-Eleven store in October. Sullivan is now the opinion page editor.

News Editor Sue Krenk took the best newspaper series award for her three-part story on the possible effects of federal tax reform and the state budget crisis on financial aid at A&M.

John Makely won best photo page for his feature on the bonfire. Makely is now a photographer for the *Houston Post*.

Best magazine layout went to former *At Ease* editors Bill Hughes and Marybeth Rohsner for "Cool Courses," a story on making the best of free electives, that appeared in the Nov. 7 *At Ease*. Rohsner is now managing editor, and Hughes is a photographer.

Other awards went to:

- The Battalion Editorial Board,

which won an honorable mention for its editorial on the "dramshop liability" ruling.

- Makely, who won an honorable mention in the best sports photo category.

- Hughes, who took second place in the best magazine photo category and received an honorable mention in best magazine photo essay.

- Homer Jacobs, as assistant sports editor, who landed third place in the best sports game category for his coverage of the Texas A&M-Southwest Texas State basketball game. Jacobs is now sports editor.

In addition to the awards, Krenk was presented with a \$150 scholarship from the SWJC.

The contest covered entries published in campus publications between Jan. 1, 1986 and Dec. 1, 1986. Schools were allowed to submit three entries in each of the categories. Certificates were awarded for the top finishers in each category.

Judging for editorials and editorial page layouts was handled by staff members at the *New York Times*. Judging for all other contests was provided by representatives of the New England Newspaper Association.

The Battalion came in fourth with a score of 53 points in the sweepstakes competition, in which points are awarded for prize-winning entries. Sweepstakes standings were determined by awarding seven points for a first place, five points for a second, three points for a third and one point for an honorable mention.

SWJC is made up of 19 member schools from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

House appropriations chairman says Clements budget won't work

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements' no-new-taxes state budget will be ignored by House budget-writers, the chairman of the appropriations committee said Monday.

The 29-member panel went back to work Monday, starting from scratch after deciding last week it had not made sufficient spending cuts.

Chairman Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, said the goal is still to reduce spending where possible, but the cuts cannot possibly approach the level sought by Clements to avoid another tax bill.

"We just wanted to see what concepts he had to get to the bottom line," Rudd said. "Now that we've looked at it and now that we've tried to go through it and now that we see how it fits in with what we think is reasonable, it just won't work."

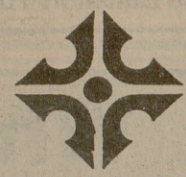
Clements has vowed to veto any budget that exceeds the bottom line he has set, which is current spending plus the \$2.9 billion that would be raised by making permanent the temporary sales and motor fuels tax increases now in effect.

Rudd said Clements is "reason-

able enough" to realize the governor's proposed budget would not build enough prisons and would force increased local school taxes.

"He just wants us to do all the cutting we can, and we will do that," Rudd said. "But even with the cutting, you can't cut billions out. We've cut billions already. There's just not another billion in there to cut out."

Comptroller Bob Bullock has projected a \$5.8 billion 1988-89 deficit if state spending continues at current levels without revenue increases.



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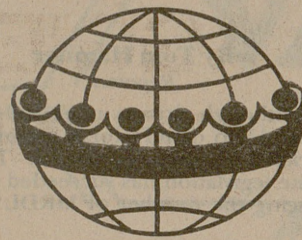
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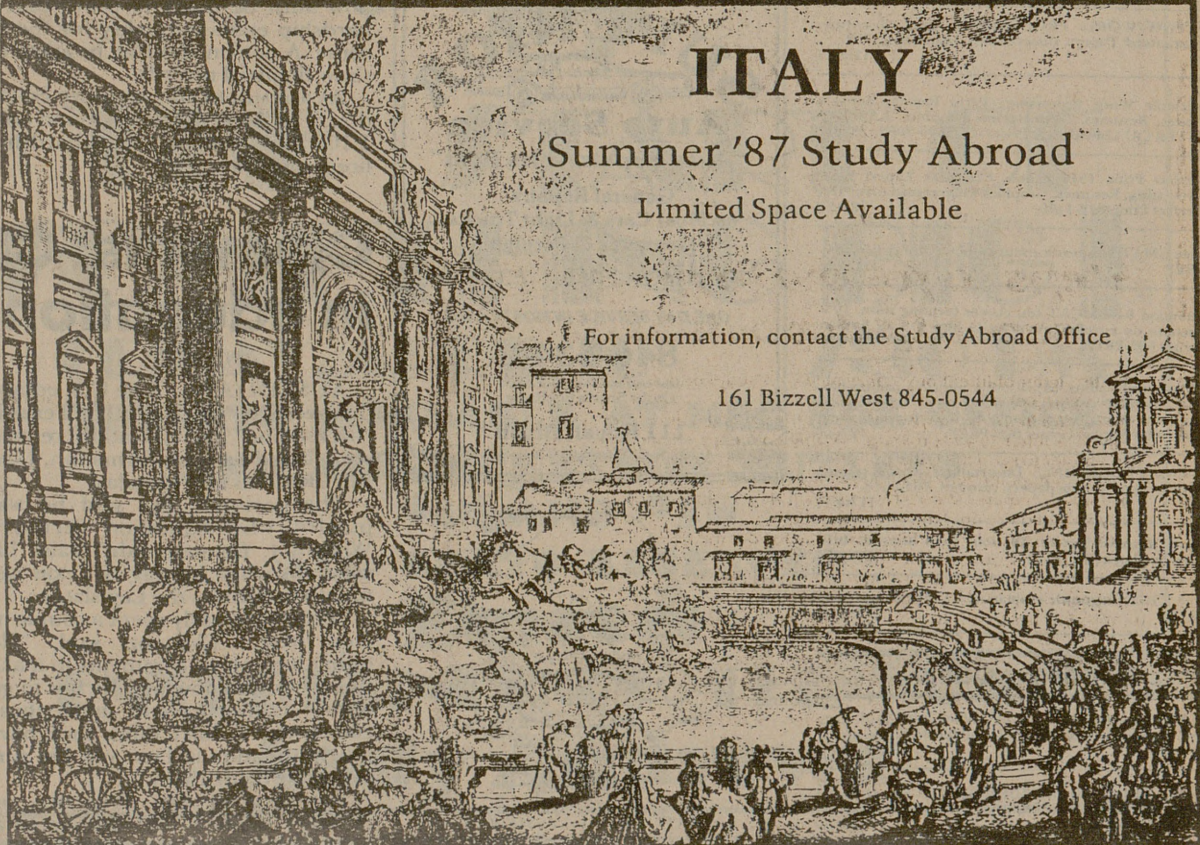
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