

House debates fate of super collider

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "bruising" battle over the future of one of the nation's most expensive and controversial science projects begins Tuesday, as a House panel debates the merits of the super collider.

Supporters and opponents of the \$8.25 billion project under construction in Texas are staking their traditional positions. Many say this year's fight could be crucial to the collider's continued existence.

"It didn't start out to be that way, to be honest with you," said Rep. George Brown, D-Calif., chairman of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee.

"I thought we could get away with another year without really having to face the inevitability of the situation here."

But budget constraints and a precarious economy could make this the make-or-break year, Brown and others said Monday.

Brown himself may sway the debate.

A strong supporter of the pro-

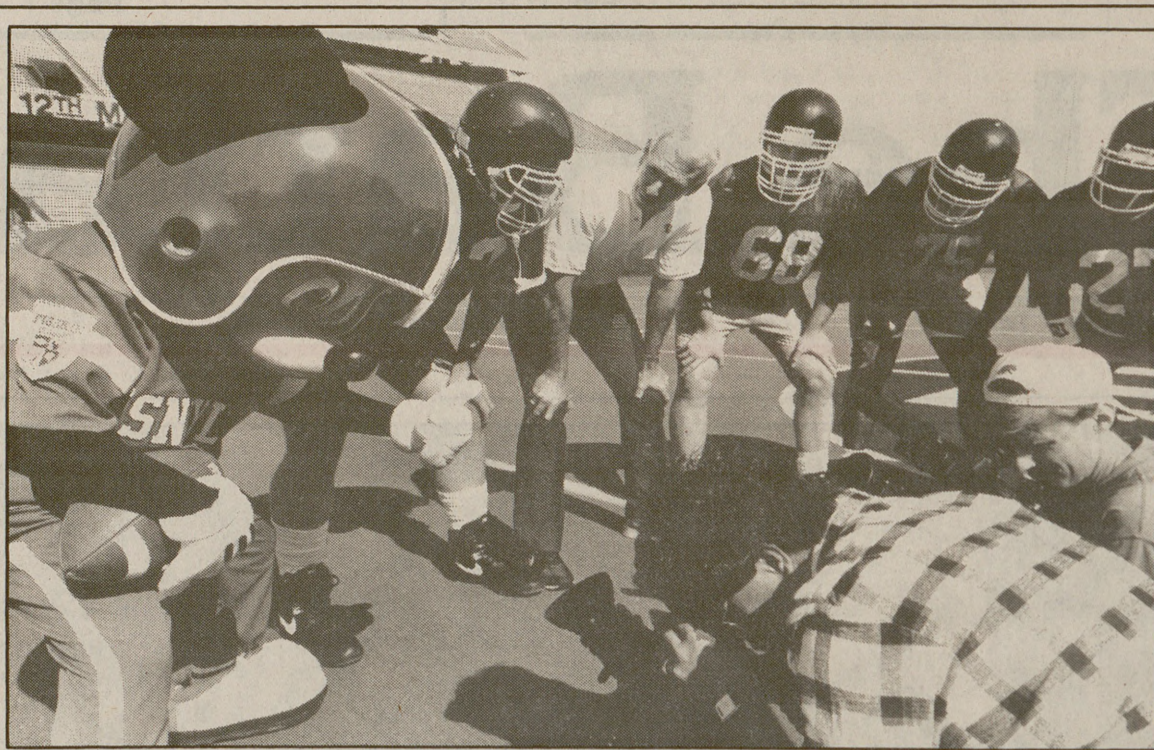
ject, Brown said his continued support is contingent on foreign contributions and the promise no other Energy Department programs will sacrifice funding to the collider.

Whether he revokes his support will depend on how the House Appropriations Committee allocates funds within the next month or two, Brown said.

While Brown evaluates his position, opponents already are predicting an erosion of House support for the high-energy physics project being built 35 miles south of Dallas.

"I think it's going to be more and more difficult for the administration and the president to justify this outrageous expenditure," said Rep. Jim Slattery, D-Kan.

Slattery, who last year introduced an amendment to kill federal collider funding, said he expects more members to oppose the project. In 1991, 165 House members voted to kill the project — 56 more than had opposed it the year before. It would take 218 votes to kill the project.



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Mickey's ready to play

Mickey Mouse drops by Kyle Field to mark the beginning of A&M's spring football practice.

A&M will be playing the Stanford Cardinals in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic III August 26.

State officials await court decision on future of radioactive dump site

EL PASO (AP) — Opponents of a low-level radioactive waste site say it could become a national dump if the Supreme Court overturns a federal law requiring states to handle their own waste.

But state officials building the dump say that is unlikely.

The Supreme Court heard arguments Monday on a New York challenge to the law which gives states until 1996 to build a disposal site for low-level radioactive waste. Texas has joined in the challenge, but only wants a provision of the law overturned.

"This a clever way of shifting responsibility" to the states, said Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in the hearing. She added that the method is politically attractive for Congress.

Texas is purchasing a 16,000-acre ranch in Hudspeth County for \$900,000 to build a waste site. Waste from nuclear power plants, hospitals and medical research institutions, universities and some

industry will be buried there.

Under the federal law, the state must have a site built by Jan. 1, 1993, when it will no longer have access to three existing low-level dump sites.

"I think it can work, I think it will work if we just get on with it and do it," said Rick Jacobi, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority general manager. "We need to provide for the disposal of low-level waste. It's a problem that's not going to go away. We have to do this whether there is a congressional scheme or not."

But opponents say that philosophy puts Texas at risk of ending up with everybody else's waste as well. Current Texas law dictates that only 20 percent of waste dumped at the site can be from out of state.

"If the federal law is overturned, the problem still exists, except that instead of 20 or 30 dumps there will be two or three and we could be one of them," said Bill Addington, organizer of Save Sierra Blanca.

CRIME STOPPERS

Police look for suspects in Fowler Hall fire

Around 2:40 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, at Fowler Hall on the northwest side of the Texas A&M University campus, someone intentionally set fire to two sets of trash containers in exterior passageways of the dorm.

Both sets of containers were fully engulfed when they were discovered by Fowler Hall residents and the alarms were set off. Students using fire extinguishers and the responding College Station Fire Department Units extinguished the fire quickly. Fire officials estimate that damages to the building exceed \$7,000.

Residents told detectives that they heard an unidentified female scream prior to their discovery of the fire and detectives believe that this female may have witnessed the suspect(s) setting the fire. While the persons who set the fire may have only

intended a prank, the resulting smoke and alarm created a dangerous panic situation that could have been disastrous.

This week the Texas A&M University Police Department and Crime Stoppers need your help to identify the person responsible for this arson. If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS. When you call, Crime Stoppers will assign you a special coded number that will protect your identity.

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In Advance

Party Caucus '92 takes place tonight

Party Caucus '92 will be held tonight in the MSC Flagroom at 6:30 p.m. This is your chance to get to know the 1992-93 senator candidates for southside, northside, off-campus and the individual colleges. Each candidate will speak, with a question-and-answer forum following. If you have any questions, call 847-5738.

Health Center offers advice on pregnancy testing

Editor's note: The Battalion will run a weekly column from the A.P. Beutel Health Center on tips for health care.

By Michelle E. Herren
Special to The Battalion

Several different types of home pregnancy tests are available on the market for purchase at any drug or grocery store. There is virtually no difference in the different brands except the price. Home pregnancy tests are gen-

erally over 99% accurate in laboratory testing. If you follow all of the directions properly, your results should be accurate. Certain drugs and rare medical conditions may give a false result; however, analgesics, antibiotics, and birth control pills should NOT affect the test results.

These tests work by detecting hCG (human chorionic gonadotropin), the pregnancy hormone, in the urine. Most tests can be performed on the first day of your missed period, however,

since the hormone becomes stronger as the early pregnancy progresses the test will be easier to read the longer you wait after your missed period.

It is important to read ALL the directions before you administer the test, and follow them EXACTLY. If you get a negative response, you are probably not pregnant, but if your period does not begin within a few days, you may want to take another test or consult your physician.

If your result is positive, you

should immediately consult a physician to confirm the results. A.P. Beutel Health Center offers pregnancy testing which should be performed no less than two weeks after the first missed period. Tests are done Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a cost of \$13.

Take-home pregnancy tests cost as much as, if not more than, the test at the Health Center. It is to the student's advantage financially to have the test at the Health Center.

This is especially true if the home-pregnancy test turns out positive. Since the results need to be verified, you would need to go to a doctor anyway.

If you have any questions about pregnancy testing or any other general health topic, call or stop by the Health Education Center, located in room 016 of the A.P. Beutel Health Center, or phone 845-1341.

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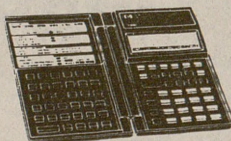
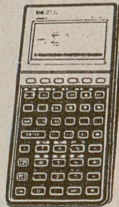
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