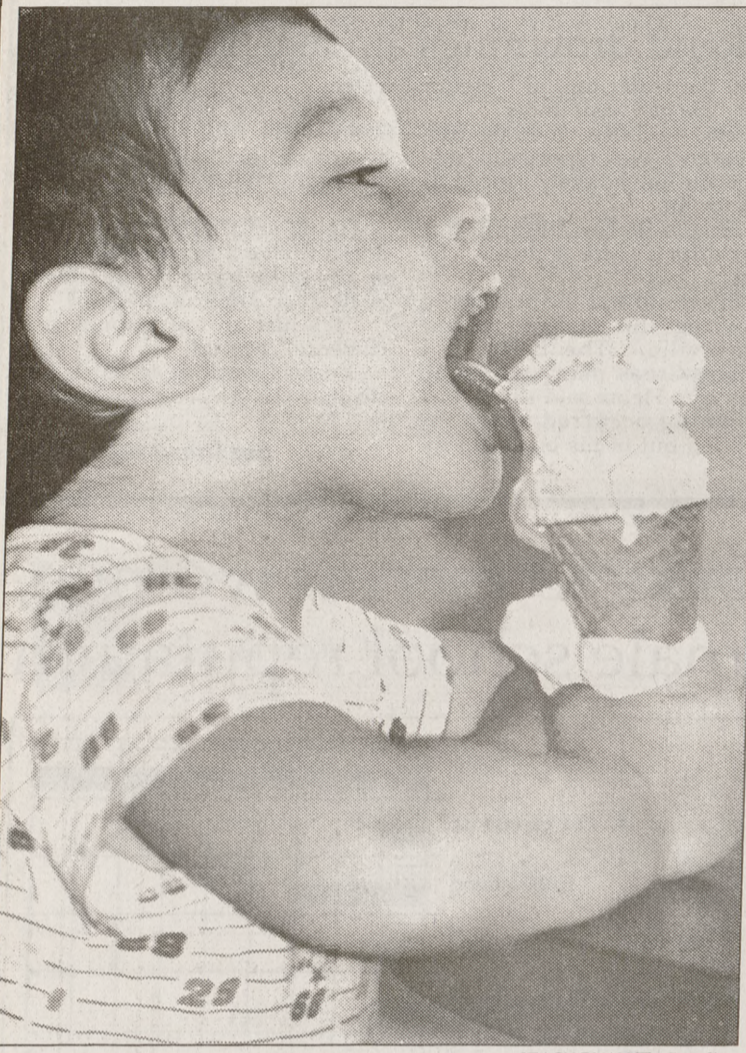


STATE & LOCAL

I got some ice cream...



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John Deisher, son of Chi Alpha Campus Director John Deisher, enjoys an ice cream cone at the Texas A&M Creamery. The Creamery is located in the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center and is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and after home football games.

Atom smasher collides with funding

Anti-collider coalition cries \$10 billion govt. waste

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Super collider foes and backers waged a war of words at back-to-back news conferences Tuesday, squaring off two days before House appropriators begin mulling over funding for the controversial atom smasher.

Members of a newly-formed coalition, Organizations Opposing the Super Collider, officially kicked off their campaign to kill the project now pegged at \$10 billion or more.

Wearing "Vote to Kill" badges, they said they expected to prevail again this year in the House and hoped for similar victory in the Senate.

"We think that the time has come to pull back the curtain on the SSC and strip away the pyrotechnic promises and propaganda," said Thomas Schatz, president of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, a leading OOPS member.

"When you do, you find a pork-barrel project of unparalleled dimensions, a wacky science project run amok, a black hole for greenbacks and a full employment program for university physicists."

Other OOPS members include the Friends of the Earth, National Taxpayers Union, Citizens for a Sound Economy and the Concord Coalition.

Both sides are fighting for the votes of the 110 freshman House members, many of whom

campaigns on the promise of cutting federal spending. "I think it's going to be awful hard for many of the new members ... this will be one of their first key votes on an appropriations bill," said Rep. Jim Slattery, D-Kan., who has sought for three years to kill the collider.

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Last year, the House passed a Slattery amendment to terminate the project on a 232-181 vote. The action was reversed in the Senate. This year, opponents hope to duplicate or better their votes in the House and prevail in the Senate, where Texan Lloyd Bentsen no longer sits.

"1993 is the year to deliver a very gracious coup de grace to this whole thing," said Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., who is leading Senate efforts to kill the giant particle accelerator.

Asked if he expects opponents to prevail in the House, another leading foe, Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., replied: "I'll bet you

mortgage money on it."

But supporters also expect to succeed. A House appropriations subcommittee meets Thursday to consider the Clinton administration's request for \$640 million next year for the collider, a 24 percent increase over the \$517 received this year. By October, \$1.5 billion in federal money will have been spent on the project.

Rep. Martin Frost, whose Dallas district includes part of the collider, said he expects the subcommittee to approve funding — but wouldn't speculate whether the full administration request will be granted.

At a news conference minutes after the OOPS session, supporters sought to shoot down the opponents' arguments. They repeatedly sought to make the case that collider funding isn't incompatible with attempts to rein in spending.

"We believe strongly that this is a national priority and a priority that could fit very comfortably within a balanced budget of \$1.2 trillion — and certainly a budget of \$1.5 trillion, which is what we're dealing with this year," said Rep. Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth.

"In these times of fiscal responsibility, we must make sure that we don't shortchange the future at the expense of the present," he added.

The backers also warned that cancellation of the collider would be a setback to the U.S. scientific community on a domestic and world stage.

"Without the SSC, fundamental physics in the U.S. is likely to stagnate in the future," British physicist and author Stephen Hawking wrote in a letter distributed by supporters.

HIV transmission still possible with condom

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — A medical researcher says studies indicate that condoms are less effective in preventing the transmission of the AIDS virus than they are in preventing pregnancy.

While research shows condoms are about 87 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, they were estimated to be about 69 percent effective in stopping the transmission of the AIDS virus, according to a study of heterosexual couples.

"Many people, even physicians, assume condoms prevent HIV transmission with the same degree of effectiveness," said Susan Weller, associate professor of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

"HIV transmission studies do not show that to be true," she said. Her report was published in the June issue of Social Science & Medicine.

"Condoms will not eliminate the risk of sexual transmission and, in fact, may only lower risk somewhat," Weller said.

While most agree condoms are not 100 percent effective, the report is the first to estimate actual degree of protection from HIV provided by condom usage.

Weller analyzed data from 11 studies in the United States and Europe of 593 uninfected heterosexual partners of people infected with HIV through tainted blood transfusions, needle use, bisexuality or other causes.

The studies showed whether the couples used condoms regularly, but did not take into account whether spermicide was used. Some studies have indicated use of a spermicide increases the effectiveness of condoms.

The more important factors were the clinical state of the infection; whether anal intercourse, which increases chance of infection, was involved; and whether there had been a history of other sexually transmitted diseases, she said.

"This is not what condom manufacturers test in their quality control," Weller said. "This is condoms actually performing with humans."

Condom manufacturing spokesmen in New York and Washington, D.C., declined to comment directly on the report but pointed to past research that shows condoms, especially latex ones, have been proven effective.

What's Up

Wednesday

Inkshed Press: is welcoming poets and non-poets alike to the summer's first poetry workshop. Meet at the Sullivan Ross Statue in front of the Academic building at 7:00 pm, and be ready for a delightful evening of verse.

Thursday

GLBA (Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Aggies, formerly GLSS): is having their first general meeting at 7:00 pm in Rudder 404. For more information call the Gayline at 847-0321.

What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Items for What's Up should be submitted no later than three days before the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not run in What's Up. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3316.

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department between May 31-June 3.

Criminal Trespass
Olsen Field- A subject was arrested for refusing to leave a secured area on the railroad tracks.

Criminal Mischief
Puryear Hall- A blunt object was used to break the window to the right of the Ramp Six door.

Texas A&M Riverside Campus- A 1985 Ford Station Wagon was found with a broken rear window.

Harassment
USDA Building- The victim has received several annoying calls from an individual she befriended at A&M.

Minor In Possession
George Bush Dr.- Two individuals were issued citations.

Burglary of Coin-Operated Machine
Memorial Student Center- A key is being used by someone to burglarize the Brazos News Service newspaper machines. Money is removed from the machine on an average of two times a week.

Misdemeanor Theft

Teague Building- Two acrylic "Radiation Area" signs were stolen from the doors of two basement rooms.

Bright Building- A 486/33 Computer Meg mini-tower was stolen from a second floor room.

Olsen Field- An individual was issued a citation for the theft of a NCAA baseball. The individual picked up the baseball from inside a fenced area that was being used by the baseball team.

Medical Science Building- Someone entered a first floor room and removed a green plastic box that contained a \$25 gift certificate and \$200 in cash.

Reed McDonald Building- A black and white spotted Huffy 10-speed mountain bike was stolen from the east side of the building.

Neeley Hall- A black 18-speed Murray bicycle was stolen.

Sterling C. Evans Library- A black leather trimmed backpack and contents left unattended overnight on the fifth floor was stolen.

Horticulture Building- An officer observed an individual remove a blue Schwinn bicycle from the bicycle rack. The suspect had a pair of bolt cutters in his possession.

If interested in volunteering at Brazos Valley Medical Center please attend the following session:

**BRAZOS VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER
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