

Collider future depends on House fish

New representatives to vote on \$10 billion atom smasher's fate Thursday

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WASHINGTON — The House's 113 freshmen hold the key to the super collider's future. Critics and supporters of the giant atom smasher agree they are entering the final days before Thursday's critical House vote neck-in-neck among lawmakers who have committed their vote.

The big question mark is how the freshmen, many of whom were swept into office on their promises of cutting government spending, will vote on a project now estimated at \$10 billion or more to build.

Opponents are turning up the pressure on newly-elected law-

makers, who constitute more than a fourth of the 435-member House. "We have suggested to them that this is one of the first big-ticket items that they can vote to cut," says Rep. Tim Penny of Minnesota, a leader of conservative Democrats.

Says Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., a collider critic: "We are giving them an opportunity to participate in change. People back home don't want sanctimonious sermons about balancing the budget by people who aren't willing to cut funding for low-priority projects."

But backers of the collider under construction in Texas have been knocking on freshmen's doors for months and say they are swaying many of them. The key

arguments in their arsenal: that the collider accounts for only a fraction of federal spending, its loss would cripple high-energy physics research and cost the U.S. standing in the world scientific community.

Supporters suggest that President Clinton's reaffirmation of support for the collider in a letter last week to Congress brings new momentum.

Gerald Staub, head of the National Association for the Superconducting Super Collider, predicts Clinton's words will be heard by the freshmen. "I think a lot of them were waiting to see what Clinton was going to do because the rumors were he might take a walk on it," he says.

Staub says Clinton's support goes beyond the letter, noting that White House lobbyists and the president's science adviser, John H. Gibbons, have been on Capitol Hill talking up the project.

The well-heeled lobbying effort deployed by industry, the scientific community and others with collider ties has also attracted Boehlert's attention.

They have mustered "more paid lobbyists per square inch on Capitol Hill than any other project has evidenced in the immediate past," he contends.

"We're going to win. We're going to kick butt," says Staub, one of the few on either side willing to predict Thursday's outcome.

Juneteenth

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One example he used was professional athletics. "Jesse Jackson has been fighting to get more black men into coaching positions," he said. "My thinking is there are enough black men in sports that are rich enough to buy their own team. If you don't own, don't complain."

White said Juneteenth is traditionally a Christian celebration because slaves, at the time, were only allowed to express themselves in a religious manner.

In celebration of Juneteenth, participants sang spiritual songs, prayed and read scriptures with various pastors from the area.

Some people see Juneteenth not only as a religious celebration, but also as a chance to celebrate their African heritage.

Leon Anderson Jr., leader of PAPER Y PADE', the Pan African Percussion Ensemble and Pan African Dance Ensemble from Austin, said many children find it hard to believe they are African.

"They think of themselves as just American," he said. "But I tell them elephants may be born at zoos but still be from Africa. This celebration is a way for them to keep their roots."

Kim Rucker, College Station resident and East Texas State University student, said Juneteenth is like the Fourth of July to black people.

But most importantly, Juneteenth brings a sense of black unity, Rucker said.

Nuclear plant employees charge safety violations

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HOUSTON — Four employees at the South Texas Nuclear Plant have testified that some security managers repeatedly ignored safety violations and spied on workers, according to a published report.

The Houston Chronicle, in a copyright story Sunday, reported that depositions also showed security managers ordered covert videotapes of workers erased.

The workers from the Matagorda County plant, operated by Houston Lighting & Power Co., also said Speakout, a confidential employee complaint program, has been used to identify whistle-blowers.

They said the telephones at the plant were rigged so conversations could be secretly monitored.

The newspaper said the sworn testimony was taken as part of a U.S. Department of La-

bor whistle-blower discrimination case filed against the company by two former security workers, David Lamb and James Dean.

The men contended they were fired last year because they raised safety concerns with Speakout and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The NRC referred the cases to the U.S. Department of Justice for possible criminal prosecution.

Following the cases, the agency was expected to announce this week whether South Texas would be placed on a problem plant list, which would subject it to additional federal scrutiny.

The newspaper said Gary Pomeroy, HL&P senior security coordinator, testified that security officers told him to erase more than 100 surveillance videotapes, some of which were secretly recorded and labeled with Lamb's name.

Pomeroy said he was told to erase the tapes so they could be reused.

Tanner Garth, a Houston attorney represent-

ing Lamb and Dean, said the tape erasures indicate to him that HL&P was destroying evidence.

The plant security director said the cameras and phone taps were designed to guard against employee wrongdoing. But some employees told the Chronicle in April that managers may have been seeking out "troublemakers."

The newspaper said Ramon Lala, an HL&P foreman, testified that David Sheesley, who replaced Lamb as an HL&P security supervisor, improperly canceled nearly 200 of 300 backlogged repair requests for security equipment.

"It's not normal; it's never been done," Lala testified.

Lala said he is still being harassed by his managers for raising concerns about the security system.

Some plant workers criticized Speakout's supposed anonymity.

"A lot of times, confidentiality just flat isn't maintained," testified William Smith, an HL&P training instructor.

Diversity

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experience it for ourselves."

Present and future students as well as graduates of A&M would benefit from the requirement, she said, and called it "a chance to go out and show society what we've learned."

Student Body President Brian Walker said he would have liked for the council to postpone the decision until fall, allowing more time for student input.

"I wish the opinion of the students could have been obtained," he said. "I can't speak for the students without their input."

Jody Withers, executive vice chairman of the College Republicans of Texas, also criticized the timing of the council's decision.

"It was conducted under the shadow of secrecy," he said.

Withers mentioned the motion before the Faculty Senate for similar University-wide requirement, saying he wonders "we're going to have a conflict of dueling multicultural requirements."

Bicycle

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classes and has been funded by the state to put together a new program.

"As a part of our research, we have staked out areas on campus that are very busy and we have observed the actions of cyclists, motorists and pedestrians," he said. "I don't believe people understand the importance of safety, just from the way bikers get out in the middle of the road and some pedestrians walk out into an intersection reading a newspaper."

Campbell said they hope to distribute booklets with safety tips on them and use radio public service announcements to promote their message.

"Our goal is to try to get people thinking about bike safety and things they can do to protect themselves," he said.

Officer Darrell Luedke of the College Station Police Department said there are many steps an individual can take to protect themselves while riding a bicycle.

"Your parents may have told

you differently, but you are supposed to ride with traffic, and close to the curb as possible," he said. "Obey all traffic laws, signs and signals. Use hand signals and be observant of your surroundings."

Campbell said although most people are reluctant to wear safety gear, it is an important part of bicycle safety.

"Wear a helmet," he said. "Sure helmets don't look the good, but it comes down to your looks or your safety. The worst accidents could be prevented with the use of helmets."

Campbell said cyclists can also avoid potentially hazardous routes to decrease their chances of having an accident.

"Regardless of how careful you are, you should try to take back roads instead of major streets and intersections," Campbell said. "Texas Avenue forbids bicycles and that is probably a good idea."

Students need to take responsibility for their own safety, he said.

"You only have one life," Campbell said. "You can be sensible and stick around a while or you can go out and be reckless and lose it fast."

Smoke cessation clinic offered with new campus order

The Human Resources Department is offering a smoking cessation clinic in connection with the new smoke-free campus order.

The clinic will begin on July 6 and will consist of seven sessions. Limited space is available for anyone interested.

Contact Bonnie Corbett, program coordinator, for more information.

Industrial institute honors Dr. Wysk with Baker award

The Institute of Industrial Engineers is honoring Texas A&M Engineer Dr. Richard A. Wysk with the David F. Baker Distinguished Research Award.

Wysk, director of the Institute for Manufacturing Systems in the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, was presented the award at the institute's international conference in Los Angeles last month.

The award recognizes individuals who contribute significantly

to the advancement and growth of the industrial engineering profession through research.

A&M names Iowa professor head of anatomy dept.

Texas A&M University's College of Medicine has named Dr. James R. West, a professor of anatomy at The University of Iowa, head of the department of human anatomy and medical neurobiology.

West is an expert in brain-related birth defects. His current research includes studies of the effects of alcohol and cocaine on brain development.

West will assume his new position Aug. 1.

TEES asst. director accepts position of asst. vice chancellor

Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) assistant director

Campus News Briefs

Catherine M. Reiley has accepted a new position of assistant vice chancellor for engineering for the Texas A&M University System.

Reiley will coordinate planning within the Engineering Program of the Texas A&M University System as well as lead strategic planning for the College of Engineering and TEES.

Reiley is a 1977 graduate of Texas A&M and also received a masters in political science from the University in 1979.

A&M announces 1993-94 Fulbright Scholar recipients

Seven Texas A&M professors have been named 1993-94 Fulbright Scholars and will soon receive grants to study, teach and conduct research at different locations around the world.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and people of other countries.

The A&M recipients are:

- Dr. Arnold Kramer, professor of history

- Dr. Paul Fryxell, USDA/ARS botanist for the department of soil and crop sciences
- Dr. Philip Berke, associate professor of urban and regional planning
- Dr. Lee Cronk, assistant professor of anthropology
- Dr. John Shaddock, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine
- Dr. William Stewart, assistant professor of recreation, park and tourism sciences
- Dr. Larry Yarak, associate professor of history

Anthropology program one of 10 most improved

Texas A&M's Department of Anthropology was named as one of the 10 most improved programs in the country, according to the Society for American Archaeology.

The archeology department was established in 1981 and now offers undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Southern Methodist University was the only other university in Texas mentioned for its improvement.

Correction


An article about breast cancer that appeared in the June 8 issue of The Battalion incorrectly reported that women are not considered to be a high risk group for breast cancer until they reach their late 20's and early 30's. In fact, women are not considered high risk for breast cancer at any age without other associated risk factors. The Battalion regrets the error.

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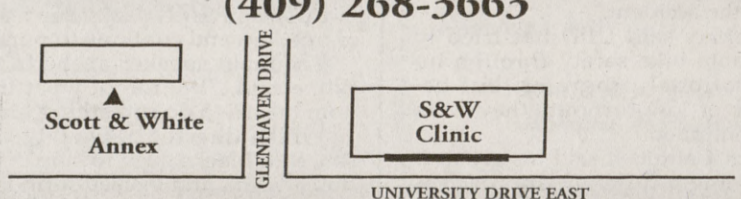
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