

# Politics affected super collider site choice, experts say

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The decision last week to award the superconducting super collider to Texas was a political one, scientists in North Carolina say.

Texas was probably chosen for the super collider site because it had better facilities than the other six contending states, but there also seemed to be a political motive, said

Paul Frampton, UNC physics professor and Gov. Jim Martin's appointed director of the project in 1987.

In a report issued by Energy Department Secretary John Herrington, the Texas site received ratings of "outstanding," while North Carolina's chosen locale was given only "good" ratings.

The report also stated N.C. uni-

versities did not fully support the project, but Frampton said the statement was clearly untrue. He said Duke, UNC, N.C. State and other universities have offered strong, unanimous backing for the collider, a 53-mile underground tunnel used to smash proton beams into each other.

"There was fantastic university support," said Earl MacCormac,

Martin's science adviser. "The description of North Carolina is inadequate, inaccurate and just not correct."

He suggested that the report was written only to justify the decision to give the super collider to Texas, not to determine where it should be located.

Both scientists expressed disappointment at the state's loss in the

contest for the instrument.

"It's not clear to me why they (Texans) deserve to get this \$5 billion project," Frampton said. "One can't help suspecting some kind of political slant."

Texas has a large congressional delegation and has always been an influential state, MacCormac said in a telephone interview.

"They are the most powerful political state in the U.S. bar none," he said. "No one comes close to them."

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has expressed his intention to ensure that necessary funding to build the super collider is provided — another possible reason for the state's selection, Frampton said.

Liston Ramsey, speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives, said it was not a coincidence that the announcement came just a few hours after the election of Texan George Bush as president.

Officials from other states in the

running for the collider, including Arizona and Illinois, have said they want the decision reconsidered. Investigations are underway to determine whether the selection process was fair, MacCormac said.

Whether North Carolina campaigned strongly enough for the collider is debatable, Frampton said. Martin may not have assigned the most qualified people to lobby for it.

"Whatever Jim Martin had done, I don't think our probability of winning the choice could have been more than 50-50," he said.

MacCormac said North Carolina spent only \$1.94 million campaigning for the collider while Texas spent \$5 to \$10 million.

"I think we just spent \$2 million down the drain," Ramsey said. "What we spent was wasted."

Although Frampton said he regretted the decision and hoped it would be reviewed, the project's construction should be encouraged. "One might as well unify and support Texas," he said.

## Program may relocate discussion sections

By SARAH CAGLE  
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The Great Decisions program will encourage its members to hold weekly discussion sections in residence halls and fraternity and sorority houses beginning next semester, said Richard Ulin, faculty adviser for the program.

"People learn more in an informal environment than in a formal classroom environment," Ulin said.

The Great Decisions Program at UNC is part of a 25-year-old nationwide program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. Each year, the non-partisan organization publishes a guidebook containing articles on eight foreign policy issues

facing the United States.

The UNC program, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, is a class worth one hour of pass-fail credit, Ulin said. It consists of eight lectures from experts on the specified eight issues and eight discussion section meetings, he said.

The lectures are open to the public, but the discussion sections are generally attended only by students registered for the course, said Adam Lefstein, chairman of the Great Decisions coordinating committee.

The discussion sections are led by students, usually political science or international studies majors who are at least juniors. During the discussion, students talk about the lecture

and related articles in the course guidebook, Ulin said.

Benjie Popkin, a discussion leader and member of Chi Psi fraternity, supports moving the discussions to residence areas and said there are tentative plans to have a discussion in his fraternity's house.

"It would be more conducive to a free-flowing discussion," Popkin said. "We could have a lot more intense discussions more quickly."

Mark Unferth, also a discussion leader and a Chi Psi member, said Chi Psi may have enough members taking the class to fill a discussion section.

"We'll have to wait for preregistration to come back, but it's some-

thing we're pursuing," he said.

Other students said they liked the idea of moving the discussion sections away from the classroom.

"I think it is a good idea because anytime you feel more comfortable and at home you are likely to be more productive," said Margherita Soule, president of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Cameron Tew, president of Carmichael Residence Hall, said he would support any Carmichael residents' decision to have their Great Decisions discussions in the residence hall as well.

"Anything that would allow an informal atmosphere is a great idea," he said.

## UNC to honor Fridays with center dedication

By DANA CLINTON LUMSDEN  
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UNC will honor president emeritus William Friday and his wife, Ida, by naming UNC's new continuing education center for them.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education will be Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. at the building site east of the main campus near Finley Forest Drive. Chancellor Paul Hardin and Robert Eubanks, chairman of the UNC Board of Trustees, will speak at the event.

Construction on the 90,000-square-foot, \$13.9 million center should be completed by early 1991.

William Graves, math professor and special assistant to the provost, said the General Assembly allocated

funds for the center.

The center will provide meeting rooms, related support areas and offices to meet the campus' need for continuing education facilities, said Graves, who chaired the committee that worked with the architects, Dehlinger and Lee Inc.

"We wanted it to be a state-of-the-technology kind of thing," Graves said. "One of the best in the country, something the University can be proud of."

The building will serve a different purpose than other campus buildings that house continuing education centers, such as the Kenan Center, by providing space for many different kinds of functions, Graves said.

"This building serves quite a different function," he said. "The

University has never had a place where professional schools and interdisciplinary societies, such as the American Chemical Society, could meet."

Hardin said he was grateful for the contributions of the Fridays, and the center should serve as a focal point in the University's continuing education program.

"William and Ida Friday have been wise patrons of this campus, and we will be forever in their debt," Hardin said.

William Friday was president of the UNC system for 30 years and is now serving as president of the Kenan Fund, executive director of the Kenan Trust and a University professor in the Division of Academic Affairs.

He also headed the National Task

Force on Education for presidents Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter in 1966 and 1976. In 1986, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education ranked him as the best public university president in the nation.

Ida Friday, a former instructor and workshop director in UNC's School of Public Health, is chairwoman of the housing committee of the Orange County Women's Center and has been a board member of numerous local organizations and civic groups as well.

Friday expressed gratitude and surprise at the new recognition. "My wife and I are deeply grateful that the University would do this," he said. "It really is a recognition of the work of hundreds of people."

## Duke Power Co. cuts work force

By JASON BATES  
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Duke Power Co. will lay off about 1,200 employees in North and South Carolina, including some in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, officials announced last week.

Mary Boyd, director of media services at the Duke Power headquarters in Charlotte, said the layoffs were needed to meet the challenge of other competitors in the area and to keep rates stable for Duke Power customers through the early 1990s.

About 350 employees in the Charlotte area would be affected, Boyd said, and an additional 500 more will be laid off throughout North Carolina.

Dave Maner, district manager for the Chapel Hill area, said

several positions would be affected, but he did not know any specifics.

Duke Power is providing assistance to the workers, Boyd said.

Programs to help those laid off include resume writing, interviewing skills and financial management.

The employees who have been laid off will also receive full pay and benefits through January and severance pay based on length of service, Boyd said.

Duke Power is also planning a major job fair, Boyd said, because other companies have contacted them about their employees. Duke Power employees are highly trained and skilled workers for other companies to hire, she said.

## Guerrillas attack Colombian mining town

From Associated Press reports

SEGOVIA, Colombia — Army troops and police disappeared from the streets of this northern gold mining town shortly before gunmen entered and in 45 minutes killed 37 people, a mayor said Sunday.

Another 35 people were wounded in the machine-gun and hand-grenade attack Friday, Mayor Rita Ivon told The Associated Press.

Ivon, of the leftist Patriotic Union Party, said the gunmen crisscrossed through the town of 16,000 several times during the massacre. Segovia

is in the Andes Mountains 180 miles north of Bogota.

The Patriotic Union Party has long claimed that government security forces operate right-wing death squads. Colombia's Human Rights Commission has said the death squads have killed 600 members of the party in the last three years.

On Saturday, army Gen. Raul Rojas Cubillos blamed leftist guerrillas for the Segovia massacre.

The guerrillas have been fighting for 25 years to overthrow Colombia's government and establish a Marxist

state.

During a funeral service Sunday for the victims in the town square, pallbearers dropped one of the coffins and it caused a noise that sounded like a gunshot. Believing the killers were returning, many mourners fled and several were injured in the panic.

At an army base a half-mile from Segovia where 600 troops are based, guards told the AP that no officers were available to be interviewed about the massacre. Guards at the town's police station, where 20 officers normally are stationed, gave

the same response.

Until Friday, army troops had been patrolling Segovia around the clock, Ivon said. She said the soldiers had been there since a nationwide one-day strike Oct. 24.

All of the troops and policemen had vanished from the town's streets by the time the gunmen arrived at 7 p.m., she said.

Ivon said the attackers began tossing grenades and firing bursts of submachine gunfire into windows and doors of houses. A hand grenade lobbed into a bar killed eight patrons.

## 24-hour study

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but no one ever took action on it, Rierson said. "It's not a unique idea," she said. But she said she felt the study area was an idea whose time had come.

Expenses like electricity and heating would not figure in the creation of a study area, since campus buildings are heated constantly and lighted for security at night, she said.

Rierson said she thought the area would eventually be established, and she hoped administrators would implement the two-week trial period to find how many students use the area.

"If people didn't use it, we don't want to keep it up," she said. "Our survey demonstrates that people will use it."

Organizers are also unsure what resources to provide in the proposed area, Rierson said. If the study area is approved, it would include space for study, desks and chairs. Computers could be added with greater use of the area, Rierson said.

A 24-hour study area in the Union could be a future possibility, Boulton said. "We need a place in the Union that will be open 24 hours a day and has computer access," Boulton said.



### A104 Physical Education

My first time tutoring was a night to remember. My student was something called Bone Crusher Reed, a.k.a. Billy Jo, defensive tackle for the football team.

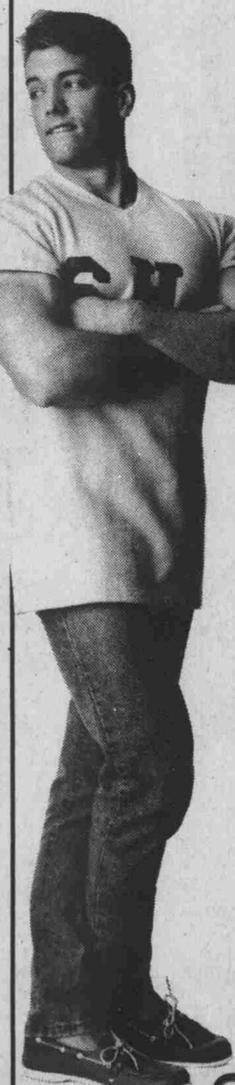
I had the shock of my life when he answered his dorm room door. He was about six foot seven...in diameter. And when he shook my hand, I thought I'd never get it back.

So there I was, face-to-knee with the big man on campus, wondering how I was going to relate American Literature to The Hulk.

But then he pulled out a can of Orange Cappuccino. I was shocked! Could it be that this tough jock liked its delicate taste? And when Bone Crusher brought out the bone china, I was beyond belief.

Reading the expression on my face, he said, "What can I say? I like it. The Café Français is pretty good, too." Well, who's going to argue, I thought. As we sipped our Orange Cappuccino, I discovered that Billy Jo loves reading novels; his only problem was poetry. So I gave him tips on reading Emily Dickinson, and he gave me a copy of Ann Beattie's "Falling in Place."

All I could think was, Dad's never going to believe this!





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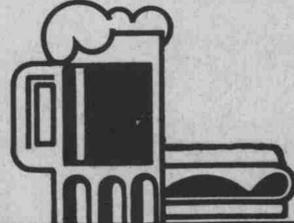
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