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### UH AT CLEAR LAKE CITY GROUNDBREAKING MAY 1

Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe and Lt. Gov. William Hobby will head a list of top state officials who will take part May 1 in ground-breaking ceremonies for the University of Houston at Clear Lake City.

Gov. Briscoe and Lt. Gov. Hobby will be the guest speakers for the groundbreaking scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. UH President Philip G. Hoffman will preside over the ceremonies.

Mark W. White Jr., secretary of state; A. J. Farfel, chairman of the UH Board of Regents; and Alfred R. Neumann, chancellor of UH/CLC will deliver remarks at the groundbreaking. Also present will be a number of state senators and representatives.

The ceremonies mark beginning of construction of Phase I of UH/CLC, a single three-story "megastructure" measuring 360-feet by 360-feet. This phase of campus construction, which includes roads, landscaping, lighting and other area improvements, has been funded by \$25 million in state monies.

Phase II of the campus, which is estimated to cost another \$15 million, will increase the useable under-roof area to 520,000 feet and enlarge the megastructure to 520 feet by 320 feet.

The central structure, built of steel and glass, will house offices, classrooms, laboratories, library, theater and student services facilities under one roof.

Classes are scheduled to begin in temporary quarters in the fall semester of 1974, with an expected enrollment of 1,120 students.

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The groundbreaking for UH/CLC campus represents the culmination of over six years of current history in Texas higher education.

In 1968, the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, called for the creation of a new institution to be administered by the Board of Regents of the University of Houston. The new institution was to offer upper-level and graduate curricula to commuting students within the Houston metropolitan area.

Rep. Bill T. Swanson introduced House Bill 199 in the 62nd session of the Texas Legislature calling for the creation of UH/CLC. Sen. Chet Brooks carried the bill through the Senate, and HB 199 became law in 1971.

Construction of the campus is being financed with the proceeds of tuition bonds, authorized by Senate Bill 2, introduced in the 63rd session of the Texas Legislature by Sen. A. R. (Babe) Schwartz. The bill was carried through the House by the late Rep. Hawkins Menefee and became law in 1973.

The enabling legislation also created an advisory council composed of the presidents, or their designated representatives, of the public community colleges in the surrounding eight counties.

The council first met in 1972, following the appointment of UH/CLC Chancellor Neumann, and has contributed materially to the academic planning that has taken place in the past year and a half.

Members of the UH/CLC advisory council are President M. M. Plexco of Galveston Community College, chairman; President Thomas V. Jenkins, Alvin Junior College; President J. R. Jackson, Brazosport College; President Fred Taylor, College of the Mainland; President J. Don Boney, Houston Community College; President Joseph Sturgeon, Lee College;

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Dean Thomas Sewell, San Jacinto College; and President W. W. Thorne, North Harris County Junior College.

The groundbreaking ceremonies will take place on part of the 487-acre tract donated to the University of Houston by Friendswood Development Corporation. The land is located between Armand Bayou Preservation Project and the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center.