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Officials pursue \$2 billion in foreign aid for super collider

By Melody Dunne
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Foreign funding, especially from the Japanese, could raise almost \$2 billion for the \$8.2 billion project known as the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC), a congressional aide said.

Craig Murphy, spokesman for Congressman Joe Barton, said President Bush introduced the subject of funding the SSC to the Japanese on his recent visit there.

President Bush and Japanese Prime

Minister Kijichi Miyaza agreed to establish a working group to set the parameters for Japanese involvement.

Murphy said Texas has proposed to spend approximately \$1 billion on the project, and the federal government will probably spend around \$5 billion, but maybe more. The remaining \$2 billion could come from countries like Japan, who could pledge anywhere from \$500 million to \$1.8 billion, he said. Korea and Taiwan indicated that they might help with funding once the Japanese commit. India is also a major prospect for SSC aid.

The center of all this activity is located in Waxahachie, 30 miles south of Dallas. The expected completion date for the SSC is sometime in 1999.

Waxahachie was the choice area for this project because the land and rock formations are extremely stable. Dub Maines, legislative assistant to Congressman Barton, said the SSC's area is about the size of the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. "The key to choosing this area was its stability," Maines said.

Many people wonder what the SSC will do for the scientific community. One

collider supporter said in "D" Magazine that the SSC "may hold the key to the resolution of problems man has wrestled with for millennia — 'What are the fundamental constituents of matter, the basic building blocks of the universe we inhabit, and how do they behave?'"

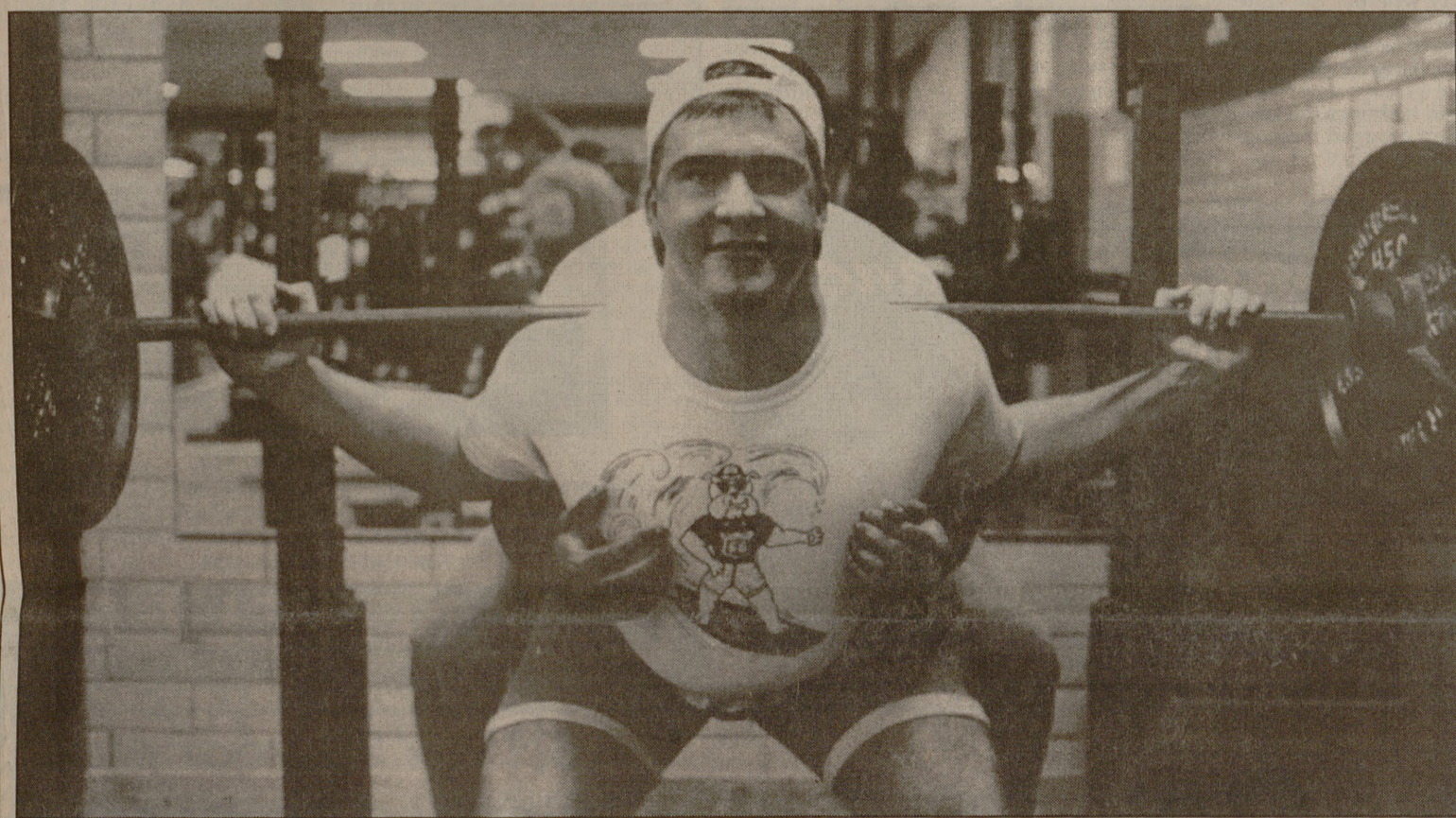
Jennifer Hartman, a senior political science major who interned for Barton last summer, said people who don't agree with the SSC think too much money is going into one project.

"They think all the eggs are going in one basket. But I think this is a worth-

while project because the results would be a leap in progress for the scientific community," she said.

Murphy said there have been several technology spinoffs from the project, because materials needed to complete the SSC have been innovative themselves.

One such spinoff, he said, was a plastic developed for the SSC that can now be used in the medical field. This plastic is different from others used before in the past, because it can be sterilized. Other plastics used in medicine were always thrown away after their use.



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1-2-3 . . . lift!

Matt Ivy, a sophomore pre-medical major and member of the A&M powerlifting team, works out in the Read weight room

Tuesday night. Ivy is assisted by a spotter while doing squats. The weight room is open daily to all students.

Abortion showdown approaches

Supreme Court's decision to review case magnifies issue for election year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court set the stage Tuesday for an important election-year ruling on abortion but left open the question of whether it will broadly reconsider its 1973 abortion-legalizing decision.

The court said it will review a restrictive Pennsylvania law that has been substantially upheld by a federal appeals court.

Activists on both sides of the abortion debate said they expect the court to use the Pennsylvania case to undermine its landmark Roe vs. Wade ruling. They said the decision likely will make abortions far more difficult to obtain even if states are not allowed to outlaw

virtually all abortions.

"Roe is dying before our eyes, and all I can say is good riddance," said Randall Terry of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

"The days of safe legal abortion are now numbered," predicted Kate Michelman of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Susan Low Bloch, a Georgetown University law professor, said she doubted whether the court would use the case to reverse Roe vs. Wade because "the case doesn't require it."

"There are cases from Guam,

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Class times

Beginning today, all regularly scheduled lectures will have a 20-minute break between classes. The following is a list of the new times for non-laboratory classes:

MWF: 8 to 8:50 a.m. 9:10 to 10:00 a.m. 10:20 to 11:10 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. 12:40 to 1:30 p.m. 1:50 to 2:40 p.m. 3 to 3:50 p.m.	5:45 to 7 p.m. 7:20 to 8:35 p.m.
MW: 4:10 to 5:25 p.m.	TTH: 8 to 9:15 a.m. 9:35 to 10:50 a.m. 11:10 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. 12:45 to 2 p.m. 2:20 to 3:35 p.m. 3:55 to 5:10 p.m. 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Council demands release of suspects

Libya faces economic sanctions if U.N. resolution ignored

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council on Tuesday unanimously adopted an anti-terrorism resolution calling on Libya to hand over suspects charged with blowing up Pan Am Flight 103 and a French airliner.

The vote came after Libya told the 15-nation Security Council the British and U.S. indictments against the men were baseless, and the matter should be submitted to international arbitration.

It was believed to be the first time the Security Council has taken sides in a legal dispute

among member states. Although the resolution did not use the word "extradition," that was clearly its intent.

The United States and Britain — sponsors of the resolution with France, which seeks four Libyans in another airline bombing — have said that if Libya defies the Security Council resolution, it will consider imposing economic sanctions within two weeks.

Possible sanctions could include denying landing rights to the Libyan airline and prohibiting sales of aircraft and parts to the airline,

diplomats said.

The resolution approved Tuesday condemns the 1988 bombing of Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people, and the 1989 bombing of a French airliner over North Africa in which 170 people died.

The resolution cites U.S., British and French requests that Libyan suspects be turned over for trial, and "urges the Libyan government immediately to provide a full and effective re-

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Cultural Awareness

Conference focuses on minority leadership

By Julie Polston
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The fourth annual Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference (SBSLC) will take place at Texas A&M January 23-26 in the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Tower, and will stress the importance of cultural awareness in today's society through workshops and other scheduled events.

Featured speakers include Pulitzer Prize winning poet Nikki Giovanni; president and chief-executive-officer of Dynamics of Leadership, Charles Barron; and the Hon. Walter E. Fauntroy, chairman of the board of directors for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

This year's theme is "Armoring for the Age of Ascension." Marcus Stevenson, chair of the conference, said people must take action by educating themselves, becoming more active religiously and putting their families first. People

will then be able to deal more easily with the current problems they face, as well as find solutions to these difficulties, he said.

The overall focus of the conference is leadership, Stevenson said. Attendees will learn how to use the proper skills and resources — such as networking — necessary to obtain one's goals.

"The purpose of the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference is to positively influence the lives of black collegians by enriching them academically, politically, and culturally through workshops, dynamic speakers, and thought-provoking entertainment," said Lisa Young, student director of public relations for SBSLC.

Conference registration is closed; however, several conference events will be open to the public. The Dallas Black Dance Theatre will perform Thursday evening, and there will be a Career Fair all day Friday. Stevenson

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Residents evaluate cable TV

By Jayme Blaschke
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Dozens of Bryan and College Station residents turned out Tuesday night to voice their opinions on local cable television service at a special joint meeting of the two cities' city councils. The joint meeting, called to generate input as the cities consider renewing the TCA Cable franchise, garnered dozens of suggestions, complaints and compliments.

Lee Freeman, assistant chief of the Bryan police department, brought up the most common suggestion of the night, that of an emergency warning system capable of reaching every subscriber's home through the cable system.



DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

Don Rice, (left) of Bryan, airs grievances Tuesday against TCA Cable to Randy Rodgers, manager (center) at a public forum held at the Brazos Center and attended by the B- CS city councils.

"If there's a (hazardous) train wreck somewhere in the city, or inclement weather like we're having today, people should have the ability to turn on the T.V. and find out whether there's any danger without having to change channels to find out," Freeman said.

Bryan resident Don Gillman agreed with the idea of a warn-

ing system, and said it was an idea whose time has come.

"This system needs a civil defense application that cuts across all channels," Gillman said. "Public safety should be a major concern, and the cable system is capable of covering that area."

The content of cable programming concerned Bryan resident David Panak, who called on TCA

to maintain high moral standards on the channels offered.

"I would like to encourage TCA to take a stand against pornography and violence in media, and remove all of the programming degrading to women and children," Panak said. "Studies have shown pornogra-

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