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Out of the dark

Members of an Engineering Technology 370 class listen closely to their professor as they tour the University Utilities plant Thursday afternoon. They were touring the plant to learn more about thermodynamics.

House wants promises met before funding continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing an "ever-lengthening string of broken promises" by the Energy Department, a group of congressmen is urging the House Appropriations Committee to put the brakes on spending for the \$8.25 billion super collider.

In a letter to the chairman of the appropriations subcommittee on energy and water development, 44 House members suggest Congress withhold further spending on the collider until DOE lines up foreign contributors and "delivers on its promises to limit the project's total federal costs."

President Bush is seeking \$534 million for the collider in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. Administration officials have warned that a failure to set aside those funds could cause costly delays

and threaten foreign contributions to the project, being built in Ellis County.

In their letter to Rep. Tom Bevill, D-Ala., the congressmen complain that while the DOE continues to assert that foreign contributions will cover a significant portion of the costs of the SSC, "virtually no foreign contributions have been forthcoming."

The congressmen also complain that while the House voted to cap federal spending on the collider at \$5 billion, the Energy Department has re-estimated the cost to the federal government at \$5.649 billion. Because the Senate never approved the legislation setting the \$5 billion cap, it did not become law.

Koldus receives prestigious award

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tries to meet as many people as he can.

"I like to be able to service and to help people," he said. "Whether it is a student, a staff member or parent."

Koldus belongs to many pro-

fessional organizations and has received many other awards for his service to A&M and the community.

His other honors include the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Association of College and University Student

Personnel Administrators, Association of Former Students' Distinguished Achievement Award for Student Relations, Fred Turner Distinguished Service Award for outstanding administrative service to students and the Buck Weirus Spirit Award.

Condom use down for students

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universities to distribute condoms to students.

"Anyone who is saying that the bill promotes promiscuity is a fool," she said.

In response to criticism against the bill, she said it is ridiculous to believe if the University hands out condoms that it coerces students to have sex.

Herren supported the purpose of the bill, but added that \$3.3

million was too much when college classes are being cut because of lack of state funding.

Since the Health Education Center was founded one year ago, the AIDS council, an A&M Student Services organization, has increased awareness about STDs to students, Herren said.

"Over the last year we have had so much contact with students," she said.

The center recently began a

peer educator program with about 25 students.

"These students will increase awareness on campus, because people are generally tired of hearing about STD," Herren said.

Although the center promotes safe sex, it promotes abstinence as the best choice to protect themselves against STDs and pregnancy.

ISA elects U.S. citizen as president

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"We wanted to become involved in our world and the international community at A&M," she said. "Most of us had already known international students, and we were already members of ISA. So we just formed our own organization."

Bolick said some activities of the United Student Association include volunteering in ISS, helping during orientation of international students and acting as English-As-A-Second Language partners for international students taking classes at the English Language Institute.

Bolick also is a student worker in the Office of Assistant Provost for International Programs, where she has been employed for more than a year.

Besides helping with any daily activities in the office, Bolick also

works with an international housing apartment program for visiting scholars and professors and helps coordinate any conferences or special projects.

In addition to her job and her involvement in ISA, Bolick is a member of the international honor society, Phi Beta Delta.

"My entire focus is international," she said. "By working in an international office, by being a U.S. student and citizen participating in international events and by volunteering in ISA, I have tried to get involved in every aspect of international student life."

Bolick said her involvement in these different areas also gives her a view of what she wants to do after graduation.

She said some options she is considering include joining the Peace Corps, teaching English in

another country or working at the Consular Corps in Houston — which acts as a liaison for international students or Americans going abroad.

Bolick said she does not foresee any problems with being the first president of ISA who is a U.S. student.

"Everyone has been open and excited about this new angle given to the ISA," she said. "This is a new option we are going to try and build on to open the doors for U.S. students."

Other executive officers elected Wednesday were: Ranjan Natarajan of India, vice president of programs; Martin Ayim of Cameroon, vice president of public relations; Irene Prasetya of Indonesia, vice president of finance; and Juani Flores of Mexico, corresponding secretary.

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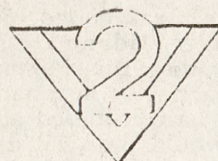
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