ric defending the SSC. If the AAU has drawn up such a list and compared it to the benefits of committing the same $1 billion per year to, say, 100 new university-government-industry centers, paying full overhead, revitalizing science education from first grade to graduate school, and so forth, it has surely kept it secret. If not, such rhetorical claims mislead both the public and the engineering and science community on the most important policy issue of our time—"science *or* engineering." The Department of Defense recently received some 900 proposals for a total of $7 billion in its University Research Initiative program. And by some unbelievable value structure, only $75 million is allocated to this program by the same nation that wants to put $1 billion into the SSC. Most incredible of all, the victims of this discrimination have not learned that they can stop it with a few hundred well-placed letters to Congress. An AAU spokesperson also is quoted indirectly as saying that the "nation will need more, not fewer, Ph.D.'s." Agreed. How will the SSC contribute to this need? By sidetracking even more Ph.D.'s into the societally irrelevant SSC. Are scientists not citizens, and have they no responsibility to help reduce the budget deficit in their own area? A minimal contribution must surely be to shelve the SSC until appropriate international arrangements can be made to advance the field collectively. Without such a policy posture, which I believe has the support not only of the vast majority of most other scientists but of the physics community itself (*1*), no American scientist can complain about any cuts in any of our programs which save less than the SSC cost.

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Erratum: In the article "Bloch prepares NSF for lean years" by John Walsh (News & Comment, 25 Apr., p. 440), the labels for "Coordinated research" and "Large projects" were inadvertently reversed in a chart depicting the breakdown of the fiscal year 1986 National Science Foundation budget. Coordinated research accounts for 14% of total research, and large projects account for 20%. A corrected chart is shown below.