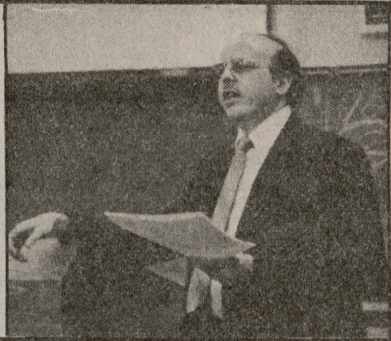


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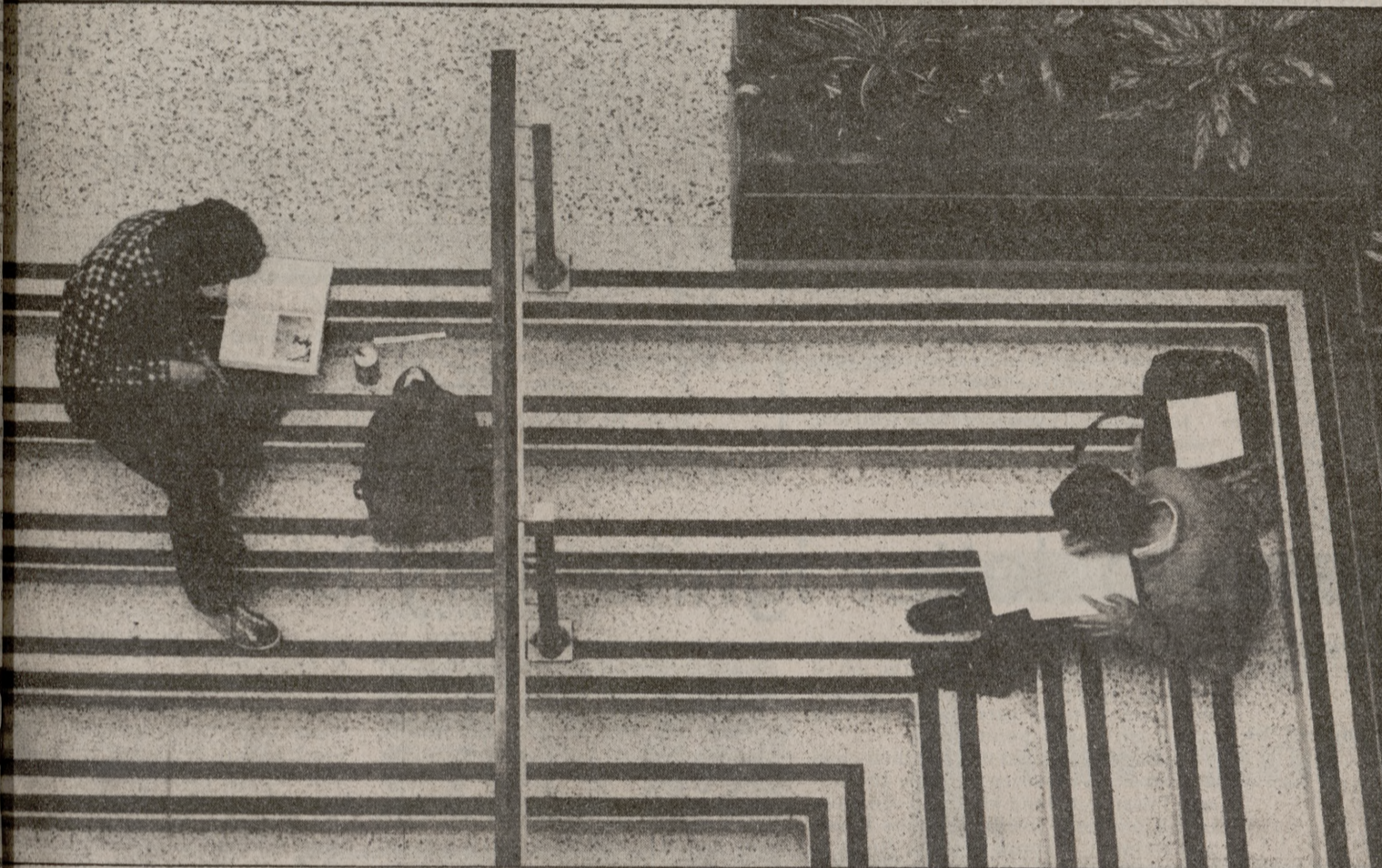
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Sharp contrasts

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Two students take a study break on the steps in the lobby of Zachry Engineering Center, which form a linear geometric pattern when viewed from the second floor.

Crew of rig, Soviet ship lost in storm

United Press International
ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland — Searchers gave up hope for 84 crew members of a giant oil rig that sank in the frigid North Atlantic and a Soviet ship with 37 people aboard was reported sinking today from the same storm-driven waves.

Shortly after the search for survivors of the Ocean Ranger drilling rig, including 15 Americans, was suspended at dark Monday, the Mekanik Tarasov sent a distress signal warning it was about 65 miles east of the sunken rig and also could go under.

Canadian Coast Guard spokesman Malcolm McLaughlin said from Halifax a small Danish fishing vessel and a larger Russian fishing ship were alongside and ready to remove the 37 crew members.

"She's in the process of sinking," McLaughlin said, saying the crew of

the 4,262-ton Soviet container ship had been waiting until the arrival of the fishing vessel before deciding to abandon ship.

"The cargo shifted, probably due to the storm," placing the 400-foot ship on a severe list, he said. "The waves have abated somewhat," he said, but the wind was "still blowing at roughly 35 knots, with probably 40-foot seas."

McLaughlin said, "There aren't any helicopters to send. All the crews are too tired because they've been out all day in the rescue efforts of the Ocean Ranger." Helicopter and airplane crews, which planned to resume the hunt at the site of the rig disaster at daybreak, saw only bodies, half-sunken lifeboats and scattered debris at the wreck site 195 miles southeast of St. John's.

Senators meet with guerrillas

United Press International
MEXICO CITY — Two U.S. senators held talks with Salvadoran guerrilla leaders in the Mexican capital and a San Salvador businessman's group labeled their fact-finding mission a political maneuver of international communism.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., told reporters they met with the Salvadoran guerrilla commanders Monday but gave no details.

The guerrilla leaders, Salvador Samayoa and Ana Guadalupe Martinez, said they explained the rebels' post-revolution plans in a 90-minute meeting with the senators at their Mexico City hotel.

"We told them the future revolutionary government would not be a one-party system" and private business would continue in the country after the revolution, Samayoa said.

Samayoa, a former minister of education, denied the guerrillas were receiving Soviet-bloc arms and urged the senators to ask President Reagan to stop giving the junta arms "to exterminate the Salvadoran people."

Samayoa, 31, is a commander of the Marxist-dominated Popular Liberation Front and Martinez is a leader of the People's Revolutionary Army.

The senators met the guerrilla commanders less than 24 hours after returning from San Salvador, where they clashed with Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia over allegations of massacres by Salvadoran troops.

In San Salvador, the National Private Enterprise Association, El Salvador's largest business group, Monday called the senators' fact-finding mission a dangerous political maneuver.

Judges delay filing deadline

United Press International
AUSTIN — A three-judge panel, blaming the Justice Department for a second delay in the filing deadline in 16 congressional districts, has blocked Texas congressional elections until new boundaries are drawn.

The panel Monday enjoined the state from conducting any congressional elections until the court has drafted new boundaries for all 27 of the state's congressional districts.

The judges also postponed until March 19 the filing deadline in 16 contested districts, marking the second delay in the filing deadline.

"As a result of the delays occasioned by the office of the attorney

general of the United States, this court finds it necessary, once again, to postpone filing deadlines for prospective candidates for representative to the United States Congress," said an order signed by Judge Sam Johnson.

The panel last month postponed the traditional Feb. 1 deadline to Feb. 22 for the 16 districts contested in a suit challenging the Legislature's redistricting plan.

The judges also ordered parties to the redistricting suit to file by Friday an agreement setting out any other election deadlines that must be changed because of the filing deadline delay.

Reorganization

Directorate to merge into council

by Johna Jo Maurer

A proposed reorganization of the MSC Council was well-received by council members who approved it 14-1 Monday night.

Four vice presidents of programs will take on the combined responsibilities of present directorate programs coordinators and the current council vice president of programs.

Those four vice presidents — responsible for committee programming in the areas of education, culture, entertainment and recreation — will oversee activities of the 19 MSC committees comprising the directorate.

The council president will take on the responsibility of the present vice president of programs in that he will meet regularly with the four vice presidents of programs and the directorate committee chairmen to discuss committee and project activities.

Council response to the proposal was positive with the exception of Kirk Kelley, vice president of student development, who expressed concern that merely changing the organizational chart will not necessarily solve the inherent problems.

"Just by elevating titles, communication problems will not be solved," he said.

Kelley said he feels the council should strive for more stability and continuity of organization and changing council structure every year is not the most effective way to alleviate problems. Council members implemented a major structural reorga-

nization during the fall 1980 semester.

However, Kelley conceded that the restructuring approved Monday night may be the best approach to increasing council's efficiency.

Because the new structure essentially absorbs the directorate into the present council structure, Paul Fisher, vice president of operations, suggested that the name of the MSC Council be changed. Fisher's motion was referred to the constitution and by-laws committee for further consideration.

Council President Doug Dedeker said the reorganization proposal was prompted by an evaluation of the relationships between the vice president of programs and the program coordinators.

He said coordinators often were bypassed in the communication link between directorate committee chairmen and the vice president of programs. The creation of four vice presidents will alleviate this, he said.

The misconception of the MSC Council and Directorate as separate entities will be alleviated, more flexibility in structure will be provided, and the council president will be more closely involved with programming, Fisher said.

The reorganization approved by council members is now subject to the approval of both Dr. John J. Koldus III, vice president for student services, and University President Frank E. Vandiver. Dedeker said this process should be complete within a week.



photo by Todd Woodard

MSC Council president Doug Dedeker explains Cepheid Variable's budget to MSC Director Jim Reynolds and the rest of the Council.

Clements to speak briefly at Texas A&M Wednesday

Gov. William Clements, on the campaign trail in hopes of re-election, will be on campus Wednesday for a brief speech and question-and-answer session.

The governor will speak for 10 minutes starting at 10:30 a.m. in Rudder Theater, said Sara Trim, state programs chairman of the MSC Political Forum Committee, which is sponsoring the event.

Clements will respond to students' questions for about 20 minutes after the speech.

Trim said Clements must leave for the airport by 11:20, and thus his

appearance will be brief.

She said Clements will be in town Wednesday for a meeting of Texas county judges. He will go from that meeting to a short reception for about 10 Texas A&M student leaders.

Trim said the Republican governor's recent speeches have been about his administration — what he believes it has accomplished and what it is doing to solve problems such as drug trafficking.

The Ross Volunteers, who serve as the governor's honor guard, will meet Clements upon his arrival at Easterwood Airport at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Wheat farmers appeal to Court

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Sparked by a drought in the Soviet Union, a massive U.S. grain sale to the Soviets in 1972 is the focus of a sensational anti-trust case now confronting the Supreme Court.

The last-ditch appeal by wheat farmers in three states involves charges the nation's largest grain exporters conspired with a government official to fix wheat prices in a way that allowed them to buy low from farmers and sell high to the Soviets.

The Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico farmers want the justices to

overturn lower court rulings that threw out their suit against six grain exporting firms and former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Clarence Palmy.

The grain companies describe the farmers' allegations as "fanciful claims of conspiracy" unsupported by investigations of "a half-dozen federal agencies and two congressional committees."

Targets of the suit are Continental Grain Co., Cargill Inc., Louis Dreyfus Corp., Cook Industries, Garnac Grain Co. and Bunge Corp.

The controversy dates back to the

winter of 1972, when unusually dry weather in the Soviet Union — followed by light rainfall the following summer — caused a big shortage in the Soviet wheat harvest. At the same time, U.S. wheat farmers produced record surpluses.

The farmers claim this prompted Continental to conspire with Palmy "to withhold and suppress from the wheat market the true demand for wheat."

When the sales became public, farmers Joe Zinser, John Spearman and Edgar Cleveland filed class action suits on behalf of wheat farmers.

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forecast

Today's forecast: Sunny and warm with a high near 80 becoming cooler tonight with a low in the upper 40s. Wednesday's forecast calls for clear skies with a high in the low 80s.