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"Tarleton State University has few services and A&M has many," Billings said. "The Texas Coordinating Board has recommended that the international student service fees be state-appropriated. That's the policy we'd like to see adopted."

"What this is is just a step where the proposals voted on would be agreed upon by the students," he said.

The University's Legislative Study Group report on international student services funding recommends that funding be provided by the administration.

"That is in agreement with the policies set by the Texas

Coordinating Board," Billings said.

The Student Government Finance Committee recommends that the administration provide 50 percent of the funding and that student service fees provide 50 percent.

"We think it's a fair compromise," said Mike Cook, vice-president of the Student Government finance committee. He explained that many international student services currently funded with student service fees are administrative-type services, such as checking a student's visa and maintaining records on academic standing.

Cook said that if the proposal is passed, projected student service fees will only be raised by \$3 for this year. Last year student service fees were raised by \$8.

The board voted in favor of generating student awareness and support of House Joint Resolution 19, which if passed, would provide for a \$100 million annual allocation from the General Revenue fund for an endowment to state universities not supported by the PUF. The endowment would support building construction and related activities.

The bill would effect a change in the PUF by allowing

all branches of the Texas A&M and the University of Texas systems to benefit from bonds issued under the PUF for construction and related activities.

"Students have no idea of the significance of this bill in furthering education at A&M," Billings said.

"The position of the CSAB is to solicit student bodies and other related organizations to vote in favor of this bill," he said.

"We're trying to secure the growth of Texas A&M and the A&M system. We're also trying to establish support for the separate endowment for all non-PUF universities."

Inspectors have hope for sunken ship's crew

United Press International

HOUSTON — Federal investigators trying to explain the sinking of an American oil drilling ship east of Vietnam three months ago said Monday they still hold out hope for survivors among the 81 crew members.

The Glomar Java Sea, owned by Houston-based Global Marine Inc. and hired by ARCO China Ltd., was drilling a well approved by the Chinese National Oil Co. when it sank during Typhoon Lex in the South China Sea Oct. 25.

"It's very possible the crew is alive in Vietnam some place," said Coast Guard Capt. Walter McDougall of Washington, chairman of the five-member National Transportation Safety Board-Coast Guard panel. McDougall, who reconvened the panel for testimony Monday, told reporters at a news conference attended by family members of the missing crew that no sign of the crew had been found and Vietnam said it had no evidence of survivors.

Left unsaid is the apparent suspicion the Vietnamese government's information may not be correct.

The ship sank in 300 feet of water south of Hainan Island, but only after all lifeboats were lowered. Officials have said there are many possibilities but the likeliest destination of survivors was Viet-

nam's coast, 90 miles west.

McDougall and Global Marine spokesman Joe Cheavan said divers inspected the vessel for a few days two weeks after it sank, but visibility was poor and currents strong and the survey incomplete. No bodies were found.

Cheavan said Global Marine is in the process of hiring a larger vessel to resume diving in March.

The board opened in Houston in November and then immediately adjourned to Hong Kong, where it held hearings in December. Officials say separate final reports by the Coast Guard and NTSB are still months away.

Whitten said the board has come up with no evidence of problems on the vessel except the storm, which he said the ship and crew were capable of riding out. He said the exact cause of the sinking remains a mystery.

"This is not a normal accident," Whitten said. "They had been through worse than this. It could have been a freak wave, but that's strictly speculation."

A seaman who previously served as the Glomar Sea's captain testified the ship was in good condition, although it had been rammed by a supply boat two months before it sank. But, said Joel Lester, of Alabama, he was told repairs could be made the next time the ship was in dry dock.

McDougall said he thought the repairs had already been

made before the Glomar Sea sank.

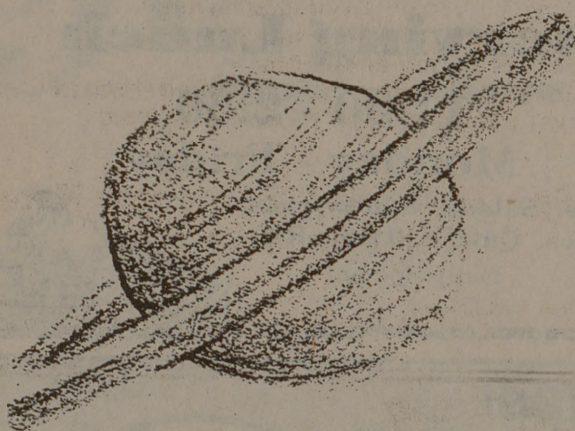
Lester said the ship daily received for weather transmissions and noted a few months before it sank, he ordered a partial evacuation of the Glomar Sea because of heavy weather. But Lester stopped short of criticizing the decision of the ship's captain, who did not order an evacuation while Typhoon Lex headed in the direction of the ship. Lester said Captain Gustave Swanson might have thought it would have been just as dangerous to evacuate.

"My opinion was the man (Swanson) was a very capable, very competent seaman," Lester said. Meanwhile, Global Marine spokesman Dick Yeimer said the company is still seeking information, through official and unofficial channels, on possible survivors.

Bill Flanagan of Houston, brother of missing crew member Jerard J. Flanagan, said he was satisfied with efforts to find survivors, although he said the lack of relations between the United States and Vietnam makes it difficult.

Other relatives, including attorney Douglas Pierce of Austin, father of crewman John Pierce, are less satisfied and have filed a total of \$30 million in suits against the company.

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United Press International

HOUSTON — British Princess Anne was to begin a four-day private visit to Houston, Galveston and New Orleans Monday on behalf of the British Olympic Association.

A spokeswoman for the British Consulate in Houston said the princess is president of an association, a non-profit volunteer organization raising funds for British competitors in the Olympics.

Princess Anne was scheduled Tuesday to visit the Texas Hall of Fame and meet Dr. Desha Cooley, tour the Port of Houston and take a boat ride on the Houston Ship Channel. She will appear at a reception dinner.

On Wednesday, she will visit Galveston and tour the historic mansion, Ashton Villa, and a refurbished sailing ship, El Comodoro. Princess Anne was to leave New Orleans Thursday before returning to Britain.

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Persons interested in trying out for the 1984 12th Man Kickoff Team should report to the Kyle Field Dressing Room on Monday, January 30th at 5:30 pm for General Meeting. No prior experience is required.