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**SG's goal to mend communications with student body**

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Along with each new semester comes changes: in sleeping habits, in addresses and in campus organizations. And Student Government is no exception.

One of Student Government's goals for this school year is to communicate better with the student body, Student Body President Sean Royall said.

"The reason we want to do this is because the information we have in Student Government is for the students," he said. "We want to get the information to the student, especially those who are very passive."

The first step toward this goal was the formation of a new department in charge of communications, both external and internal.

Externally, the department will bring information from Student Government to the students, and send feedback to Student Government, Royall said.

Student leaders will be scheduled to speak to different organizations, from hometown clubs to Memorial Student Center committees to fraternities and sororities.

"It will be a question and answer session to tell what's going on in Student Government," Royall said.

The department also will sponsor an issues and grievances committee that will meet about every two weeks, he said.

"Anybody can come and sit down and raise their hand about a problem or complaint," Royall said. "It's a way to get Student Government to the students."

Internally, the committee will help inform Student Government members about the workings of the government and the duties of their

counterparts.

"We have had a problem internally that people on different committees do not feel that they are a part of Student Government," Royall said. "They are compiling a newsletter so that each committee is able to see what goes on in Student Government."

An additional responsibility of the communications department will be to take opinion surveys from 1,000 randomly selected students on various issues, such as the admission of women in the Aggie Band, Royall said.

Another project is the installation of 11 Student Government information boards across campus within the next couple of weeks. The boards will include Student Senate schedules, weekly agendas, copies of legislative bills, committee meeting announcements and member selections, and Student Government events.

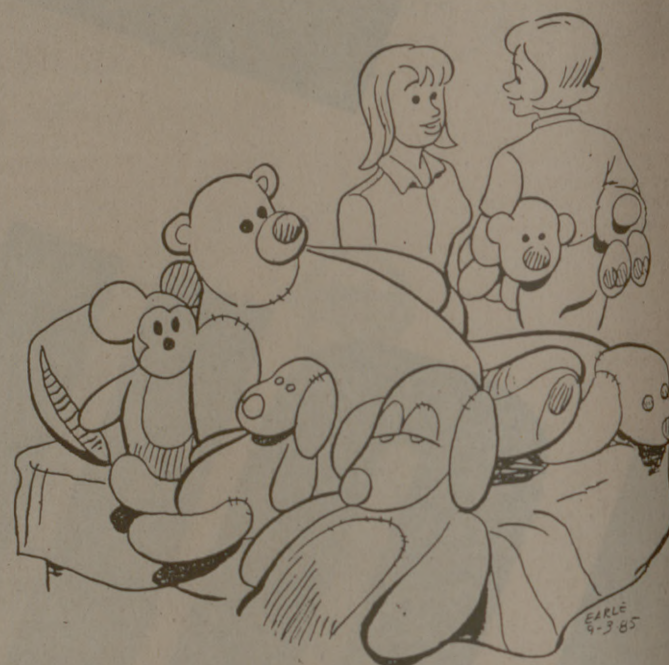
Executive Vice President Lindsey Dingmore said the purpose of the increased communication efforts is two-fold.

"One is our (Student Government's) image among the student body," he said. "It's no secret that students at A&M are not confident with their Student Government and therefore don't utilize the services that Student Government offers. I feel like our attendance level is not what it could be and we attribute that to bad communication on our part."

"Second, we are known as Student Government and students should have a general idea of what Student Government does," Dingmore added.

Slouch

By Jim Earle



"Can we have a roommate-to-roommate discussion?"

**Group seeking volunteers to clean up Texas shores**

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texans are being invited to pick their favorite lake next Saturday and help clean the trash off its shores.

"We are aiming at seven picked lakes but if anyone wants to select another lake to clean up, they are welcome to it," George Bristol, chairman of the Texas Conservation Foundation, told a news conference Tuesday.

Bristol said the sponsors of the second annual Texas Lakeshore Cleanup are hoping for 1,500 volunteers to pick up trash around reser-

voirs at Somerville, Grapevine, Lake O' The Pines, Lewisville, Old Fisher, Sam Rayburn and Waco — any other lake.

Last year, about 600 volunteers picked up 51 tons of trash at Sam Rayburn, Grapevine and Lewisville.

Pat Helton, president of the Baiting Trades Association of Texas presented Bristol a \$10,000 check to help pay for the cleanup.

"We want to have plenty of refreshments, prizes and trash bags that everyone will have a good and productive time," Bristol said.

But Ballard told Lauzon any attempt to salvage the wreck would be "ridiculous," and instead proposed making it a marine memorial.

"We're grateful that he felt the way," said Edward Kamuda, general secretary of the Titanic Historical Society in Indian Orchard.

**Titanic**

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and had come close to finding the vessel, Lauzon said.

The group was testing Ballard's new unmanned underwater vehicle, called the Argo. He developed it in a joint U.S.-French underwater expe-

dition program funded by the U.S. Navy.

"The primary purpose of the dive was not to find the Titanic," Lauzon said. "It was to do engineering tests on the Argo."

The Argo's camera showed the first pieces of a boiler from Titanic early Sunday morning, Lauzon said.

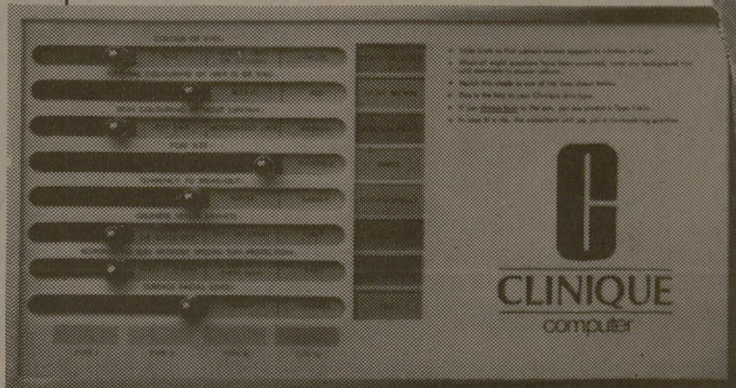
Then the ship itself was found at about 13,000 feet.

A storm Sunday night delayed a radio report to Woods Hole on the find.

The Titanic was believed to have carried a fortune in passengers' jewels and other valuables in the pursuer's safe.

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