Researchers' spouses, kids educated with

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - University professors who get federal tax dollars to do research also are putting their relatives through college at taxpayer expense and the schools are fighting a proposal to eliminate the perk.

Since 1991, four top universities have charged the government at least \$17 mil-lion to pay tuition for the daughters, mestic partners of faculty working on federal research, according to the U.S. General Accounting Office.

The four are the Massachusetts Insti-tute of Technology, the University of Chicago, Stanford and Johns Hopkins. Of the faculty members whose relatives'

tuition was covered by the government,

\$50,000 a year.

The federal Office of Management and Budget has recommended that the government stop reimbursing researchers for their relatives' tuition.

The universities have filed objections. OMB officials said no date has been set

More than half made more than institutions under federal contract from charging the government for tuition reimbursement. However, universities are still allowed to pass along the cost of faculty dependents' college educations to taxpayers.

The four universities spent \$53 million from 1991 through 1993 on tuition reimbursement for all employees.

The GAO said federal taxpayers covered \$17 million.



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Vladimir Dezhurov and Gennady Strekalov, who had been living on Mir since mid-March. By the time Atlantis lands, the three will have spent 115 days in orbit; that's a U.S.

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The test should be performed on a monthly basis to detect small nodules or lumps can be found with a testicular self exam.

Performance of the exam also helps men to become familiar with what their testicles normally feel like, so when an abnormality occurs it is easily detected.

For men ages 15 to 34, cancer of the testes is common. One of the first possible signs of testicular cancer is a slight enlargement of one of the testes and a change in its consistency.

Because pain may be absent, monthly TSEs are important. Seminoma, the most common type of testicular cancer has a successful treatment rate of nearly 100 percent.

For further information on testicular cancer or other health-related issues, students can contact the Health Education Center, A.P. Beutel Health Center at 845-1341.

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□ A Singapore flagged vessel spilled 93,000 gallons of fuel into the **Gulf of Mexico.**

> NEW ORLEANS (AP) -Two cargo ships were wrenched apart by tugboats Tuesday after being jammed together for three days since they collided in the Gulf of Mexico.

> The bow of the empty Greek freighter Alexia had been embedded in the side of the Enif, a Singapore-flagged vessel carrying 1,500 tons of steel.

Salvage experts had been concerned because of heavy seas and rising wind, so crews worked through the night to cut away tangled metal, said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Jim Obernesser

The ships were finally pulled apart by tugs.

Tugs were in place to stabilize the ships, especially the Enif which could have listed dangerously after the vessels were separated, said Cmdr. Phil Glenn.

Neither was in any danger of sinking, he said. The Enif spilled about

93,000 gallons of fuel into the Gulf of Mexico, but the Coast Guard said there was no immediate environmental danger.

Weems said salvage crews would remove the remaining fuel from the Enif, which has no power, before moving it to port.

The ships collided Saturday about 70 miles south of New Orleans. No one was injured.

After the collision, tugs had moved the ships to a site about 30 miles southeast of South Pass to keep them from drifting into nearby oil rigs.

The cause of the collision was under investigation.

