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Searchers find remains of crew

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Searchers have found remains of Challenger's astronauts in the debris of the shuttle's crew compartment 100 feet down on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean, NASA announced Sunday.

'Family members of Challenger's crew have been informed," a statement said. "In deference to family wishes, NASA will not make further comments until recovery operations and identifications are .complete."

Mark Weinberg, a spokesman for the presidential commission investigating the shuttle explosion, said he could not comment on the significance of the find to the commission's probe.

"I would not want to characterize its importance. That's to be determined. Clearly all pieces of evidence are important." he said.

A search ship using sonar about 25 miles northeast of Cape Canaveral made a possible identification of the compartment late, Friday, and divers Saturday positively identified compartment debris and crew remains, the NASA statement

Recovering the compartment wreckage and remains could take several days, depending on the weather and sea conditions. NASA said

Seven crew members died when Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff Jan: 28. Among those killed was Christa McAuliffe, a New Hampshire: schoolteacher who was flying as NASA's first citizen in space.

Reduction act threatens student loan funding

PORTLAND (AP) - Oregon college students will have to scramble for grants and loans that could be reduced as much as 30 percent under the Gramm-Rudman federal deficit reduction act, some financial aid experts say.

Half the state's 100,000 private, public and community college students participate in some kind of federal aid program. The experts say students from middle-income families will be hurt the most.

If students really have profound poverty, the good news is that if they get their applications in on time, they probably will be well-funded to go to school," said Tom Turner, director of special services for the Oregon Scholarship Commission. "But if they come from families who make decent salaries and both parents work, the money available to them will be less than it was in the past."

Designed to reduce the federal deficit by \$36 billion a year until the budget is balanced in 1991, the Gramm-Rudman act already is responsible for a 4.3 percent reduction in higher education programs, effective March 1.

Oregon student financial aid experts expect that:

For fiscal year 1986-87, about 8,700 students in public colleges and universities, 12,600 students in private colleges and 30,000 in community colleges who receive federal loans, grants and work-study money could be affected.



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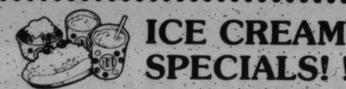
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