

# Problems plague Mir days before U.S. Atlantis liftoff

■ Mir cannot receive its new computer system until the old one comes back on line to help the shuttle dock Thursday.

MOSCOW (AP) - Troubles arrived in threes Monday at the Mir space station, just three days before the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis is to be launched on a visit to the ailing station.

First, the Mir's main computer failed for the third time in three weeks. That problem was followed by two new ones: the failure of a carbon dioxide removal system and the appearance of a mysterious brown fluid leak.

Those on the Mir - two Russians and American astronaut Michael Foale - were not in danger, space officials said. As planned, NASA began its countdown for Thursday's Atlantis launch.

"We would strongly dislike it

if the shuttle launch is postponed, because it is to bring a new computer and other spare parts," said Viktor Blagov, deputy Russian Mission Control chief.

However, the docking will only be possible if the Mir's capricious computer functions properly throughout the procedure, which is far from certain.

"It functions for one week, and then it gives us a surprise like it did this morning," Blagov said. "It's difficult to forecast how the computer will behave in the future."

When the computer goes down, so does the gyroscope system that keeps the space station in the right position for the docking. Loss of orientation also means the Mir's solar panels lose the best angle to soak up energy from the sun, which can cause a power shortage.

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, who met with visiting Vice President Al Gore for economic talks Monday, sought to downplay the Mir's woes.

"Nothing prevents us from continuing the joint Russian-

American research work on the Mir space station," the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Chernomyrdin as saying. "The shuttle will bring enough spare parts to fix all the problems."

Asked about the computer breakdown, Gore said NASA was "conducting a very intensive and detailed review of the Mir."

Monday's breakdown was the fifth time the computer has malfunctioned since July. The crew, accustomed to the problem, quickly replaced a faulty component, tested it and prepared to restart the computer, said Valery Lyndin, a spokesman for Mission Control.

As during the previous breakdowns, Foale and Russians Anatoly Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov switched off the station's oxygen generator and most other systems to save power.

In the past, it has taken one to two days to get most systems back up and running. Lyndin said the repairs were going more quickly this time, and the crew was expected to fully restore Mir's orientation early today.

# 20 contact forms still out this year

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same in all organization constitutions according to ASUN bylaws.

"It's very easy," Schadegg said. "You can sit down at the computer and follow the guides they've set out. It takes a couple hours, but they already have a (constitutional) outline for you to follow," he said.

Ad-hoc organizations - temporary groups - are exempt from submitting a constitution. ASUN rules state these organizations can exist for a maximum of one year.

After the 90-day deadline for constitution submission has passed, the ASUN Special Topics Committee then reviews the constitution. If the constitution is approved by the committee, the organization is then presented to ASUN, which either approves or rejects the organization's "official" status.

If an organization is approved, it must send updated contact information to ASUN every year, although its constitution remains unchanged.

The Recognized Student Organization Office/Adviser Update and Financial Annual Review is a form that contains contact information for the officers and adviser of the organization.

Both ASUN and Student Involvement use the information, such as the name, phone number and e-mail address of the president, to give to students interested in joining the particular organization.

Organizations that have not returned the signature forms do not provide ASUN or Student Involvement with the necessary contact information to give to interested students.

Currently, about 20 organizations have not returned the forms.

"It's a big problem," Marlene Beyke, director of development of ASUN said. "It stifles any student trying to get information to contact people about an organization."

Schadegg said the form discourages possibly inappropriate groups, such as a cult, from applying to become official.

"You have to have who is sponsoring the group, an address and

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JOHN SCHADEGG  
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phone number - so if something goes wrong, there's someone held responsible," he said.

SAFS uses the information to designate people authorized to transact financial business on behalf of the organization.

Organizations that have not returned these forms are subject to the same penalties as groups that have not gone through the process to become officially recognized - they are technically banned from using university property, and cannot utilize the services of SAFS.

"We weren't able to book a table in the union until our constitution was approved," Schadegg said.

Other groups such as the Abel Residence Association were able to meet despite the fact that they had not returned their signature form.

"We haven't actually had meetings, just executive board meetings," Matt Knobbe, president of the Abel Residence Association said. "No one tried to stop us," he said.

Knobbe's group turned the form in about two weeks ago, he said it was important in designating official university organizations, and that his group will submit the form soon.

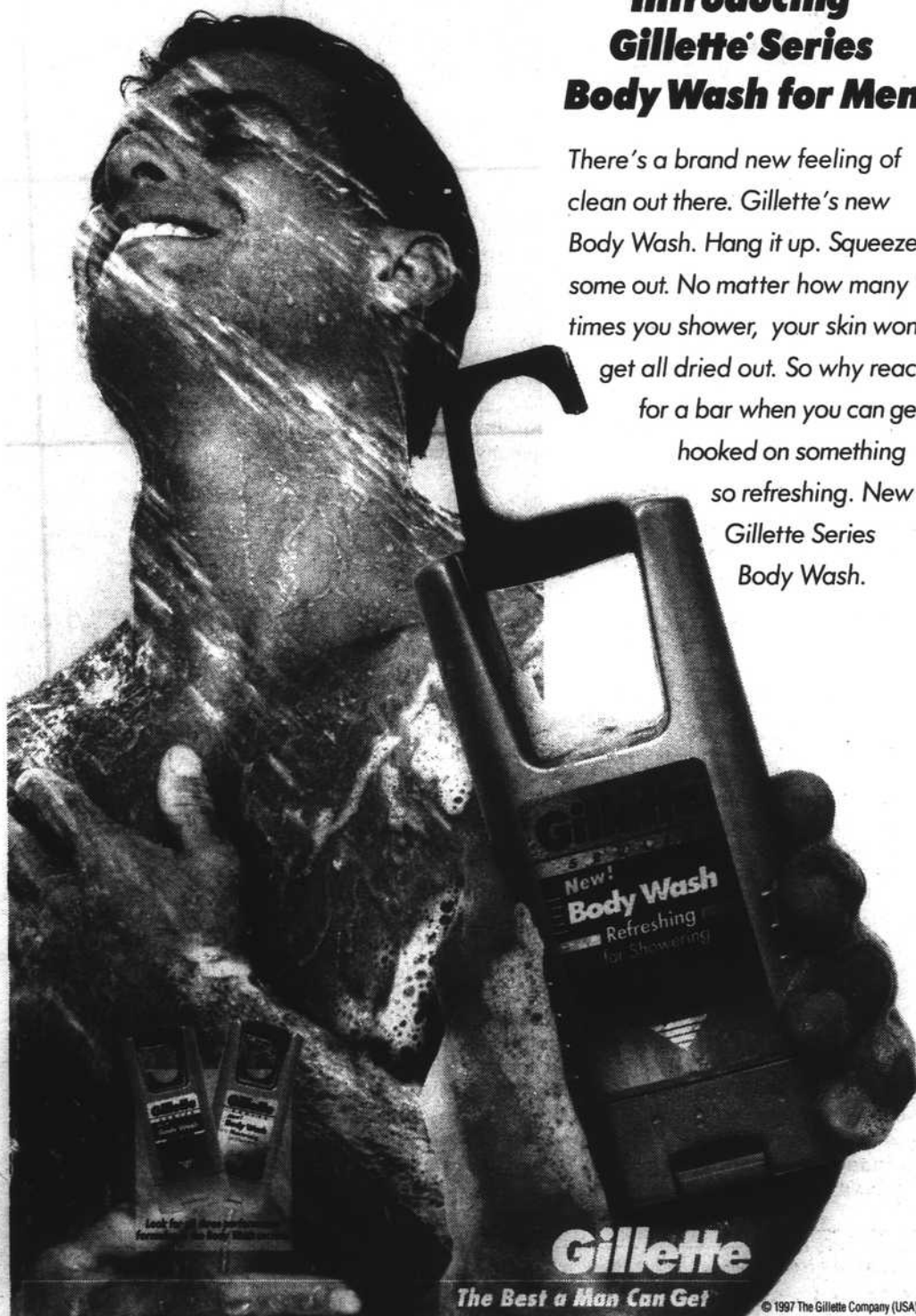
Beyke said ASUN has "worked diligently" to ensure all organizations comply with this policy.

"We use mailings, postcards and some phone calling," Beyke said. "As I see people on campus, I even personally suggest they turn the form in."

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