

# Documents hardly scary or dull

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Special to the Battalion

Many people steer clear of the University Library Documents Division, mistakenly thinking it's too scary or too dull. On the contrary, one would be surprised at the variety of information one can find in government publications.

A gold mine of books, periodicals, pamphlets, technical reports,

posters, charts and maps are available from the U.S. Superintendent of Documents by mail, or at any one of 18 government bookstores (including one at Dallas) or better yet, right here on campus.

Texas A&M is one of the few depository libraries for U.S. government publications in the state. The library, however, does not

have room to store all the government publications available, so it selects to receive those that will be most useful to students and faculty at Texas A&M.

"Monthly Catalog," the index to government publications, has the information a student needs, including the call number. The material is a few steps from the index, and the chances of it being on the shelf are extremely high. A well-trained staff is there to instruct and assist you in the search for material.

The Congressional Committee hearings are a wealth of information for those planning group dis-

cussions, debates, or just a term paper, on contemporary topics ranging from the gasoline shortage to the Big Thicket.

Material is available on all aspects of the current energy crisis—its effect on agriculture, unemployment or tourism, on implications for the future and alternate sources of energy.

One can find the Warren Commission Report, transcripts of Watergate hearings, climatological data, USDA publications, and census material. One can find information on sport fishing, small business ventures, physical fitness, agricultural statistics, housing, infant care, population trends, national parks, drug abuse, transportation, patents, nuclear science, income taxes, geological investigations, careers, environment

gardening and public laws.

In addition to the GPO materials already discussed, the TAMU Library Documents Division contains several thousand technical reports, most of which are on microfiche. The Aerospace Engineering students are currently using the microfiche collection to study NASA's reports on the Space Shuttle. Other studies cover atomic energy, remote sensing and pollution.

In the Documents Division of the library, a student gets the results of the governments research and knowledge in many fields of human endeavor. It's all there waiting for you.

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## Chrysler has profit losses, raises prices

DETROIT (AP)—Chrysler Corp., staggering from a 98 percent drop in first-quarter profits, has boosted the average price of its cars \$99. It predicts two more increases in the next five months.

Director John T. Dunlop of the Cost of Living Council condemned the increase Chrysler announced on Monday as "irresponsible."

It puts Chrysler's average car and truck prices \$335 above their December 1973 level.

The 2.9 percent increase in sticker prices is Chrysler's third since Dec. 10, when the Cost of Living Council lifted controls on the auto industry in return for a promise from all auto makers except Chrysler to limit price hikes to \$150 per car for the balance of the 1974 model year barring "unforeseen major economic events."

Chrysler Chairman Lynn Townsend said the new increase is justified because of skyrocketing costs, despite the commitment.

Dunlop fired back, "I view Mr. Townsend's statement as a display of consummate gall in announcing an interpretation of an agreement to which he chose not to be a party."

"While his competitors are participating in the effort through decontrol commitments to stabilize prices through the remainder of the 1974 model year, Mr. Townsend, in effect, now calls on his competitors to raise their prices in violation of their agreements with the council."

With worldwide vehicle sales off 14 percent and U. S. car sales down 20.3 percent from 1973, Chrysler reported sales of \$2.7 billion, down 7 percent from the first quarter of 1973.

The auto maker's North American operations recorded an \$11.8 million deficit. Overseas operations showed a \$13.4 million profit.

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## Campus Briefs

### Fish victories

The Texas champion Fish Drill Team swept every top trophy Saturday in winning the Lone Star Invitational Drill Meet for the second straight year.

The TAMU team lead by Commander James Patterson of Austin conquered six other teams at San Antonio. It was the final meet of the year.

Four trophies the FDT brought back from the three-day visit in San Antonio also included first

places in inspection and basic marching, besides the overall championship trophy.

The TAMU team scored 906.86 for first overall. UT-Arlington had 895.68; UT-Austin, 799.4. Other teams, in order of finish, were Tarleton State, UT-El Paso, Hardin-Simmons and Northwestern Louisiana State.

Trinity University sponsored the competition.

### Fellowship awards

Two students are among 12 national recipients of State Farm Foundation Student Fellowship Awards.

Steven J. Eberhard, a junior mathematics major from New Braunfels, and David L. White, a senior finance major from Fort

Worth, will each receive \$1,500 stipends for any educationally related expenses.

The TAMU students are the only Texans among 12 national winners, selected from 161 applicants representing 59 institutions.

### Journalism honor

John Leidner of Mission has been named outstanding journalism graduate this year.

Leidner, an agricultural journalism major, was given the annual award by the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

The "Heavyweight Award," given by the journalism faculty to the student who contributed the most to the department in the past year, went to Kathleen Oaks, who received her degree in December and is now a graduate student in urban planning.

The SPJ chapter awarded Prof. William C. Harrison a plaque designating him the outstanding journalism professor during the past year.

Exa Ellis of Bryan was elected SPJ chapter president for 1974-75. Other officers will be Deborah Blackmon, Bryan, vice president; Terry Hardt, Devine, secretary; and Mason Cloud III, Bryan, treasurer.

The activities took place at the annual journalism picnic at the home of C. J. Leabo, Journalism Department head.

### Crop ecology course

A new graduate crop ecology course will be offered this fall by the Soil and Crop Sciences Department.

Agronomy 623—Experimental Crop Ecology—is designed to teach graduate students how to design and conduct experiments in crop ecology.

The two hours of lectures per week will cover relationships between crops and their environment. The three-hour laboratory includes field training in the use of modern instruments in crop

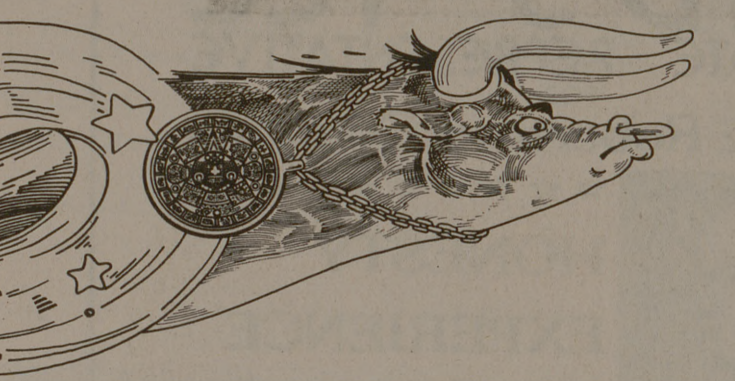
ecology experiments. A basic knowledge of plant physiology, meteorology and physics is required for students seeking studies in this area.

The three-credit course will be taught in the fall of 1974, and in alternate years thereafter, in conjunction with Agronomy 621—Principles of Crop Ecology.

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