

Chemists research effects of compounds

Chemists at Texas A&M University are putting together some of the small pieces that may ultimately tell the fate of pesticides and aerosol pollutants in the atmosphere.

A team, headed by Dr. Alan S. Rodgers, is investigating bonds which become stronger or weaker in compounds when chlorine or fluorine atoms are made a part of that compound.

Some of these compounds have been labeled in the news recently as the culprits in the possible breakdown of the earth's ozone layer.

Mainly, they are looking at the effect of chlorine and fluorine on carbon-hydrogen and carbon-carbon bonds which make up humans and many things with which we come in daily contact. When added to these

bonds they form fluorocarbons and chlorocarbons.

"Fluorocarbons have many uses from substitutes for blood, to dirt repellent, to aircraft hydraulic fluid," Rodgers said. "Chlorocarbons are used in insecticides and cleaning fluids."

"They have very interesting properties and are universal in application," Rodgers went on. "When you go from brake fluid to body fluid you're really covering some territory."

He has been doing research in this area since 1960 when, as a 3-M em-

ployee, these compounds were being looked at as a potential rocket fuel.

Scientists say that depletion of the ozone layer would increase the amount of ultraviolet radiation reaching the earth which might shorten man's life span.

Movie Guide

BLAZING SADDLES, starring Mel Brooks and Slim Pickens, starts at the Palace on Friday. The spoof western comedy shows at 6:15, 8 and 9:45 p.m. (\$2.50). Skyway Twin is also showing the movie at 7, 8:45 and 11:15 p.m. (\$2.50).

CHINATOWN, starring Jack Nicholson, is a murder mystery of interfamily relations. Aggie Cinema will be showing this film at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Rudder Auditorium. (\$1)

ELVIRA MADIGAN, shown by the Arts Committee, is the tale of a doomed love affair between a legendary Swedish woman and an army lieutenant. The showing will be Monday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (\$1).

THE FEARLESS VAMPIRE KILLERS is a spoof on old vampire films. Starring Sharon Tate, showings will be at 8 and 10 p.m., MSC 201. (50¢).

THE HINDENBURG stars George C. Scott and Anne Bancroft in the story of the crash of the famous dirigible. Starts Friday at Cinema I and shows daily at 7, 9:45 p.m., and 2:20 and 4:40 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (\$2.50)

JAWS, playing at the Campus Theatre, shows at 5:15, 7:35 and 9:50 p.m. (\$2.50)

LAS VEGAS LADY stars Stella Stevens as a jewel thief. Shows begin Friday at Manor East II at 6 and 9:45 p.m. (\$2.50). Also showing on the east screen at Skyway Twin at 7 and 10 p.m. (\$2.50)

played by Aggie Cinema at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in Rudder Theater. (\$1)

ROMEO AND JULIET, starring Olivia Hussey and Michael York, is showing at 7 and 9:45 p.m. at Manor East I. (\$2.50)

SHERLOCK HOLMES' SMARTER BROTHER stars Gene Wilder, Marty Feldman and Madeline Kahn in a spoof of Sherlock Holmes. Starts Friday at Cinema II, daily at 7:15 and 9:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 5:50 p.m. (\$2.50)

W. C. FIELDS' classic comedies *My Little Chickadee* and *Never Give A Sucker An Even Break* will be presented by Aggie Cinema at 8 p.m. Tuesday, in Rudder Auditorium. (\$1).

WHERE DOES IT HURT? follows Las Vegas Lady as a double feature at Manor East II. Peter Sellers stars as a hospital administrator in this sexy comedy. Starts Friday at 7:25 p.m.

W. U. S. A. stars Paul Newman as a disc jockey who becomes involved in politics. The midnight special at Cinema I and II, Friday and Saturday. (\$1.25)

THE LONGEST YARD, a comedy involving prison football, stars Burt Reynolds and Eddie Albert. It shows at 7:30 p.m. at Manor East III. Also on the double feature bill is **MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS**, starting at 5:30 and 9:45 p.m. (\$2.50).

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS stars Ingrid Bergman, Jacqueline Bisset and Sean Connery. The murder mystery will be pre-

Outstanding offshore technology

A&M receives first award

Texas A&M has become the first educational institution to receive the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC).

An OTC Distinguished Achievement Award is presented each year at the OTC conference to an individual and a company, organization or institution for outstanding contributions to offshore technology.

Texas A&M was selected by the OTC executive committee for the award because of A&M's contribu-

tions to offshore technology through manpower development.

The OTC conference and exhibition, founded in 1968, is devoted to the development of offshore resources and the protection of the ocean environment.

The conference, May 3-6, will have the largest technical-educational exhibits display in OTC history, according to OTC programming.

The display will occupy the entire Astrodome complex and the Albert

Thomas Convention Center in Houston.

The technical program of the conference will include sessions on submerged production, floating cities, the environment, and pollution effects, offshore mining, and marine riser systems.

A&M's president, Jack K. Williams, said he will accept the award for A&M at the eighth annual OTC conference on Tuesday, May 4, at the awards luncheon.

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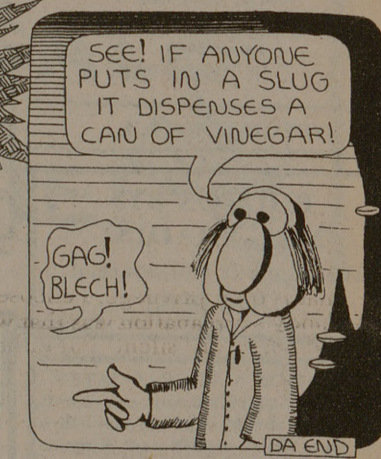
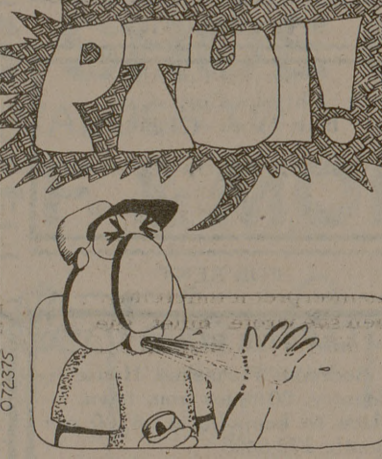
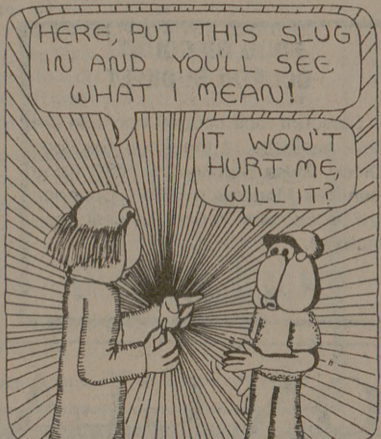
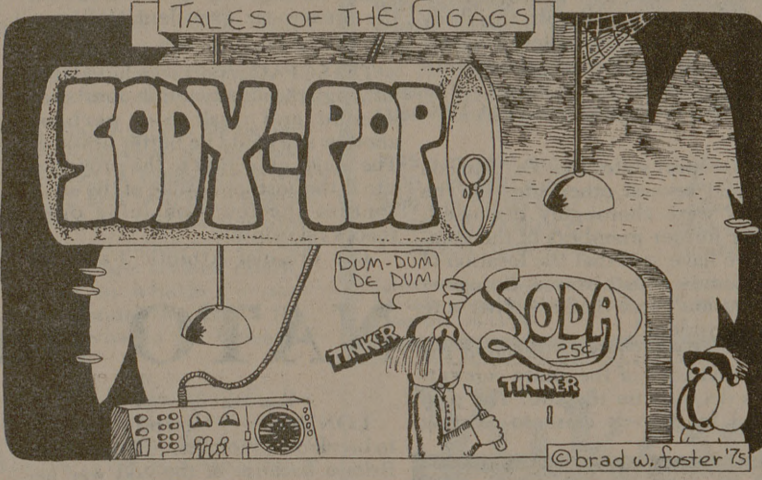
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