

EPA plans investigation

# A&M uses DDT without permit

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occasion, use in very specific instances," he said. "We try to use (it) in a very judicious fashion."

One worker reported DDT being used at least once a week for a three week period. The employe also said the flower beds at the south end of Kyle Field were treated with DDT before each home football game this semester.

Safety and Health Officer James Presswood said yesterday that he was unaware of the use of DDT on campus, adding that he would look into the matter.

Roger Miller, assistant to the president, also said he was unaware of grounds maintenance use of DDT.

"I'm sure that if he (Ray) is using something that's illegal and is unaware of it, it will be stopped," Miller said.

The presence of DDT on campus was substantiated last week after a sample

taken from an ant mound near the east entrance was analyzed as containing 23.5 per cent DDT.

DDT, a member of the chlorinated hydrocarbon group, was recognized as an effective insecticide in 1939, and was used extensively during World War II to control typhus and malaria.

After 1945, DDT became a widely used agricultural pesticide due to its reasonable cost, effectiveness, persistence and versatility.

The demand for DDT declined after 1959 when more effective pesticides were developed, and increasing public concern over environmental side effects led the government to begin regulating its use.

It was in 1958 that the United States Department of Agriculture began phasing out its use of DDT. After federal regulation of pesticides was transferred from the USDA to the EPA in 1970, notices of intent were issued warning of a major curtailment

of DDT.

Chevron Corp., manufacturer of the Ortho line of chemicals, discontinued its commercial DDT products after the 1972 ban. Chevron District Manager Dick Noel, Roanoke, Texas, said the company paid large sums of money to get its product off the market during the EPA studies and in the six month period between June and December 1972.

"We issued credit to all our dealers and distributors in the field to remove it (DDT products) from their shelves and destroy it, or return it to our warehouses for us to destroy," Noel said.

He said Chevron Corp. has since reregistered the label, PEST-B-GON, as a bait pesticide, confident that the DDT product has been phased out of use.

"We thought we cleaned out PEST-B-GON," he said. "When we discontinued selling DDT, we provided free many cases of PEST-D-GON as a substitute."

## Tax system, federal subsidies blamed

# Author says cities can help poor

By JOHN TYNES

The only way large cities can solve problems concerning the poor is to institute structural changes in their political system, a social critic said here last night.

"We have to have a vision of a new society," critic Michael Harrington said in a speech sponsored by the Great Issues Committee of the Memorial Student Center.

Harrington, a social critic and author of "The Other America," blamed the American systems of taxation and unjust federal subsidies for the financial and social problems that many large cities face.

Harrington cited statistics that show that one-fourth of the American people own no material assets in American society.

"I think that's an understatement of how bad off they are," he added.

He pointed out how the present tax systems offers many loopholes and deductions to the wealthy, and practically none

to the poor. However, he did not advocate increased taxation of big business.

"I'm not a big fan of high corporate taxes," he said. He explained that he was confident of corporate ability to pass on higher taxes to the consumer.

Harrington proposed that the only form of taxation imposed on Americans should be a "very progressive income tax."

Harrington used the financial crisis of New York City as an example of how bad government practices have created problems for the poor. He explained how government subsidizes corporations that want to leave New York and take jobs elsewhere to maximize profits.

Harrington said this "out-flow" of jobs creates a burden for the city as unemployment rises. He suggested that government stop giving corporations monetary advantages for moving out of New York and start giving them advantages for moving in.

He also said that present welfare programs benefit the wealthy and middle-class far more than the poverty-stricken few they were designed for. He added that the government should try to get rid of welfare instead of trying to improve it.

"I think the aim of any decent society should be to abolish welfare," he said.

Harrington also said that unemployment could be reduced significantly if the American political system was not governed by the priorities of profit-motivated corporations.

He pointed out that five per cent unemployment is now considered to be full employment by the federal government.

"American corporate society is hostile to full employment," he added.

A government-owned and operated gas and oil company would be the best solution for utilizing public natural resources, Harrington said. He opposed letting private oil corporations use public resources for their own gain.

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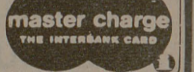
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Kept in line by electric fences, the goats will munch the underbrush for the next three years in a closely watched area.

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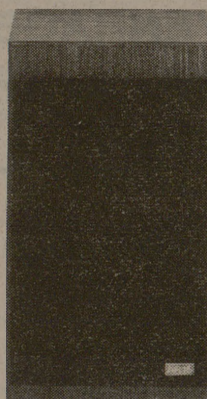
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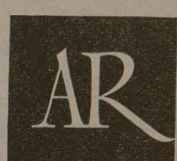
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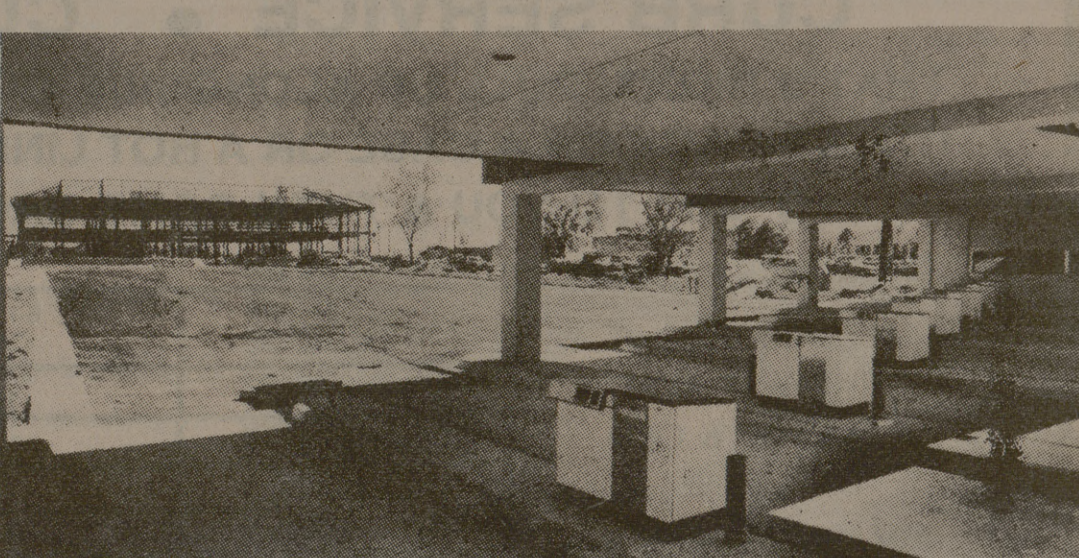
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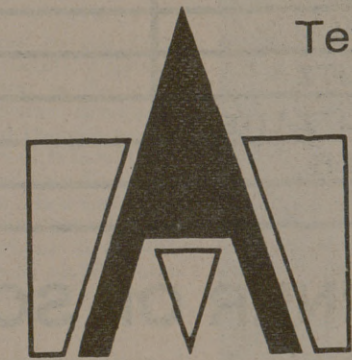


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