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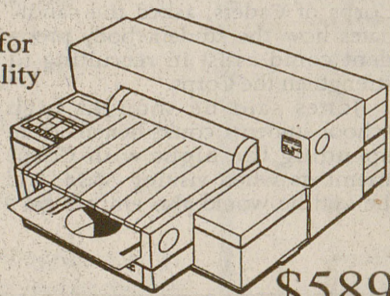
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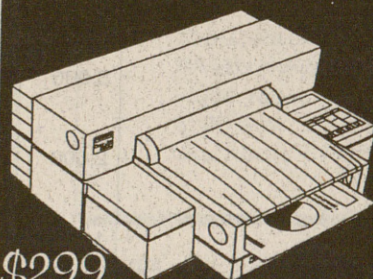


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The Battalion

Tuesday, March 29, 1994

Inspection deems chemist office safe

By Juli Rhoden
The Battalion

An inspection of the Office of the Texas State Chemist (OTSC) has concluded that the facility is being operated in a "safe manner," according to a report from Texas A&M's Office of Safety and Health.

The report comes after the office recently had come under scrutiny for what was a concern to employees and students in the Reed McDonald Building, where the OTSC is located.

The OTSC, which is located on the fourth floor, analyzes livestock feed and fertilizer for required elements as set in guidelines by the federal government.

The report was conducted after Interim President Dr. E. Dean Gage requested an inspection of the facility in a Feb. 28 memorandum to the Office of Safety and Health.

Robert Stiteler Jr., director of safety and health, issued a statement March 21 that dispelled health concerns about the OTSC.

The report says employees and students in the Reed McDonald Building, should not be concerned that the use and disposal of chemicals is a possible health hazard.

Inspections were conducted and, according to the report, the Texas

State Chemist's Office "is being operated in a safe manner and should cause no concern about the safety and health of employees and students who share the building with the Office of the Texas State Chemist."

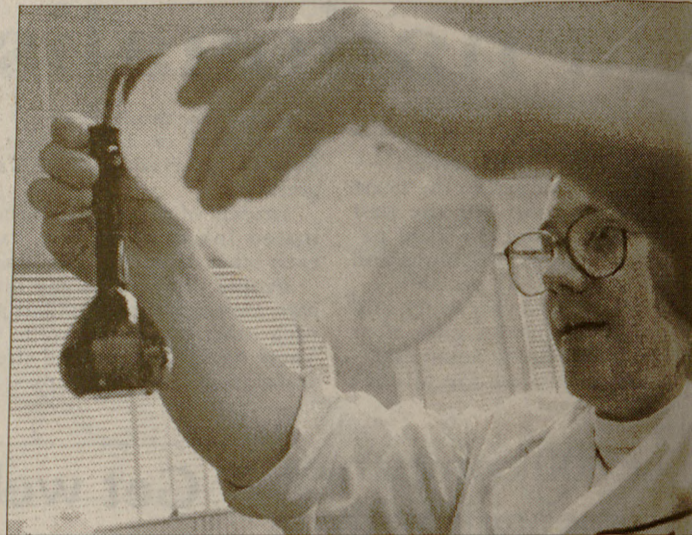
Stiteler said the chemist office was cooperative in this inspection and has been cooperative in past inspections.

"We conduct several inspections, at least once a year, in the OTSC," Stiteler said. "We also do training courses with the office to keep everyone aware of the safety requirements."

State Chemist Dr. George Latimer, who was unavailable for comment, said in an earlier interview with The Battalion that he welcomes anyone who would like to tour the facilities to see what type of work is being done and the safety procedures that are followed by OTSC personnel.

Although entry into the facilities is restricted to employees of the OTSC, Latimer said those measures were taken to keep "accidental tourists" from going into the lab, not to make office practices seem secretive.

Stiteler said the OTSC implements the necessary safety precautions and their administration fol-



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Donnie Bruton, a 1993 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, measures riboflavin into light-sensitive vials in the chemical laboratories on the fourth floor of the Reed McDonald Building.

lows recommendations of the safety and health office to continue to improve safety conditions.

Ginger Brown, the safety and health office's safety coordinator, said each inspector has a list of guidelines to look for when con-

ducting an inspection, and the OTSC passed all elements of the inspection.

Stiteler also said employees were reminded that contaminated clothing, like gloves and lab coats, were not to be worn outside the OTSC.

Son celebrates reunion with natural mother

The Associated Press

DURANT, Okla. — Tears welled in Jimmy Hill's eyes as he thought about his bitterness toward his father.

"I feel cheated. Even though I love my adopted parents, they can't replace the love of my natural parents," he said.

Hill didn't concentrate much on his bitterness. Instead, he fixed thoughts on being with the natural mother he had been away from for 48 years.

Hill and his mother, Ruby Dodd, 70, of Mead, were reunited at Ms. Dodd's home Saturday — Hill's 51st birthday.

Ms. Dodd said she had been praying for this reunion since 1946, when her then-husband took her son.

"God does answer prayers," Ms. Dodd said.

"This is the happiest day in my life in a long time."

Ms. Dodd said she was away from her home in Texas when her then-husband took 3-year-old Jimmy. Ms. Dodd and her husband had been separated.

Her husband moved away and Ms. Dodd said she was unable to find Jimmy.

Shortly thereafter, welfare services took custody of Jimmy and put him up for adoption, Ms. Dodd said.

She said she talked to welfare officials to find out where her son was, but they wouldn't tell her.

"It was terrible. I didn't know what else to do," Ms. Dodd said about trying to find her son.

The separation from her son was so painful that she turned to drinking, she said.

"It caused me to start drinking for a long time. For about two years, I thought I was going to go crazy," she said.

Hill said he often thought of his natural parents after his adopted parents told him he was adopted.

His grade school classmates had told him he was adopted, so he talked to his parents to find out if it was true, he said.

"I remember them telling me that if the grade school kids ever said anything about it to me, I was chosen, not taken," Hill said.

He said he was not hurt about the news he was adopted, but years later he thought about his natural parents.

Hill would from time to time ask friends in his hometown of Texarkana, Texas, about his natural parents, but he got no answers.

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