

Debbie McDonald, a TAMU senior majoring in psychology, went to the Outreach Clinic in Brenham, Texas, twice weekly to counsel with clients. She worked regularly with Marsha Burke, involved in a therapy program which includes writing poetry.

"Writing is definitely what Marsha does best," said McDonald. "She can sit down and write a poem on the spot. In conversation she seems to wonder and daydream, like she's thinking of another poem... She once told me, 'Debbie, I'm a dreamer.'"

Some of Marsha Burke's dreams:

Marsha Burke's dreams

Mimi's garden

Welcome to Mimi's garden
It's a fine and lovely day,
Each Daisy and Chrysanthemum
Has turned out in bright array.

Won't you stop and have some tea, M'am,
asked the ragged teddy bear,
We'll do our best to serve you
although Mimi isn't here.

Mimi was our hostess
our host was Spot the pup.
We dreamed of fame and pink
champagne--
all part of growing up.

Our songs were always happy ones
our stories gay and true
But Mimi soon grew older
as little girls do.

Too soon she went and left us
and no more we saw her face
and I must say Mimi's garden
became a mighty lonely place.

Would you care for some more cookies?
May I serve you some more tea?
I must say Mimi's garden
is just like it used to be.

Poet's dilemma

Dear Readers,
I think in terms of poetry
and make fine points in this you see,
"To be or not to be,"
I'm really very happy.

I know that day will rhyme with say
and even "one horse sleigh."
It's simple for me either way.
My job is fun and snappy.

But then there comes the dreadful time
when one must do away with rhyme
and write the dull and single line
I'm scared and do I show it?

This jolt is like a stabbing knife
or like a man who beats his wife,
and one takes joy along with strife,
and "Such is life."

The Poet

Campus Briefs

Announcement orders

The Student Finance Center will begin taking orders for graduation announcements June 24 from seniors due to graduate at the end of the second summer session.

Faye Yeates, spokesperson for the center, noted orders may be placed in Room 217 of the MSC,

from June 24-July 5. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Several styles and prices are available to graduating students, Ms. Yeates said. Ordered graduation announcements will be delivered to the center several weeks in advance of graduation.

SG Radio to start

Student government radio will begin broadcasting Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. They will be on the air

Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to midnight on 107.5 on Mid-west Video.

Free mall concert

The Basement Committee of the MSC will have a coffee house this weekend in the Rudder Center Mall, 8 p.m.-midnight. Admission is free and performers are needed. Performers may call Jim Reeves at

845-1515. This weekend's performers are: Friday: Greg Bexter, John Sharp, Bruce Wooden, Tom Dillon Saturday: Jan Drake, Ron Rainwater, Dale Thetford

Library hours

The library is open two hours later Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Although the library will remain open later, no regular library services will be available after 12 midnight.

Saturday operation has also been extended two hours, with a new schedule of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The facility will open an hour earlier on Sundays, at 1 p.m. rather than 2 p.m., and will close at midnight.

Prototype barrier crash-tested here

TAMU's Texas Transportation Institute will undertake impact tests on a prototype traffic barrier system for the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP).

The barrier, which was developed by NCHRP, is designed to provide a consistent degree of protection while presenting a reasonably consistent appearance.

Dr. T. J. Hirsch, professor of civil engineering at TAMU and research engineer with TTI, is principal investigator on the project that will place the prototype barrier through four high-speed crash tests.

The barrier is intended to prevent penetration by a standard-size U. S. automobile impacting at freeway speeds and at a 25 degree angle. The barrier is expected to redirect straying vehicles parallel to traffic flow, and will provide a range of controlled dynamic deflections by varying design parameters.

The TTI research team will conduct the crash tests at the Highway Safety Research Center at the Research Annex under the direction of Dr. Gene Buth, associate research engineer at TTI.

Tests will include impacting the system with a 4,500-pound car travelling at 60 miles per hour and 25 degrees. Another test will be run at the same speed from a seven degree angle.

The third test will involve a car impacting the transition area between the approach railing and the bridge rail, and will also be run at 60 mph from 25 degrees. A fourth test will probably be run later, under provisions for additional funding for the project.

Too many vitamins harmful

"If a few vitamins are good, then lots of vitamins must be better" has been said more than once.

"It's just not true," one foods and nutrition expert says--"too many vitamins don't make you healthier--they might even be harmful."

She's Sally Springer, foods and nutrition specialist, TAMU Agricultural Extension Service.

"Fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K are stored in the body and excess amounts taken for an extended time may be toxic," the specialist warned.

Because of this danger, the Food and Drug Administration has limited the amount of vitamins A and D supplements sold across the counter, she added.

"If a person restricts his diet to specific foods and takes supplemental vitamins over an extended time, toxic symptoms of certain vitamins may appear," she continued.

Water-soluble vitamins--C and B-complex--do not stockpile in the body--so excess amounts of these do neither good nor harm. The body simply doesn't use them.

"Good nutrition in our 'age of supernutrition' comes from eating a wide variety of foods every day. Excess vitamins don't help your health," the specialist concluded.

May employment shown holding

May nonagricultural employment in the Bryan-College Station area held to the April level as reductions in education were offset by increased hiring in retail trade and construction.

Nonfarm employment grew moderately this year. Nonagricultural placements by Texas Employment Commission totaled 533 in May, up from 420 in April, and increasing 13.9 percent over May '73, according to the TEC.

The number of unemployed registered with TEC rose moderately to 1160 in May, and was 4.7 percent above last year's total. New job applications, at 654, showed a sharp increase from the April figure of 533, and a moderate gain over the same month last year. Much of the increase was due to the lay-off in education.

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Her hair streaked with silver, her eyes clear as glass,
You can tell at a moment, this girl's got class.

What is she doing in a place like this?
Why, she's got a husband and family to miss.
She walks the long thoroughfare through bushes and trash,
A forgotten inmate of a place known as ASH.
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