'85 Texas Teacher of the Year instructs computer literacy

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students, Morgan said she aims to inspire her teenagers to work hard ity. Those adolescent years before high school are tough, she said, and her students need to understand she's both their teacher and their

"I feel like I'm constantly being watched," Morgan said. "Everyday I'm a big influence in their lives. I'm

She establishes standards in the classroom right away, she said, and that usually prevents discipline problems from ever arising.

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history

to work for her, she said. ask her why they must learn to solve these math problems, she refers toteach them what teaching is all them to a chart on the back wall entiabout. tled "When Will We Ever Use This Stuff." If the student wants to be a waitress, Morgan said her chart points out how math can be used in a morgan said she also makes sure her students are aware of another important fact: she is a 1978 grad-

with students," Morgan said. "They can tell that I like them." speaking at universities, conferences, business groups, parent-teacher associations, and serving as a representative of the district on seve-Arithmetic isn't as popular with her pupils as computer literacy, she said, so Morgan tries to relate math skills to everyday life. When students

points out how math can be used in a waitress's future.

Morgan also dares to reach out in the community, she said, and this role has expanded in the past year to Report: NutraSweet may trigger epilepsy

food additive prior to its approval in their use of aspartame. "It may turn out that when Wurtman, a physician at Massa-chusetts Institute of Technology, has enough doctors ask enough questions, there'll be no correlation," he

been a frequent critic of aspartame since it was introduced in 1981 as the said in an interview. Heybach speculated that the seizures of the three noted cases might tabletop sweetener Equal. Now it is used in dozens of products, includhave been triggered by drinking such large amounts of fluids. He said there have been reports of peoing pudding, chewing gum and diet Wurtman agreed that the apparple suffering seizures after conent association he reported could have been coincidental. But he said

suming large quantities of water. "I imagine it's possible that there

doctors should question patients may be individuals who are sensitive with unexplained seizures about to aspartame," he said, "although there is no documented evidence of even a single individual having a clear-cut adverse reaction associated with aspartame to date, despite the fact that hundreds of millions of people use the product on a regular basis worldwide."

> One of the main ingredients of aspartame is the amino acid phenylalanine. Wurtman suggests that consuming lots of aspartame can raise levels of phenylalanine in the brain.

After two years as an accounting major at A&M, Morgan said she switched to education. The prompting of a former teacher in her hometown of Madisonville coupled with her love for math, motivated Morgan to designate math and science as

ing that the girl probably wanted an "A" in the class.

After two years as an accounting head start.

her two teaching fields, she said.

Morgan said A&M gave her a head start.

"The education department is superb," she said. "I had to student teach one semester. No other college required that. It prepared me so well."

Clinic counsels students

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anxiety, came to the clinic for help.
"He considered all his options and "He considered all his options and the best one (at the time) was just to kill himself," she says. "So we saw him on an intensive basis."

Hughes says the clinic also has a computerized vocational guidance program that she says "college students should be very interested in."

She says the student is still under-

you have to explore many different possible causes," Hughes says. "It's tion, is subsidized by the University really very complex and time con-

suming."
She says patients with severe suming." from patients.

She says patients with severe problems often receive therapy for are successful, but it is difficult to tell

Currently, the clinic is working with a group of adults that have been convicted of sexually molesting a child and are on probation,

"Part of the terms of their probation include that they participate in sychotherapy," she says.

The clinic serves about 60 pagoing therapy.

"With every symptom you have, A&M students, Hughes says."

and also uses the money received

in some cases.

'You have a family problem and perhaps you've resolved some of their issues and maybe there's somewhat less conflict in the home, Hughes says. "But is that a cure?"

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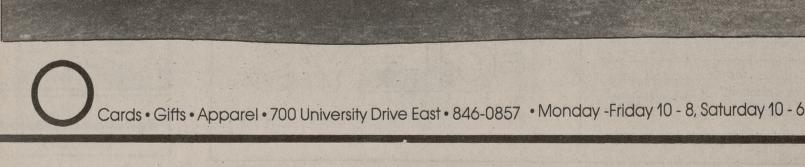
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