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Madison Parker will compete in the poetry slam Sunday.

Slam poets vie for five spots on Mic Check team

By Kelsey Routh

MIC CHECK

▷ Poets involved with Mic Check, a nonprofit spoken word group, will compete this weekend to compete for one of the five finalist positions in the Southern Fried poetry festival this summer.

Madison Parker, president of Mic Check, will be among the competitors this Sunday.

"I'll probably be using some of my poems that I have used more in slams — ones that I have more experience with and that I know the audience likes," Parker said. "You kind of have to test out your poems sometimes."

Davis Land, vice president of Mic Check and telecommunication media studies sophomore, said people can expect to hear personal pieces.

"At Mic Check we like to encourage people to draw inspiration from wherever and write about whatever," Land said.

Kalena Thwaits, Mic Check social media officer and women's and gender studies junior, said repre-

what Competition for 5-poet team.

when 8:30 p.m. Sunday

where Revolution Bar and Cafe

senting Mic Check through the slams is an honor for members.

"For them, to be able to compete at that high of a level is amazing for this community and amazing for Mic Check and amazing to inspire all poets around College Station," Thwaits said.

The finalists will be selected through three elimination rounds. During each round, poets will be required to perform a different poem lasting no more than three minutes. Judges will be randomly selected from the audience and will judge the poems on a 10-point scale.

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COCKROACH CONTINUED

with the antennae method.

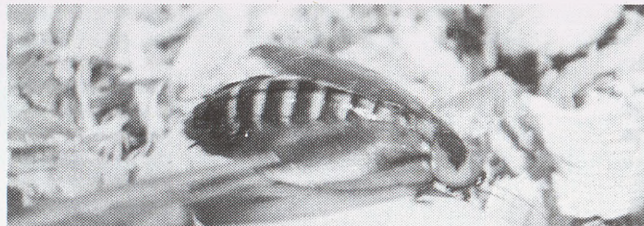
Jorge González, an entomologist who worked with the group, said this method is more effective than those developed in the past.

"When we implanted the electrodes into the ganglia the period for becoming accustomed [to the signal] was much slower," Gonzalez said. "The other thing is that after a short period of rest you can start sending the signals again."

Gonzalez said cockroaches make for a near-perfect organism when it comes to this project. They are easily available and tough — cockroaches can deal with a surprising amount of physical stress. In fact, after having the electrodes implanted and later removed, the roaches go on to live normal lives.

These controllable cockroaches may

Developing technology could turn cockroaches into data gathering organisms for researchers.



Mary Reyes — THE BATTALION

have significant uses outside of academic research. Because roaches are so strong, they could be outfitted with many different instruments for data recording. This technology could be used in surveillance for areas that humans have trouble reaching, such as rubble after a major earthquake.

"You can have multiple backpacks and set them up as a routing system, so one can communicate with the next

and next, all the way to the home base," said Carlos Sanchez, the head graduate student working on the project.

The communication system would allow for the cockroaches to be networked and have their data combined and collected to give a better picture of the situation. With this new form of surveying, Sanchez said lives could be saved in places where before, help was slow to reach.

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