



Chocolate that's as nutritious as cheese is what Marilyn Reichel's job is all about at the dairy plant. She's preparing blocking pans which will hold chocolate cheese, an MSU innovation.

Cool campus job is just delicious

Joseph Viger, Marilyn Reichel and Larry Brunel are spending the summer in a setting that would make Little Miss Muffet—and many heat-prostrated, real life folks—drool with envy.

Surrounded by an unlimited supply of curds, whey and such cool delicacies as ice cream, frozen yogurt and 15 varieties of cheese, the three are student workers at Michigan State University's on-campus dairy plant in East Lansing, where they not only get to sample all of them, but are learning how to make them, as well.

The student workers spend about 20 hours a week in the plant that serves as an instruction and research center for MSU's food science department.

Since MSU's dairy plant opened early in the century, students have been helping to operate the huge curdling vats, brine tanks, ripening rooms

and other machinery that currently turn out 600 pounds of cheese every working day.

The students try out an endless stream of experimental recipes and production methods for MSU food science researchers. They were first to taste-test such MSU originals as chocolate cheese, dried egg nog, whey cookies and smoke-house rather than artificially flavored cheddar.

Products and innovations in processing that prove successful in the experiments are often adopted by the commercial dairy industry. This spring the students helped food scientists perfect a mild, nutty cheese which, because it ripens in three to four weeks instead of the two to three months most cheeses require, could mean sizable cost savings for cheese manufacturers.

New foods deemed marketable by the students' experienced taste buds—such as the recently added frozen yogurt in five fruit flavors—are added to the shelves of the plant's dairy store, a retail outlet which the students also operate.

Khimji Nakrani, dairy technologist who oversees the student workers, says the plant offers students "a very relaxed atmosphere where no one is restricted to one job and everyone gets a chance to do everything involved in large scale dairy production."

Viger, Reichel and Brunel, all natives of the Detroit area, are currently helping out on research projects to recycle whey, a cheese manufacturing by-product, and to develop a slow-melting ice cream.

Free group tours for the public can be arranged by contacting the MSU dairy plant.



Always ready to say cheese is Joseph Viger when preparing a block of cheddar at Michigan State University's dairy plant. The plant produces 15 varieties.

Earhart solo a first

Amelia Earhart Putnam took off from Wheeler Field, Honolulu, Hawaii, heading for Oakland, Calif., on January 11, 1935. She landed in Oakland a little more than 18 hours later, becoming the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn exhibits one of her planes, the Lockheed Vega. It was a demonstrator plane which she flew on several occasions. Her registration numbers are still on the plane and are still registered with the government.

The Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA), the Detroit Department of Transportation, and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority have teamed up to provide

a "bargain bus service" to six area metroparks.

The project, funded by the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation, provides for \$1.10,

round-trip individual fares when tickets are purchased in advance. Round-trip fares will be \$1.25 when purchased on the date of travel.

John Saunders, a SEMTA spokes-

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