

Braille student launches 2-fold career in music

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

A young Farmington woman who was one of the only Braille students in East Junior High School, is now on the final stretch of getting her degree from Western Michigan University.

Laura Pappas of 3068 Eleven Mile will wind up her formal schooling with a four-month stint as a student teacher with the Redford School System. She is a double major with classes that will equip her to teach music as well as use music for therapy.

She has a split assignment in Redford where she will be working with both elementary as well as high school students.

In addition she is also pursuing a correspondence course that will eventually make her a certified Braille proofreader.

"I AM A READER, and there was very little Braille to read in college, especially in music, so being a proofreader is my contribution to getting more Braille books into the library," she said.

Miss Pappas said she got through college with a lot of writing for aids to help me all the friends and readers Braille and tapes.

But tapes are fast, she continued, if it is a boring subject, I'd be very likely to fall asleep. They don't keep you alert enough to learn as well.

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prison Braillists for help with textbooks calling for thermoforms (the duplicated work of the Braillists) and calling in rush-orders of tapes to meet exam dates.

Even standard reference books were sometimes hard to come by in Braille.

THE WELL-GROOMED young woman who coordinates her wardrobe through the metal tags sewn in each garment, is constantly accompanied by her dog, "Flame" who went to college with her and will be with her in classes this winter in Redford.

To the onlooker, it seems as though Flame is particularly attentive when Miss Pappas is singing and playing the piano. She also plays guitar, clarinet, oboe, and flute.

She considers music a form of communication, and as for music therapy, she calls it a wide open field with much good work to be done.

At Western, as part of her classwork, she worked with a mentally retarded boy and another boy with a disturbed behavior problem. In both instances she used music as a communication device and she called both experiences a success.

BOTH MISS PAPPAS and her mother, Doris, are affiliated with the Tri-County Braille Association, the mother group to chapters throughout Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

Miss Pappas has helped as an assistant proofreader. Her mother worked through the Nardin Park (church) Braillists in Farmington by typing materials on large-type machines for the partially sighted, helps with recordings, writes letters for the blind and has literally "written all over the world for special aids for Laura."

Transcribers work "just to keep up and that is difficult. New textbooks keep coming out every year. Best sellers, unless they happen to fall into required reading for students, are just not available."

And Braille, though it is the best available, and in use since 1812, is cumbersome, Miss Pappas read "Gone With the Wind," and that was in 13 volumes. Books for four or five classes, she described as a "lockerful."

Miss Pappas is the second of three children and considers herself lucky for having had early mobility training so she could enter into a public school.

It all boils down to "making myself as independent as possible as soon as possible," she says. "Learning how to live in your world."

Braille classes start in October at 12 localities throughout the tri-county area. For information, persons in Oakland County are invited to call Carole Cramer, 674-7622. Persons in Wayne County may call Dorothy Grier, 557-6887.



Flame accompanied Laura Pappas to college and will go on to student teaching with the untaught miss as she pursues a career in music teaching and music therapy.

Community Calendar

HAVE TRASH WILL TRAVEL

Monday, Sept. 13: Have Trash Will Travel, lecture and demonstration by Carol Daval, sponsored by Women of St. Fabian in St. Fabian Catholic Church, 3200 Twelve Mile, 8 p.m. Admission of \$1 asked at the door.

ONE WOMAN SHOW

Monday, Sept. 13: One Woman Show of the works of artist Connie Lucas in Farmington Community Library, on Twelve Mile, continues through Sept. 30.

HUNTERS SAFETY CLINIC

Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 13-14: Two session Hunters Safety Clinic at 7:10 p.m. each evening sponsored by Farmington

American Legion in American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River. Registration and fee of \$1 payable at first session. Clinic continues every Monday and Tuesday through October.

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Tuesday, Sept. 14: Ten-week lecture series for divorced and separated Christians, sponsored by Separated and Divorced Catholics Community, in St. Columban Parish Hall, 1775 Melon, Birmingham, begins this date at 8 p.m. Fee of \$1 asked at the door each session.

HUNTERS SAFETY CLINIC

Wednesday, Sept. 15: Two-part Hunters Safety Clinic, sponsored by Farmington Area Recreation Commission in coopera-

tion with Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile, 7 p.m., continues Sept. 22. Registration and fee of \$1 accepted at first class.

LEARN THE MODELS' SECRETS

Wednesday, Sept. 15: "Learn the Models' Secrets" with Cindy Gunther, Miss Michigan 1978 and Sharon Pettit, of PJ Modeling and Finishing School and Agency in Farmington Hills Branch Library, on Liberty Street, 7:30 p.m. No charge.

MEMBERSHIP TEA

Wednesday, Sept. 15: Membership Tea given by Farmington Musicals in St. John American Lutheran Church of Farmington, 23225 Gill Road, 11:30 p.m. Reservations are requested through Mrs. Aderl Schaefer, 628-1850.

TRY MACRAME

Thursday, Sept. 16: "Try Macrame" lecture demonstration with Cindy Davies, in Farmington Branch Library on Liberty Street, 7:30 p.m. Materials available for purchase, otherwise no charge.

GREEK MARKET

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 16-17: Greek Market sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Franklin Community Church, Franklin Road, Franklin, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Market offers food recipes demonstrations, crafts, Christmas decorations and authentic Greek imports. Lunch and dinner available.

RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 16-19: Rummage sale, sponsored by Country Corners Chapter of OHT (Organization for Rehabilitation and Training), in the garage of Phyllis Maister, 6679 Adley Way, West Bloomfield, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

PASTY DINNER

Friday, Sept. 17: Pasty dinner in Farmington Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Roads from 5:27 p.m. Admission of \$1.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children, asked at the door.

FALL FESTIVAL

Friday through Sunday, Sept. 17-19: St.

Alexander's Fall Festival on the church grounds, 27435 Shawwassee between Middle Belt and Inkster roads, south of Nine Mile, with midway of rides and games, food and home-baked goods from 9:00 a.m. Friday, and from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

PEANUT SALE

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18: Annual peanut sale sponsored by Farmington Kiwanis Club, at all major intersections to raise money for scholarships for handicapped children and sending youths to boys and girls state.

SINGLE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD SEMINAR

Saturday, Sept. 18: Single Head of Household Seminar sponsored by Scholcraft College Community Services, in St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27435 Five Mile, Livonia, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations must be made before Sept. 11 by calling the church office, 422-1470. Fee of \$3 includes registration, program of nine workshops and lunch.

BETHANY DANCE

Saturday, Sept. 18: Dance for singles

sponsored by Northeast Bethans, hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows parish in the church on Powers and Shawwassee roads 9 p.m. BYOB. Admission of \$3 asked at the door.

ANTIQUE COLLECTORS SHOW AND SALE

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19: Antique Collectors Show and Sale sponsored by Lure's & Hildes, Hat Goodies Antique Shop, in Farmington Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Road on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission.

GYMNASTIC TRYOUTS

Saturday, Sept. 18: Tryouts for the Girls Gymnastics Team of Farmington, sponsored by Farmington YMCA in Westbrook School gym on Osmus Street, west of Orchard Lake, on between Eight and Nine Mile in Farmington, begins at noon. Previous gymnastic or ballet training required, competitive experience is not necessary.

ADULT EDUCATION

Monday, Sept. 20: Registration deadline for all classes offered by Farmington Schools Adult Education Department. Registration for day classes taken by calling 631-5361, for evening classes 477-1800, ext. 26.



Basketry

The ancient art of basketry will be taught in one of the first classes in the Farmington Community Center's fall schedule this year. It is one of the most unusual classes the center offers because students collect their own materials. It is taught by Helen Mueller. Registration is going on now, on a first-come, first-served basis, until all classes are full.

FALL ANTIQUE SHOW

Co-ordinated by Jeanne Fishman

SEPTEMBER 13 THRU 18

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