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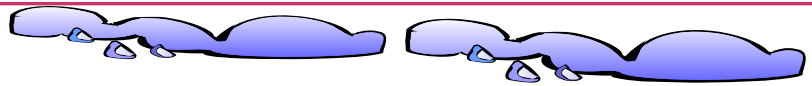
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*"All animals except man know that the principle business of life is to enjoy it."*

— Samuel Butler



## Information for you!

### Becoming a Better Speaker

If you want help to improve your speaking habits, the following suggestions might help.

1. You should speak a little louder than usual and use broader gestures.
2. Take time to analyze the audience and tell them something they don't know.
3. Avoid reading with eyes glued to the lectern. Work from an outline and trust in yourself.
4. Move away from the lectern to establish rapport with the audience.
5. Videotape your rehearsal to strengthen your efforts.
6. Look at each member in the audience at least five or six seconds. you don't want to appear like a "scared rabbit"
7. Pause to collect your thoughts instead of inflicting "ums" and "ahs" on the audience.

Source: Based on an article from *Investor's Business Daily*.

### Hours of Operation

- Monday—Thursday  
7:45 am— 9:00 pm
- Friday  
7:45 am—5:00 pm

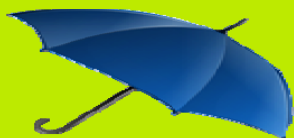
Testing Center

Monday—Thursday  
8:00 am—8:30 pm

Friday  
8:00 am—4:30 pm

### April Days

1. Appreciate Diversity Month
2. Couple Appreciation Month
3. Physical Wellness Month
4. National Car Care Month
5. National Poetry Month
6. Stress Awareness Month
7. National Kite Month



### Ode to the Speech

I went down by the old mill stream,  
I fell asleep and had a weird dream  
I was told "You have to give a speech"  
All I could do was stand and screech

I didn't know about the audience  
What was their experience?  
I didn't have a topic or an outline  
And all their eyes were watching mine.

Um, Ah, Ah, Um, AAAAAH, UM  
Sounds, made me feel so dumb  
My eyes and nose started to twitch  
I was becoming a scared little rabbit.

I awoke and ran straight to the library  
To give a speech unprepared is scary  
I'll do research, practice, and not be so tense  
And speak out in class with confidence

Composed by N. Williams

[Old English April\(is\)](#) ; [Latin Aprilis](#); [Etruscan Apru](#) ; [Greek Aphro](#), short for [Aphrodite](#).

Aphrodite is the Greek Goddess of love and beauty. The origin of April.