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Hot Deaf News during the week:

today!

Dr T. Alan Hurwitz becomes the 10th president of Gallaudet University.

DeafDigest extends congratulations to Alan

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Gallaudet University Trustees Name T. Alan Hurwitz President

Washington, D.C. - Dr. Benjamin Soukup, chair of the Gallaudet University Board of Trustees, today announced the appointment of Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz as the university's tenth president.

Gallaudet, established in 1864 by an act of Congress, is the world's only liberal arts university for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students

Hurwitz, who is deaf, currently serves as president of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), one of eight colleges within the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), and vice president and dean of RIT. He has worked at NTID/RIT since 1970, first as an instructor in RIT's College of Engineering and subsequently, as an NTID professor, department chair, dean, and the college's president. Throughout his career he has been active in a variety of professional organizations, including serving as president of both the National Association of the Deaf and the World Organization of Jewish Deaf.

In Dr. Alan Hurwitz the Board of Trustees has chosen a leader for Gallaudet who possesses an extensive and distinguished track record in the field of higher education for deaf and hard of hearing persons. This expertise, along with his commitment to Gallaudet's unique mission and strategic plan, ensures that he is the right person to lead the university as it seeks to attract and educate students from a variety of educational and communication backgrounds, Soukup said.

The announcement of Hurwitz's appointment follows a year-long search process that was the object of intense scrutiny due to past protests related to two presidential appointments. The trustees and the presidential search committee took extraordinary steps to ensure and demonstrate that this search was in every way inclusive, fair and transparent.

Hurwitz, who will take office in January, succeeds Dr. Robert Davila, the university's president since 2007.

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Also, the link from NTID public relations office:
http://www.ntid.rit.edu/media/full_text.php?article_id=1060

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Said NBC News today:

No Protests Expected With Latest Gallaudet President-Select

Thank goodness!

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- Thursday October 15th

Former Australia prime minister John Howard said on a TV news program that he struggled with his life long hearing loss

- Friday October 16th

The judge in South Dakota, in response to the lawsuit five parents have filed with respect to reduction of services at South Dakota School for the Deaf, said it may be out of Federal court's turf.

The plaintiff's attorney does not agree and will fight on.

- Saturday October 17th

A new book, "The Deaf Doctor" has been published in Great Britain by author Marian Eason, not deaf. It is about her father Ted Eason, a physician. He became late-deafened and could not continue in the medical profession. Instead he became a farmer, specializing in centipedes, and eventually became Great Britain's best myriapodologist (those that study centipedes)

(please go back to the Blue edition for the Sunday-Wednesday Hot Deaf News)

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Deaf Miscellaneous stuff:

Megan Jack, who is deaf, is a medical school student at the University of Manitoba medical school. DeafDigest is not sure if she will be the first deaf Canadian to become a physician or if there are other deaf Canadian physicians before her.

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The nation of Maldives conducted their cabinet meeting ...under water.

How did the cabinet members communicate? Yes, via sign language. It is the first cabinet meeting of any country where members used signs to communicate with each other!

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CODA'S HIDDEN HEARING LOSS

This is a true story. A Coda grew up, making many friends with with hearing people. He would talk with them a lot on voice telephone every day.

He graduated from college and applied for a job. He was required to take a hearing exam before the job could be offered him.

After the hearing exam, the examiner told the Coda that he has a serious hearing loss.

It was a shock to him because in his years being with his hearing friends, he never realized he had a hearing loss.

True or false? You decide!

- for ASL News version, please click on:

<http://deafdigest.com/videos/video-codahearingloss/>

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A NERVOUS AIRLINE CLERK

Another true story. Few years ago, many deaf people

were at the airport in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, waiting to get on an airplane.

The ticket clerk saw all these deaf people, signing to each other, and she panicked.

She used her microphone, requesting that all deaf people to report to her.

Of course, deaf people cannot hear and would not know about the public announcement.

Fortunately, an interpreter heard the announcement and told all deaf people to line up to report to the ticket counter clerk.

Why would a hearing person think that a deaf person can hear?

Always a mystery.

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BEING GLOBALLY INVOLVED WITH THE DEAF

Cheryl L. Dickson, not deaf, is everywhere. There was a press release of her being elected as the president-elect of The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell) Academy for Listening and Spoken Language.

Huh? We've always known of AgBell as the The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. But the one with Listening and Spoken Language? Yes, the latter is a subsidiary of AgBell.

Now back to Dickson. She owns a private practice in Sydney, Australia. She also serves as clinical director for The Hearing House in Auckland, New Zealand. And now this - president-elect of an American organization.

Three nations. Three different groups. Three different English accents.

Whew!

HEARING HUSH-HUSH, DEAF HUSH-HUSH

A few weeks ago an interesting story was published in the Washington Post regarding hush-hush at the Capitol Hill committee meetings.

Legislative aides, wishing to discuss matters of importance, must whisper without giving themselves away. And, yes, ears are everywhere, ever so curiously.

Deaf hush-hush? Yes, let us take the

Gallaudet board of trustees meetings as an example. Deaf trustees try to hide their signs or to sign in codes when discussing something sensitive with their fellow trustees. Yes, eyes are everywhere, ever so curiously!

A TEXT MESSAGING PIONEER

The Wikipedia says that David Jackson, a deaf Briton, became the first deaf person to send a text message. That was in 1995.

The link is at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Text_messaging

DeafDigest disagrees. The first deaf person was Nan Sanders, Vienna, VA. She and her hearing husband were attending a big conference of radio hams in Ohio in the early eighties.

Thousands of radio hams were at the conference and it is so easy to get lost. Her husband, an electronics expert, crafted a pocket TTY device to a talkie-rig. When he wanted to contact his wife, a buzzer would tell her a message was forthcoming. She would turn on the device. to read the message.

This device created a sensation among these admiring hearing radio hams and electronics hobbyists in Northern Virginia.

HYBRID CARS PERFECT FOR DEAF DRIVERS

Many people complain that cars are too noisy. An example was the mention last week in DeafDigest of convertibles making drivers deaf!

But there is a twist to these hybrid cars. People are complaining...not that these cars create noise...but that there is a lack of noise.

Noise in cars is a comfort zone for hearing drivers. They want to know that a car is passing them by from behind, that the engine is running smoothly, that the brakes are working properly, etc.

Not a problem with us, the deaf drivers.

DISABILITY SERVICES IN COLLEGES MAY HAVE PROBLEMS

There was a story published in a newspaper in Wyoming.

The title was:

Disability Services undermanned and overworked

What this means is that when states are broke, then disability services in state colleges may not receive enough funding.

And when this happens, the ability to serve the deaf with interpreters, CART services and note takers. may be compromised.

A perfect solution? Yes - just attend either Gallaudet or NTID/RIT!

OUR ORGANIZATIONS SERVING THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

We have many, many organizations, both national and local, that serve deaf and hard of hearing people.

One such organization is:

National Counselors of the Deaf Association

The web site is at:

<http://www.ncdacounselors.org/index.html>

TALES FROM FORMER DEAF PIZZA DRIVERS

(series to be run on a weekly basis until list of tales run out)

On my last run of the day, I made a delivery to a house where a drunk customer opened the door. He gave me a fifty dollar bill. I told him I didn't have change for it; He said never mind and to keep the change!

If you are a former Deaf Pizza Driver and have an interesting tale, please share it with:

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WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

famous percussionist Eve Glennie was described as profoundly deaf, which is to say she's not entirely

deaf

is it the same as saying a person wears eye glasses which
is to say he's not entirely blind?

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31st World's Largest ASL Silent Weekend in 2010
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We had over 600 at the last silent weekend, including the
President of RID, Cheryl Moose.

The venue for the June 24-27, 2010 event will handle 700-1000
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beginning, intermediate and advanced ASL and ITP students, as
well as interpreters (CEUs offered) will have around 150 hours
of seminars to choose from.

The 31st Silent Weekend is at the Florida Hotel at the Florida
Mall in Orlando with its huge food court allowing you to have
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The 8th Florida/Alaska Motorcycle Charity Run for deaf babies
is finished. This was the world's longest group motorcycle
benefit run.

See <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,705315218,00.html>
for an article from a newspaper.

See <http://www.AlaskaBikeRun.com> for updates and photos.

These trips will take place every year so why not make plans to join us now in July, 2010?

Please browse our selection of signing greeting cards at:
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Hot DeafNews boring, but important!

The deaf of New Zealand are upset over the New Zealand Film Commission standards which require English subtitles for films in any other language than English.

Deaf New Zealanders wishing to watch English-language movies are simply out of luck.

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DeafLibrary Page of the Week

Communication Accessibility Brings Its Own Problems

by Mary E Wambach, Executive Director, The Corliss Institute, Warren, RI. It is a social service agency that provides services to the deaf in the state of Rhode Island. She also serves on the Board of Trustees at Rhode Island School for the Deaf.

Anyway, the article focuses on funding scams that prey on the Deaf Community

Do click on <http://deafdigest.com/wambach>

(on a rotating basis, a different DeafLibrary Page topic will be featured every week)

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Deaf Picture of the Week:

Jill Bianco
deaf female baseball player

(baseball, not softball, two completely different sports)

<http://www.courierpress.com/news/2009/oct/11/baseball-sense-keeps-deaf-player-in-game/>

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Question of the week:

Q. Does Hollywood hire deaf consultants for movies that involve dead characters?

A. Yes and no, but in many cases Hollywood producers pretty much disregard the advice of deaf consultants. This is regrettable; hearing actors that play deaf roles do not play it very well and the deaf patrons immediately spot this sort of phoniness. And sign language, at best, is bad.

send your questions to <mailto:barry@deafdigest.com>

the most interesting questions may be answered in future DeafDigest editions. Thank you.

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Wish List of the Week:

that we all will work with incoming president Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz to make Gallaudet a success

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DeafHistory - Looking Back:

Year 1892 - Albert Ballin, who was deaf, was hired by the Democratic Party of New York as a full time election staffer. His job was to rally votes for Democratic Party candidates

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Deaf and the Money:

Money talks?

\$500,000 donated by Rush Limbaugh to House Ear Institute.

The NFL does not want him but House Ear Institute loves him.

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DeafNumbers of the Week:

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Jane Homka
Executive Secretary
The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

e-mail: mailto:jhomka@psd.org

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Education:

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A Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution (deaf education, rehabilitation or related field) required. Master's degree in related field preferred. Two years of work experience in deaf education, rehabilitation or related field, Fluency in sign language required. Demonstrated ability to form partnerships and working collaborations with a diverse group of people including teachers, educational professionals, parents, and members of the deaf community. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Ability to communicate clearly and effectively across great distances through a variety of media. Demonstrated ability to work independently, self-motivate and initiate and manage programs. Communicate clearly and concisely, in writing. Computer skills sufficient to manage workload efficiently, produce professional materials, and manage data. Ability to be flexible with work schedule. Willing to travel extensively throughout the region. Possession of a valid driver's license and ability to drive a motor vehicle.

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call for nominations

Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer
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Jackson Heights, NY

The Board of Trustees of the Lexington School and Center for the Deaf seeks an experienced and proven innovative administrator to join us and lead as Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Lexington has served the Deaf and hard of hearing community of the New York Metropolitan area since 1864, as a leading educational, advocacy, vocational and social service agency.

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2. The Lexington Center for Mental Health Services which includes an outpatient clinic and specializes in infant, child, adult and family services.

3. The Lexington Vocational Services Center which offers supported employment and independent living skills to Deaf and hard of hearing adults throughout the metropolitan area.

4. The Lexington Hearing & Speech Center, which provides audiological and speech services to the community including an Early Intervention Program for families with young children who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

5. The Lexington Child Care Center which operates a Universal Pre-K program for children in the local community.

6. The Lexington School for the Deaf Foundation, which serves as the fundraising arm of Lexington Center.

Scope of Duties:

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2. The Superintendent/CEO is responsible for the strategic planning, financial management, development and evaluation of all programs.

3. The Superintendent/CEO is responsible for establishing and cultivating relationships between and among all stakeholders including employees, families, inter-affiliate relations, government agencies and the public.

4. The Superintendent/CEO is responsible for developing and managing fundraising strategies to maintain and expand revenues from government and private sectors.

Qualifications:

1. Experienced and proven Senior Executive capable of providing strong leadership and managing/supervising multiple functions (finance, information technology, operations, educational instruction, development, and outreach, etc.), with responsibility for 10 direct reports and a total staff of approximately 350.

2. Certified or eligible for certification as a New York State School Administrator.

3. Experience preferred, but not required, in the field of education and social services programs for individuals with hearing disabilities. The ability to identify, evaluate and initiate a wide range of contemporary services for the Deaf and hard of hearing individuals is also preferred.

4. Fluent in American Sign Language.

Qualified candidates should submit resume with salary requirements by U.S. Postal mail to:

Claudia Gordon, Esq., Chairperson, Search Committee
Lexington School and Center for the Deaf
30th Ave. & 75th Street
Jackson Heights, NY 11370

Or via email to <mailto:CEO-SuperintendentSearch@lexnyc.org>

Call For Nominations will close November 30, 2009

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