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## TV, Film, and Photography provides myriad services to the University

The Department of Television, Film, and Photography provides two basic functions for the University: It educates students in the field and serves the campus community's television, videotape production, and captioning needs.

With the advent of the 1992 fiscal year Oct. 1, the two components of the department that provide these functions—the academic and production units—began operating under separate budgets for the first time.

"We have not created two departments," said Dr. Njeri Nuru, dean of the School of Communication. "We have simply separated the production budget and the academic budget so that those two components know what they have to work with. This will facilitate fiscal management and accountability."

The Television Production unit also was reorganized to provide career mobility for staff members within the unit, said Nuru.

Each of these units serves a vital role in the University's communication efforts.

The Television Production unit is probably best known for its Emmy Award-winning show "Deaf Mosaic." "We not only recognize it as our most important product, but the University recognizes its importance," said Ron Reed, director of Television Production. "Television is powerful. We get letters every month from people who watch 'Deaf Mosaic.'"

In addition to "Deaf Mosaic," Reed's unit produces videotapes for campus and off-campus groups. These tapes include projects with the

National Park Service about historical places in Washington, D.C., and Boston, Mass., that are accessible to deaf people and people with disabilities. Another tape is about the services of the University's Experiential Programs Off Campus.

"We've never had enough people to do all of the requests," said Reed, who has been at Gallaudet for about 15 years. The fees that the Television Production unit charges for its services are much lower than those charged by independent television production houses, he said.

The unit also edits and captions videotapes for clients outside the University. Among these clients are The Discovery Channel, the United Way Campaign, and the Smithsonian Institution. Although the unit has only one full-time captioner, several staff members are trained in this area and will drop what they are doing to caption when needed.

For commencement, University Week, and other special events, Reed's staff stops everything to set up and monitor cameras and to provide captioning for the proceedings.

The unit's control room in Merrill Learning Center is linked to the Field House, and the renovated Hall Memorial Building will have several classrooms connected the same way. This will enable schools across the country to pick up specific classes at Gallaudet by satellite, a concept called "distance learning." The future Center for Training and Development, slated for completion in the fall of 1993, will also be connected to the control room in this way.

The academic unit of the Department of Television, Film, and Photography is currently revising its 10-year-old curriculum, which includes classes in the history and future of visual media, photography, scriptwriting, television production, nonverbal film, and visual media in the American deaf community.

Jane Norman, assistant professor and acting chairwoman of the academic area, and Donna MacLean, an assistant professor who will serve as acting chairwoman in the spring when Norman goes on sabbatical leave, examined the curricula of departments similar to theirs at Stanford and San Francisco State universities, the San Francisco Art and American Film institutes, the California Institute of the Arts, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Southern California, and locally at Howard University, George

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President I. King Jordan and Linda Jordan greet visitors at the holiday open house at House One Dec. 4. (Right) A gingerbread house centerpiece adds to the festive atmosphere.



## ASL takes commitment, says Kemp

Learning American Sign Language (ASL) generally takes "two or three years, and a lifetime of commitment thereafter," said Dr. Mike Kemp, chairman of the Department of Sign Communication, in his Nov. 18 presentation, "Factors Leading to Successful ASL Acquisition," in Ely Center. The lecture was part of the department's Sign Language Lecture Series.

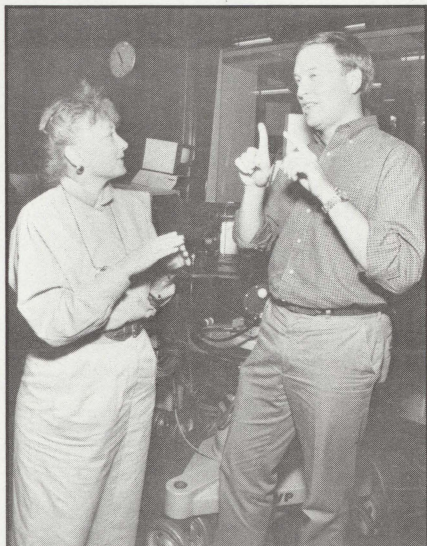
Successful acquisition of ASL skills can be influenced by a number of societal and personal factors, according to Kemp.

Research concerning second language acquisition often focuses on teaching methods and not how students acquire the language, Kemp said. Understanding factors that influence a person's acquiring a second language can explain why some people fail to learn or take longer to acquire it.

According to Kemp, in any second language acquisition situation there are two groups. The first consists of those who wish to learn the language, and the second consists of those who already know and practice it.

Kemp said that both external and internal forces influence second language acquisition. External forces are social variables and include assimilation, cohesiveness, and attitude. Internal forces are personal in nature and include language and culture shock, motivation, and the ability to accept different cultures and viewpoints.

Kemp stressed that successful socialization is an important factor in second language and ASL acquisition, and noted that anytime one group dominates another, social interaction is lost. "People who feel equal can acquire language much more quickly," Kemp said.



TV, Film, and Photography staff members Jane Norman, acting chairwoman of the department's academic area, and Ron Reed, director of television production, discuss a project.



Senior and student worker in Publications and Production Gayle Moore is awarded first prize in the Rakow Creative Writing Awards Dec. 4 by President Jordan. Second place went to junior Faithlyn Robinson and third place went to sophomore Lorie Cross.



# Announcements

NBC Nightly News has tentatively scheduled a follow-up story on the historic Deaf President Now movement at Gallaudet for Friday, Dec. 27.

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association invites the campus community to watch the AFC/NFC Championship Games on Sunday, Jan. 12, and Super Bowl XXVI on Sunday, Jan. 26, on its giant screen television in "Ole Jim." The Jan. 12 party, which is free, will include a deli bar at a nominal charge and a cash bar. The Super Bowl party, which costs \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door, includes chili, spaghetti, meatballs, Italian sausage, garlic bread, and salad, and a cash bar. Doors open one hour before game times. For tickets, contact Mike Kaika, director of Alumni Relations, x5081 (TDD).

New and used toys in good condition are needed for children of mothers at Hunt Place Clinic, a maternal and child health clinic in Northeast D.C. Deposit toys in the designated box at the University Center office in Ely Center before Dec. 20.

A signing Santa will be at Tysons Corner Center on Thursday, Dec. 19, from 5-9 p.m. Shoppers needing TDD access can call (703) 893 1761.

The Prince George's County Publick Playhouse of Hyattsville, Md., announces interpreted performances of the following plays: "We're All Family," Dec. 17 and 18, 10 a.m. and noon; "A Christmas Carol," Dec. 20, 10 a.m. and noon, Dec. 21, 11 a.m.; Annual Christmas Concert, Dec. 20, 8 p.m., free, tickets required, limit five per family; "Meet the Musicians": Mozart, Jan. 4, 11 a.m. For more information, call (301) 277-1710 (V/TDD).

The Ft. Stevens Lions Club's Christmas Tree Fund Raising Activity sends several KDES students to the Lions Club Camp of the Deaf every year.

This year, Douglas fir trees (5½-7½ feet) will be sold for \$35 at the Piney Branch Road lot, south of Georgia Ave. N.W., between Tuckerman and Sheridan Streets N.W. For more information, call Yvonne Robinson, x5327.

"Deaf Mosaic's" first comedy special will air on The Discovery Channel on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 9 a.m.

## ENFI garners more acclaim

Gallaudet's Electronic Networks for Interaction (ENFI) project has been named one of the "101 Success Stories of Information Technologies in Higher Education" by EDUCOM's Educational Uses of Information Technology (EUIT) program.

EDUCOM is a nonprofit consortium of higher education institutions and corporations that promotes the use of information technology. The purpose of EUIT is to identify information technologies that have made a difference in undergraduate education.

"ENFI has become a national phenomenon, one of the standard ways that computers are used to teach writing in American colleges today," EUIT noted in its report.

Dr. Trent Batson, director of the ENFI project and a professor in the English Department, said ENFI began at Gallaudet in 1984 as a way for deaf and hard of hearing students to experience conversational English.

Students and teachers write on computers connected by a network that sorts out the group's written comments and displays them on the screen as dialogue, he said.

"Many students' writing improves noticeably," Batson said. About 100 other universities have copied Gallaudet's ideas and now have their own ENFI projects, he added.

Since 1984, ENFI has won seven grants totaling nearly one million dollars. In 1989 ENFI won an EDUCOM award as best writing software for under-prepared students and was a finalist in the 1990 Smithsonian Computerworld awards.

The ENFI project team and IBM are currently working together to research group decision-support software based on ENFI principles.



Marjorie Barstow, a teacher of the principles of late Australian actor F. Matthias Alexander, conducts a workshop for Marcia Freeman's (center) dance class at MSSD. The method stresses health and ease of movement through coordination of mind and body.

## Classified Ads

**Classified ads** are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail MGGMOORE. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received Dec. 17-Jan. 3 will be published Jan. 13.

## TV, Film, Photo serves dual role

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Washington University, and the University of Maryland.

Norman and MacLean examined how these institutions combine theory and application to educate students. "It was a really important educational experience for us," said Norman. "The institutions were very helpful and generous in providing advice, suggestions, and guidance."

Norman and MacLean plan to implement the new curriculum in the fall of 1992. They are designing the curriculum to prepare its graduates for acceptance into any graduate school and for entry-level positions in the field.

"The new curriculum is timely, appropriate, and exciting, especially now when you see deaf people in the field taking the lead not only in front of the camera but also behind it," said Norman.

## Clarification

An article in the Nov. 18 edition of *On the Green* concerning Dr. Bruce White's election as the chairman of the English Department for the 1992-95 term did not specify the University Faculty Guidelines policy regarding department elections for chairs.

The guidelines state: "Department chairpersons will be appointed by the president on the recommendation of the provost. The respective dean shall recommend to the provost the appointment or reappointment of a chair after consultation with members of the department, every three years."

In some departments—for example, English—the consultation takes the form of an election among its members. The results of the election are forwarded to the dean and serve as the department's recommendation. The ultimate selection of the department chair is made by the president.

**FOR SALE:** 2-3 BR house w/fireplace, fenced yard, garage, walk to Metro, \$125,000. Call (301) 249-8243 (V) or (301) 249-4375 (TDD).

**FOR SALE:** Gray '87 Suzuki Samurai hard top, 30K mi., 5-spd, 4WD, new battery, exc. cond., \$4,000. Call David, x5352, or E-mail DPOFFICER.

**WANTED:** Nonsmoker to share 2-BR 2-bath apt. near Catholic Univ., W/D, very private, \$479/mo. plus ½ util. Call x4049 or (202) 265-4840 (V).

**FOR SALE:** Macintosh LC and 12-in. Apple monitor 4 MB-RAM, 40 MB Hard Disk, 10 mos. old, exc. cond., \$2,250/BO. E-mail 12PETERS.

**FOR SALE/SUBLET:** Brick rancher in Cheverly, Md., 3 BRs, 2 baths, living and dining rooms, table-space kitchen, screened porch, fireplace, full basement, attic, garage, 1 mi. to Metro, \$134,000. Will sublet large BR/bath, share other facilities, W/D, DW, Dec.-Mar. \$450/mo plus ½ util. Call Sue, x5301, or E-mail SRUSSELL.

**WANTED:** Female professional to share townhouse, BR/bath, W/D, near Metro/I-95, Springfield/Franconia, Va., must like pets, \$350/mo. plus util. Call Pam, (703) 274-4738 (TDD) days, or (703) 922-5780 (TDD) eves.

**WANTED:** Nonsmoker to share townhouse, Bowie, Md., 25-min. drive to Kendall Green, \$275/mo. incl. util. Call (301) 227-6255 days or (301) 227-6258 eves.

**FOR RENT:** Condo, Fairfield Harbour Resort, New Bern, N.C., Feb. 7, 8, or 9 to Feb. 14, 15, or 16/neg., 1 BR, fully equipped, whirlpool/hot tub, fireplace; activities include horseback riding, golf, cross country/downhill skiing, boating, tennis, \$620/neg. Call Thomas Corcoran, x5485 or (301) 306-9155, or E-mail TSCORCORAN.

**WANTED:** One or two nonsmoking professional/grad. students to share 3-BR, 1-bath house in Takoma Park w/27-year-old deaf woman, W/D, new w/w carpet, 5-min. walk to Metro, avail. Jan. 1, no pets. Call Will Verbits, x5375 or (202) 537-3050 (V/TDD).

**FOR SALE:** Microwave, hardly used, good cond., \$100/BO. Call John, x3113, or E-mail 11JMULLHOLLAN.

**SUBLET:** BR, kitchen, W/D, TV, etc., avail Dec. 1 to Jan., \$250. Call John, x3113, or E-mail 11JMULLHOLLAN.

## Job Openings

**Some of the advertised positions may already be filled.** The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

**SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINER:** Sign Communication  
**COORDINATOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY:** Physical Administration  
**INTERPRETER I:** Gallaudet Interpreting Service

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EPOC Director Anne Nissen gets the royal treatment from EPOC staff Nov. 1 to celebrate her 15-year career with the office, where she began as a co-op education specialist.