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## School professionals programs recommended for reaccreditation

All of Gallaudet University's programs for preparing school professionals will be recommended for reaccreditation by an evaluation team representing the National Council on the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), Dr. David Martin, dean of the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS), has announced.

NCATE reaccreditation means that Gallaudet's school professional programs will continue to be recognized nationally for their excellence, MARTIN explained. Graduation from a NCATE-accredited program is also an important qualification when applying for a position as a school professional.

The NCATE Unit Accreditation Board will make the final decision on accredi-

tion later this spring, Martin said.

The evaluation team cited as program strengths the areas of student advisement, communication with students, and maintaining contact with graduates of the various programs.

The University's school professional programs include SEHS programs in teacher education at both undergraduate and graduate levels, educational administration, educational technology, and school counseling.

The unit also includes the school psychology program in the College of Arts and Sciences. The psychology, history, home economics, art, English, mathematics, physical education, and various science departments also play an important role in the preparation of secondary education teachers, Martin said.

Many faculty members participated in the reaccreditation process. "The fact that so many faculty members from so many departments were involved means that we all have a real sense of ownership in the quality of these programs," Martin said.

SEHS professor Dr. Thomas Jones served as NCATE coordinator. NCATE Steering Committee members were Dr. Cynthia King, chairwoman of the Department of Educational Foundations and Research; Dr. Anne Simonsen-Swisher, associate professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation; Dr. Judith Johnson, professor in SEHS; Dr. Francis Duffy, associate professor in the Department of Counseling and Administration; Dr. Anne Spragins, professor in the Department of Psychology; and Dr. Patrick Brice, associate professor in the Department of Counseling.

## Students influence Hardee's changes

Deaf and hard of hearing people who frequent fast-food restaurants will find the Hardee's at 320 Florida Ave. more accessible due to the efforts of five MSSD students who used their Introduction to Communications course as an opportunity to gain real-life experience. The restaurant is located two blocks east of Kendall Green on the right-hand side of Florida Avenue just before the underpass and New York Avenue.

Today, the restaurant features cashiers at-the-ready with pad and pencil, a drive-through window equipped with a doorbell mechanism to alert staff that a deaf person is coming, a TDD phone number so deaf people can place their orders in advance, a 15 percent discount to all customers

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A Metrobus heavily damaged a section of Gallaudet's 100-year-old sandstone wall on Florida Avenue near the Eighth Street entrance Feb. 14 after a collision between the bus and a car. A passenger in the car died and about six people sustained injuries.

## Historic wall crumbles again in fatal accident involving Metrobus and car

For the second time in less than three years, part of Gallaudet University's historic sandstone wall near the Eighth Street entrance was destroyed Feb. 14 when a Metrobus crashed into it.

According to an article in the *Washington Post* on Feb. 15, transit officials reported that a car ran a red light just after 9 a.m. and collided with the bus, which was turning left from Eighth Street onto Florida Avenue. The impact sent the bus out of control and into Gallaudet's wall. The collision killed a woman who was a passenger in the car, and left approximately a half dozen people injured.

Repairs to the wall were completed by an outside contractor in October 1989 after a similar accident destroyed the wall that July.

In the earlier incident, Gallaudet's Department of Maintenance Services staff disassembled the damaged part of the wall and marked each stone for later reassembly.

D.C. Metropolitan police and firefighters, Metro transit authorities, and the University's Department of Safety and Security and Maintenance Services staff assisted at the site and took photos to assess the damage. Gallaudet President I. King Jordan and Vice President for Administration and Business Paul Kelly also were at the site.

## Enrollment, faculty pay, taxes discussed by Faculty Senate

Developments affecting future enrollment, funding of faculty promotion and merit increases, and a recent proposal by District of Columbia Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly to tax universities were among the topics discussed at the Feb. 17 meeting of Gallaudet's Faculty Senate.

Senate Chairman William Marshall reported on President I. King Jordan's Jan. 15 discussion of declining student enrollment at a meeting of the University Council.

Total enrollment is projected to decline by 18 percent by 1995, with undergraduate enrollment declining by 7 percent in 1992 and 25 percent by 1995. In an effort to maintain total enrollment at or above the 1991 level of 2,265 students, Dr. Jordan

has established three task forces to formulate strategies to increase enrollment. Jordan will report on their findings in March.

Responding to faculty concerns, Jordan told the University Council that admissions standards will not be compromised in order to meet enrollment goals, that Gallaudet will continue to be accessible to all types of deaf and hard of hearing people, and that Gallaudet will continue to consider factors other than academic credentials when making admissions decisions.

Marshall also reported on a Feb. 6 meeting between University Faculty representatives, members of the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee, and University administrators.

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MSSD student Jorge Cardona reads the menu at the Florida Avenue Hardee's while fellow student Tina D'Aurora rings a bell to alert staff that deaf customers are placing orders.

## Hardee's accessible to deaf diners

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who present a Gallaudet University I.D. (a 5 percent increase from the previous discount), and a bulletin board for use by Gallaudet people. In addition, Hardee's will deliver orders totaling \$20 or more and requested before 6 p.m.

MSSD students Patty Laird, Tina D'Aurora, Matt-Sale Howell, Ivan Maldonado, and Jorge Cardona achieved these accommodations through letters, phone calls, some detective work, and persistence. They even surveyed about 200 students and 40 faculty and presented the results to back-up their requests in on-site meetings with Hardee's general manager Dean Stamatou and the corporation's director of governmental affairs Clare Condon, who traveled from North Carolina to meet with the students.

MSSD communications teacher Leslie Page spurred the kids to action after listening to them complain about the poor service they received at fast-food restaurants. Page told the students to

write to the restaurants and explain that the service was inadequate for deaf people and how it could be improved. The project fit in well with the course, said Page, which includes units on making phone calls through interpreters, empowering deaf people, and studying what the Americans with Disabilities Act means for deaf people.

"At first, I thought they wouldn't keep in touch with us," said Laird. "But I was wrong. They've really kept in touch. We've had our second meeting now. I'm really impressed."

"I'm going to make every effort possible to better serve my customers," said Stamatou, who began managing the Florida Avenue Hardee's last November. "Obviously, this restaurant hadn't been doing a great job. . . . Gallaudet University, in general, is going to be pleasantly surprised at the changes [in this restaurant]."

The students wanted a push-button computerized order system at the drive-through window that would allow deaf people to place their orders just as hearing people do, and then drive up to the window to pick up their food. Hardee's is looking into the computer idea, but has installed the doorbell-type mechanism as an immediate option.

Deaf customers push a button that is next to the speaker on the drive-through menu board. This rings a bell that alerts the drive-through staff that they have deaf customers so they can hand the customers a printed menu on which they can check off the items they want to order. Until these menus arrive from the printer, however, staff will have paper and pencil ready.

"I didn't think [Hardee's] would really set up a button at the drive-in for deaf people," Cardona said. "We feel we've done something. We can make a difference with our ideas and support." Condon told the students that Hardee's will consider making similar accommodations to all its restaurants that are near schools for deaf people.

## GUAA sets election

Members of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association are urged to attend a special meeting to elect board officers on Wednesday, March 4, from 7-9:30 p.m. in "Ole Jim." Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Hilary Ainbender at 8-5823, or E-mail HRAINBENDER.



MSSD student Ayuk Ogork takes the gold in the long jump as instructor Carolyn Perry and students look on at the Feb. 7 Math Olympics. Students had fun learning their math lessons by using figures obtained in various activities to perform mathematical calculations.



Judge Lawrence Margolis (second right), district governor of Maryland Rotary #7620, presents \$1,500 scholarships to six of the eight Gallaudet student recipients on Jan. 23. Also pictured are Funds and Scholarships Chairman Henry Tate (right) and President Jordan.

## Senate covers key issues on Feb. 17

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At that meeting, Jordan discussed Mayor Kelly's proposal that universities located within the District pay a property tax of 55 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. "The tax would be an added burden on our budget," he said.

According to Kurt Schneidmiller, director of the Department of Institutional Research, all the members of the Consortium of Universities of the Metropolitan Washington Area are opposed to the tax. Consortium President Monte Shepler has been authorized to present the consortium's position at budget hearings, which start this week. "I'm optimistic the idea will not go forward," Schneidmiller said.

According to Mark Weinberg, chairman of Committee A (Faculty Welfare), the Academic Affairs Committee also has agreed to re-examine the cap on tenured positions. The committee agreed to consider whether or not the recent enactment of more stringent guidelines governing tenure have eliminated the need for the cap, and arguments that the cap is not in the best interests of the University.

Weinberg also said that Committee A has received inquiries from faculty concerning possible asbestos or other air pollution resulting from renovation work in HMB. The committee will hire a contractor to conduct tests on the air in the building as soon as possible.

Dr. Michael Moore, the senate representative on the American Sign Language/Deaf Studies Task Force, reported that the task force is designing a feasibility study that will enable it to make

recommendations to Corson concerning establishment of an American Sign Language/Deaf Studies Department. The task force anticipates holding two open forums in late March.

In response to a question concerning a Department of Education (DOE) decision to deny funding for the department, Corson explained that DOE felt the University already had sufficient resources to operate such a department. The task force will continue its work and make recommendations to him by the end of August, Corson said.

Ann Beasley, chairwoman of Committee F (Faculty Development) reported that the provost has approved \$50,000 in funds for 40 faculty development grants. She noted that beginning this year grantees will be subjected to stricter guidelines for reporting costs.

## 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 MGMOORE. 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 Feb. 24-28 will be published March 9.

**WANTED:** Nonsmoking professional or grad. student to rent room in huge house in Silver Spring, Md., walk to Metro shuttle, no pets, \$275/mo. Call (301) 236-4736 (V/TDD) eves., or E-mail MMORALE.

**WANTED:** One or 2 nonsmoking professional or grad. students to rent room w/bath in townhouse, Silver Spring, Md., view of pond, backyard, CAC, fireplace, microwave, W/D, DW, patio, free facilities at clubhouse, free Metro shuttle service, no pets, rent plus util. Call Dana, (301) 933-8055 (TDD) eves.

**WANTED:** Free chest of drawers. Call John, x3113.

**FOR RENT:** 2-BR, 2 1/2 bath townhouse w/full basement in Seabrook, Md., W/D, breakfast nook, brick patio, avail. Aug. 1. Call x5413 eves., or E-mail JTMCMILLAN or AWMCMILLAN.

**FOR SALE:** One-way ticket to Los Angeles for Feb. 29. Call Greg Seiter, x5602, or Jennifer Goins, (301) 474-3814, or E-mail JGSEITER.

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**FOR SALE:** 2 matching loveseats, recliner, and 10-in. GE color TV. Call x5694, or E-mail RMMIKOS.

**FOR SALE:** IBM PC compatible, two 5 1/4-in. disk drives, internal modem, and monochrome monitor, \$300. Call Tony, (301) 890-2752 (TDD).

## Among Ourselves

Edward Wilk, lead instructor in the Accounting Department, and Isaac Agboola, lead instructor in the Computer Information Systems Department, both of whom are professors in the School of Management, presented an informational workshop at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) Jan. 21 on the School of Management's academic programs. Because Gallaudet gets many transfer students from NTID, the workshop's intended outcome is to provide better academic advising for transfer students and parity between basic courses offered by the two schools.

Dr. James Speegle, dean of the School of Management, presented a workshop Jan. 23 to faculty at Montgomery College in Rockville entitled "Using Leading Edge Technology to Improve Instruction." Speegle also demonstrated an electronic book he is writing that will be used as an introductory course in management.



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