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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELIZABETH BENSON

A memorial service for Elizabeth E. Benson, who died on December 13, 1972, in Frederick, Maryland, will be held by the college on Thursday, January 18, at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Miss Benson, former faculty member and dean of women at Gallaudet for 44 years, retired as dean in 1970 and had since traveled throughout the country to interpret for deaf groups. At the time of her death she was the interpreter for the Gallaudet College Board of Directors.

The hearing daughter of deaf parents, Miss Benson held a BA from George Washington University, an MA from Gallaudet College and an LLB from Washington College of Law. In 1962 Gallaudet recognized her distinguished service to the College by conferring her with an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

Miss Benson was recognized as the dean of interpreters and had interpreted for such national figures as Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and John F. Kennedy, Francis Cardinal Spellman and J. Edgar Hoover. She was a founder and charter officer of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, and for several years served as associate editor of the American Annals of the Deaf. During World War II she taught lipreading to war-deafened soldiers as part of her service in the Women's Army Corps.

The service is open to the College community and and public.

NTD TO PRESENT GILGAMESH

The National Theatre of the Deaf will present Gilgamesh on Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21, at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium.

The play, developed by the NTD through four months of rehearsals, has been adapted from the Epic of Gilgamesh, the oldest known literary work. Inscribed on clay tablets 1500 years before Homer lived, the epic is a compilation of Sumerian legend and mythology.

The mysterious, humorous and lusty journey of the gods, their monsters and men and women of the earth will be set against a full musical background of sculptured instruments specifically designed for the production.

General admission is \$4.00 and the student rate is \$1.50. The box office will be open January 11-12 from 2-5 p.m.; January 15-19 from 2-5 p.m.; and January 20-21 from 2-8 p.m.

AROUND AND ABOUT

Please note correction: The 6th Annual COSD Forum will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, from March 14-16....During the fall of 1972, Consortium enrollment was higher than for any previous semester. Eight hundred students cross-registered for courses totalling 3,000 semester hours....The Edward Miner Gallaudet Library is looking for the October 30, 1972, issue of Sports Illustrated to complete its collection. If you have a copy to contribute please contact Robert Webster....A master's level program in theater education is being sponsored by the National Theatre Institute and the National Theatre of the Deaf. Under a grant from the Office of Education, the program is open to hearing and deaf students who are interested in theater and working with NTD. For more information, contact NTD, 305

Great Neck Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

RESIDENT ASSISTANT FOR GIRLS: MSSD

STATIONARY ENGINEER (FIRST CLASS):

Physical Plant

CHIEF, SAFETY & SECURITY: Office of

General Services

For further information contact the Office of Non-Faculty Personnel.

REGISTER NOW FOR SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

The spring semester for evening sign language classes will begin on Monday, January 15. Seven courses, including two at the beginning and intermediate levels, one advanced level and two interpreting courses, are being offered.

Classes will meet twice a week for two-hour sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 4:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Faculty and staff may register any day this week during College business hours in the Office of Sign Language Programs on the second floor of College Hall.

BLOOD NEED CONTINUES

In view of the continuing shortage of whole blood available to area hospitals, the College has been asked to send more donors to the Red Cross on Friday, January 12, at 10 a.m. Transportation to and from the Red Cross will be provided.

Contact Theresa Tinch at 541 if you wish to be a donor.

AMONG OURSELVES

At a party held in her honor, Alta Patterson received a Non-Faculty Service Award commemorating 33 years of employment at Gallaudet. Alta, who has served under three administrations, was presented the award by Leonard Elstad....Don Pettingill has been asked to be the keynote speaker at the First Annual Symposium on the Deaf hosted by the Jenkins Memorial Children's Center in Pine Bluffs, Arkansas, on February 3. The symposium has selected as its theme, "Let's Can the Can't

Syndrome," the title of Don's guest editorial in the Fall '72 issue of GALLAUDET TODAY....Nancy Stratton in Alumni and Public Relations will be leaving this Friday to attend the University of Maryland as a full-time student in fine arts....Crina Moore in Counseling and Placement recently married Michael Kelly. Congratulations!

CONTINUING ED ANNOUNCES SPRING PROGRAM

The Center for Continuing Education moves into its second semester of operation this month with the announcement of more than 50 course offerings in eight interest areas.

Also offered through the Center will be the Gallaudet Forum, a series of dinner-lectures, which will feature this semester Joseph Danzansky, Katherine Graham, George Allen and a member of the United States Congress. Hearing persons as well as hearing impaired are encouraged to register for the Gallaudet Forum and the course in The Federal Legislative Process conducted by Ms. Patria Forsythe.

TV HIGHLIGHTS

--Vision-On, a new children's series, can be seen each Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. over WMAL-TV, Channel 9.

Produced by the British Broadcasting Corporation and brought to this country by Time-Life Films, Vision-On is an all visual program designed for hearing impaired children.

--Earl Higgins, Will Reynolds, Bob Bergan and five members of the Gallaudet basketball team will appear on WETA's All Metro Sports on January 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will explore the relationship between deafness and athletics as well as serve as a clinic for high school basketball coaches.

IF YOU HAVE NEWS PLEASE CALL 396 or TTY 480.

Judy Bortner, editor

