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Pauline Peikoff (right) presents the "Service to Others" Award named in her honor to Jerome ('55) and Betty Rose Moers ('55) at the GUAA's 24th Annual Awards Program.

GUAA recognizes six achievers at 24th Annual Awards Program

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) brought six individuals into the limelight at its 24th Annual Awards Program April 3. The event commemorates the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the University's charter 129 years ago—Charter Day.

The Laurent Clerc Award for outstanding social contributions by a deaf person in the interests of deaf people went to Gilbert Eastman ('57), who retired from Gallaudet's Theatre Arts Department last September. Eastman is noted for his skills as an actor, a playwright, and an Emmy award-winning co-host of Gallaudet's "Deaf Mosaic" television program.

The event brought Dr. Gilbert Delgado (G-'54), once Gallaudet's graduate dean and assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, the Edward Miner Gallaudet Award, which is given to international or national leaders, deaf or hearing, who are working to promote the well-being of deaf people of the world.

While at Gallaudet, Delgado was instrumental in establishing the International Center on Deafness and two international extension centers. Delgado, who is now superintendent of the New Mexico School for the Deaf, has also long been active in helping developing countries in South and Central America begin deafness-related programs.

Dr. Jane Kelleher Fernandes, administrator of Hawaii's Statewide Center (formerly called the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind), received the Alice Cogswell Award for valuable service on behalf of deaf people. Since assuming her post in 1990, Fernandes has raised enrollment

at the center from 17 students to more than 50 from all of the main Hawaiian Islands, and enrollment is expected to reach 100. Fernandes also is the first deaf person to serve as chair of the governor-appointed Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

The Outstanding Young Alumnus Award went to Dr. Thomas Holcomb ('80), associate professor at both San Jose State University and Ohlone College in Fremont, Calif. Holcomb is known widely for his workshops and presentations, as a consultant on education-related programs, and as co-author of 15 publications—all in the areas of student development, leadership, and ASL/deaf culture.

Jerome ('55) and Betty Rose Moers ('55), were honored with the Pauline 'Polly' Peikoff "Service to Others" Award for their contributions to the deaf community. Both have served as volunteer leaders of community activities and organizations of deaf people in their local community in Denver, Colo., and nationally. The Moers also are noted for helping people who have been displaced by tragedy or who are "down on their luck."

"It is an honor for the GUAA and the Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund to recognize very special people with our awards, but the best part of this program has always been the heartwarming and inspiring expressions of appreciation from the award recipients themselves," said Mary Anne Pugin, executive secretary of the GUAA. "Their words further convey the influence and impact Gallaudet has had on their lives, and our lives."

Heightening student awareness of SHS is new director's priority

Increasing the visibility of Gallaudet's Student Health Service is at the top of the agenda for the service's new director, Mary Grace Brennan.

Brennan, formerly a coordinating nurse at SHS, started her new job as SHS director on April 1, replacing former director Jay Olexa.

To help students become more aware of what the health service offers, Brennan proposes that SHS work closely with the Counseling Center, the University Center, the Student Body Government, and with Health Educator Jennifer Joseph. "I hope to set up a student advisory committee to find out what the students really want from SHS," said Brennan. Members might include representatives of undergraduate and graduate students and members of the Student Body Government, Brennan suggested.

Other ideas for increasing SHS visibility on campus would be to have nurses give evening lectures in the dorms on specific topics, or establish groups for students who want to improve their eating habits or other lifestyle practices, Brennan said. She also hopes to work with the Physical Education Department to encourage students to exercise more.

"I need to be very involved in the college community," said Brennan. "So much of what happens to students at college is affected by health. Often they arrive and experience stress, and that makes them sick. For many students, this is the first time that they're taking care of their own health."

SHS can play a big role in helping students learn to take care of themselves, make intelligent lifestyle choices, and use health services after leaving Gallaudet, Brennan said. SHS

also can help students recognize and deal with stress. "We work with the Counseling Center," said Brennan, "but often students show up here first with headaches and stomach pain."

Brennan also sees SHS playing an increased role in serving staff and faculty at Gallaudet. "I think it's not just students we should be providing care for—that's our primary reason for being here, but they're not the only people who need [service]."

Senior among first participants in NIDCD program

Gallaudet University senior Geraldine Basurto is among the first of a select group of students with disabilities to earn money for her college expenses through a new program, "Research Supplements to Promote the Recruitment of Individuals with Disabilities into Biomedical Research Careers."

The program is administered by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), part of the National Institutes of Health.

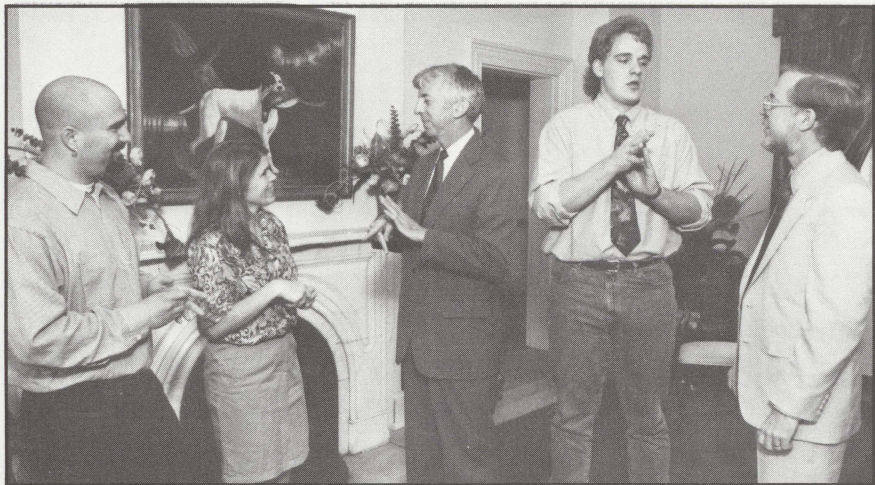
Basurto, who is hard of hearing, is working approximately 10 hours a week during the academic year and will work full time during the summer on the four-year project, "Perception of Complex Auditory Stimuli by Deaf and Hard of Hearing People," which is underway at Gallaudet's Center for Auditory and Speech Sciences (CASS), part of the Gallaudet Research Institute (GRI).

Although Basurto has only been on the job since February, the experience

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Registered Nurses Sheila Zollicoffer-Manley (left) and Mary Price (center) review records with new Student Health Service Director Mary Grace Brennan.



President I. King Jordan (center) and English Department Chair Bruce White (right) chat with Lillian Gourley Rakow Creative Writing Award winners for '93: junior Noah Kessler (left), sophomore Amy Gregg, and senior Dennis Jones.

Investment plan information offered

Representatives from the Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) and Tax Sheltered Investment (TSI) programs will be on hand to answer questions about the various investment account plans available to Gallaudet employees on Thursday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Ely Multipurpose Room.

As employees of a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, members of the Gallaudet work force are eligible to divert a portion of their salary—before taxes—to a variety of TSA and TSI accounts for retirement benefits.

With a TSA, an employee's money is invested in an insurance company's general account, which generally is primarily bonds. The company guarantees at least a specified interest rate on the investment. With a TSI, the insurance company puts the money into a separate account, which is similar to investing in the stock market.

An employee elects to set aside a certain amount of his or her salary before taxes, through payroll deductions, and the money is invested by the company. The money is exempt from federal and state income taxes until it is withdrawn.

The growth of the investment depends on the success of the program. Each year the growth rate or interest rate for the funds affects the value of the employee's deposits. The funds

can be used for an annuity upon the employee's retirement or may be withdrawn in the event of financial hardship. If an employee withdraws funds before age 59½, the IRS will impose a tax penalty, and in some cases, a penalty will be levied by the investment program.

The TSA and TSI programs are open to regular status employees and to full-time extended temporary employees with more than one year of service. Employees who participate in the Thrift Savings Plan may also participate. An individual's maximum allowable contribution will be determined by the combination of both deductions.

Announcements

In recognition of April 18-24 as National Volunteer Week, Cynthia Olson, coordinator of Volunteer Programs, encourages the campus community to extend thanks to those who give their time to the University and elsewhere.

The open enrollment period for the Federal Employees' Government Life Insurance (FEGLI) ends April 30. This is an opportunity for employees who are covered by FEGLI to increase their coverage or to add their families, or to switch from MetLife life insurance to FEGLI. For the FEGLI booklet and a comparison chart of FEGLI and MetLife rates, call x5111 or E-mail HR_MUSE.

The University Center's Annual Spring Bazaar will be held April 30 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Ely Center. For information about renting a booth, call the University Center, x5144.

Gallaudet will receive the interactive satellite conference "The Vision is Ours: Women Create Tomorrow," sponsored by the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, in "Ole Jim." Cokie Roberts of ABC News will be the moderator. For more information, pick up a brochure in Peet Hall, Room 208. (Note: The brochure gives incorrect time.)

Dr. William Katchman, a psychologist at KDES, will present "Deafness and Learning Disabilities" on Thursday, April 22, in EMG, Rm. 113, noon to 1:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch; dessert and soda will be provided.

Program promotes research careers

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is already broadening her horizons. "It's really opened my eyes to other research fields," she said. "I went to a meeting [of GRI scientists], and I didn't realize how much research is going on here."

The project seeks to identify the parts of speech sounds that are important to hard of hearing and normal hearing people's understanding of speech, with improving hearing aid technology a long-term goal. To accomplish that, researchers test hard of hearing people's perception of consonants, separate each consonant into its minute parts, and then remove or exaggerate specific parts of the consonant. They then test subjects again to discover what parts of the consonant aid understanding.

Basurto, a computer information systems major who plans to go to graduate school here, will be involved in speech analysis, reduction data and analysis, scientific meetings, and helping the scientists prepare presentations and publications. She applied for the position through Experiential Programs Off Campus/Career Center and was chosen out of eight applicants.

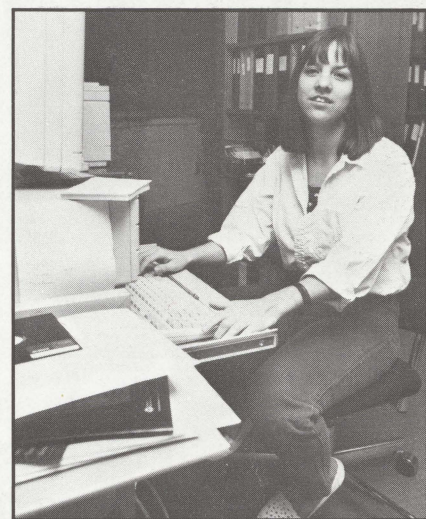
Basurto also participated as a subject in the project last fall and saw the job as an opportunity to indulge her interest in statistics, to learn research and evaluation procedures, and to help improve hearing aid technology.

Basurto, in turn, was a good match for CASS because of her knowledge of computers, her desire for a job that would continue for several years, and her employment history, said Lisa Holden-Pitt, research associate II, who initiated and followed through on the process to get the additional funding for Basurto while Dr. Sally Revoile, professor and director of CASS and

principal investigator on the project, was on sabbatical last fall.

It took about six months of paperwork, phone calls, and waiting to get the research supplement of \$31,132 over the next three years to pay Basurto's salary; to make any accommodations necessary for her, such as obtaining an additional TTY; and to cover expenses related to Basurto's attendance at scientific meetings, such as travel and interpreters.

The original study, "Perception of Complex Auditory Stimuli by Deaf and Hard of Hearing People," operates under an NIDCD grant that provides \$181,000 in federal funding covering 78 percent of study expenses for the grant year ending Aug. 31, 1993, and including \$8,551 of the supplemental grant for Basurto, which is 100 percent federally funded. Gallaudet is contributing roughly \$51,000, or 22 percent, for the study this year.



Senior Geraldine Basurto helps code data for further analysis by scientists at the Center for Auditory and Speech Sciences.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing in person or by mail to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TTY. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. In compliance with the Education of the Deaf Act of 1992, as amended, ads received April 17-23 must include payment of \$1 per ad per printing for the May 3 issue.

FOR SALE: 25-ft. sailboat, 1981 Tanzer w/1989 Evinrude 8 hp., draws 3 ft., roller furling, depth finder, knotmeter, sleeps 4, very good cond., \$6,900. Call (301) 292-0850 (V) or E-mail MHREICHARD.

FOR SALE: Two 185-SR-15 tires w/wheels, fits '72-'74 Volvo, \$75. Call Angel, x6486 (TTY).

FOR SALE: '86 Honda Civic DX hatchback, stereo, 88K mi., 5 speed, \$4,000/BO. Call Soken, (301) 588-0831 (TTY) or E-mail 11SSJAMSUDIN.

FOR SALE: Rattan furn. w/blue floral print covers, set incl. sofa, 2 chairs, coffee table, end table, good cond., \$250; country blue and tan plaid loveseat, comfortable, \$250; both must sell. Call x5466 or x5402, or E-mail CLBOYD.

FOR SALE: '89 Williamsburg pop-up camper w/stove, sink, heat, shower, sleeps 6, used 4 times, \$4,200/BO. Call x5340 (TTY) or E-mail CTOLIVER.

FOR SALE: '74 VW Super Beetle, 4 speed, exc. engine, good body, \$1,400/BO. Call x5247 or E-mail RSUITER.

WANTED: Student(s) or other signing person(s) avail. to supervise 11-yr-old deaf girl weekday eves. and/or weekends, must have own trans. or live near Bowie/Crofton, Md. Call x5228 (TTY) or (301) 261-0577 (TTY).

FOR SALE: B/W TV, \$25; typewriter, \$60; Telecaption decoder, \$130; Serta twin bed

w/mattress and frame, good cond., \$60/BO; Atari computer (S20ST) w/games, \$200/BO; 10-speed bike, \$120/BO. Call John, x3113 (TTY) or E-mail 11JMHOLLAN.

FOR SALE: Male deaf Dalmatian puppy, AKC, 8 wks. old, shots and wormed, nice disposition. Call (301) 794-4872 (V) or E-mail RAROBINETTE.

WANTED: Nonsmoking professional to rent room in country house in Dunkirk, Md., kitchen and living room privileges, must like pets and have trans, \$475/mo. incl. util. Call Gary, x6486 (301) 855-6264 (TTY).

FOR SALE: 2-BR townhouse in Bowie/Lanham, Md., finished walk-out basement, low maintenance, family oriented neighborhood. Call Steve Barish, x8-5825.

WANTED: Twin and full-size mattresses and box springs needed (other furniture welcome) for newly arrived refugees. Call Jo Nord, director of Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services, (301) 434-2035 (V), or E-mail TTBYRD.

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 (TTY).

SECURITY GUARD: Department of Safety and Security
PROFESSIONAL INTERN: Development Office
GARDENER I: Grounds Services
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE ASSISTANT TRAINER: School of Preparatory Studies
FACULTY: Department of Foreign Languages



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