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Sasakawa Foundation Director Kozo Tomabechi presents President I. King Jordan a certificate April 21 dedicating the Sasakawa International Scholarship Fund at Gallaudet.

## Dr. Pray honored at Scholars dinner

Dr. Janet Pray, chair of the Social Work Department, was named 1993 Distinguished Faculty Member by President I. King Jordan at the President's Scholars dinner on the evening of April 21.

Dr. Jordan also acknowledged special guests from the Sasakawa Foundation of Tokyo, Japan, which recently gave Gallaudet a \$1 million donation to establish the Sasakawa International Scholarship Fund. The fund will give awards to foreign students—especially those from developing countries—beginning with the 1993-94 academic.

"I feel very honored to be chosen for this recognition," Pray said, "but I also believe an honor such as this would not be possible without the enthusiasm and interest of the students with whom I have been engaged in a mutual process of learning, and the quality and vitality of the faculty and staff with whom I have been privileged to work."



Dr. Janet Pray

Eighty-nine students were recognized as President's Scholars at the event, which occurs near the end of each semester. Undergraduate President's Scholars must have accumulated at least 15 credits, completed English 102, and earned a grade point average of at least 3.8 the previous semester. Graduate President's Scholars are required to have completed 30 hours of graduate course work, have a cumulative graduate grade point average of at least 3.85, be enrolled in the current semester, and receive departmental recommendation.

The keynote address of the evening was given by Dr. Augustine Pounds, vice president for Student Services, College Development, and Intercollegiate Athletics at Anne Arundel (Md.) Community College.

Dr. Richard Meisegeier, director of the Honors Program at Gallaudet, introduced the 42 undergraduate scholars. Dr. Michael Karchmer, dean of Graduate Studies and Research, introduced the 47 graduate scholars.

## Two counseling areas accredited

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) has accredited two of the Gallaudet Department of Counseling's master's programs through the year 2000, the Office of the President announced. The programs include the School Counseling and Guidance Program and the Mental Health Counseling training program.

CACREP, which is based in Alexandria, Va., and is affiliated with the American Association for Counseling and Development, reached its decision after an extensive review of the Department of Counseling's self-study document, a report from CACREP's visiting team, and correspondence

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## Symbol shows respect for orientation

Many people at Gallaudet sported pink paper triangles on their clothing April 23 to show their solidarity for a significant, but mostly invisible, portion of the University's population.

Originally, the pink triangle was the badge that gay prisoners were forced to wear in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Today, the triangle symbolizes pride and empowerment that gay and lesbian people feel in their struggle against oppression, not only at Gallaudet, but at most job sites, said Dr. Michael Deninger, a senior research scientist in the Department of Graduate Studies and Research. Fear of negative reactions from peers, or how disclosure of their sexual orientation will affect their job status keeps them from making their orientation known, he said.

Deninger, who said that he is in communication with many gay, lesbian, and bisexual people at Gallaudet, said that many of these individuals and their supporters drafted and distributed more than 3,000 copies of a letter with a pink triangle attached at Gallaudet's two campuses, urging people to support full recognition for gay, lesbian, and bisexual people on campus by displaying the triangle.

Although the activity coincided with the April 23-26 rally of gay rights supporters in Washington, D.C., Deninger said that the timing was not planned that way. What was perhaps more timely, he said, was that the event closely followed Diversity Day on April 15 where the topic was touched on.

"The support was beyond our wildest dreams," said Deninger. "Some people told me that everyone in their department had on a pink triangle, although they were the only gay or lesbian person in their department. However, there were a few departments where almost no one wore a triangle."

Support was higher among faculty and staff, Deninger noted. "Students

were more reluctant to wear the triangle, because there is a lot of peer pressure among them not to support gays or lesbians," he said.

"We are just finding out who we are" on campus, Deninger said of the gay and lesbian population. "Those who are 'out' on this campus are a handful compared to the total number."

Deninger, who emphasized that he was strictly giving his own point of view, said, "The insidiousness of being gay or lesbian is hiding it from society and family." He added, "It's important to realize that oppression happens to us the same as it does to deaf people or African-American people."

Displaying the triangles on campus was successful because it helped educate people about a segment of the population that commands a strong but hidden presence. It was also an opportunity for gay and lesbian people to bond, said Deninger. Another positive result, he added, is that for the first time, faculty and staff have come forth to support the Lambda Society of Gallaudet University, a group representing gay and lesbian students.

But many steps need to be taken, said Deninger. He recommended that gay and lesbian studies be introduced into the University curriculum, and that the University sponsor forums for oppressed groups to talk about the obstacles they face on campus. He said that some gay and lesbian faculty and staff are experienced in diversity training, which they would be willing to share.

Deninger concurred with a phrase in the letter that he was "guardedly optimistic" by President I. King Jordan's words on Diversity Day that all forms of discrimination on campus will not be tolerated. "I support what [Dr. Jordan] proposes—a diversity committee representing all oppressed groups on campus," said Deninger. "But it can't be one day a year."



Special Assistant to the President Jack Gannon chats with secretaries April 21 at a reception held to commemorate national Professional Secretaries Day.



# Announcements

Representatives from approximately 150 deaf and minority-owned businesses have been invited to attend the second annual "Doing Business with Gallaudet University" workshop on May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon in "Ole Jim." The workshop, which is sponsored by Contracts and Purchasing's Deaf and Minority Purchasing Program, is held to support and encourage those businesses.

*Deaf Students in the Mainstream* (1992), a collection of 14 articles that offer advice on mainstreaming for parents, teachers, administrators, support people, and students, is available in the

## CACREP accredits master's program

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between the department and CACREP's office. Dr. Patrick Brice, a professor in the Department of Counseling, wrote the self-study report, which explained how the master's programs address and meet each standard and criteria for accreditation. He began the report in the spring of 1992, and completed it in the fall.

In addition to accrediting the programs, CACREP singled out the summers-only program in school counseling for commendation.

"I think it demonstrates that the programs here are of the highest quality. It meets the highest professional standards," said Brice.

"One of the ways [accreditation] should help is to make the programs more visible," said Brice. "It will increase the number of qualified applicants. It also means our graduates will be more easily certified when they leave here."

## DeStefano named admissions director

Deborah DeStefano, former assistant principal at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, was named director of the Office of Admissions at Gallaudet University in March.

DeStefano's career at Gallaudet began in 1979 as assistant dean of Student Life at

Gallaudet Bookstore for \$7.95. It is part of the *Perspectives Folios* series published annually by Pre-College Outreach.

The University Library announces the following hours of operation for the summer months: May 14-30, weekdays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., weekends, closed; May 31, Memorial Day, closed; June 1-Aug. 6, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-8 p.m.; July 4, closed; Aug. 7-Sept. 5, weekdays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., weekends, closed; Sept. 6, Labor Day, closed.

A sign interpreted performance of "Voice of the Prairie," a play about radio's early days, will be presented at the Olney (Md.) Theatre on May 20 at 8 p.m. For information, call (301) 924-3400 (V), or (301) 924-2739 (TTY).

"The Brothers Karamazov," a parody of the Dostoyevsky classic by The Flying Karamazov Brothers, a comic juggling team, will be presented with sign interpretation on May 27 at 8 p.m. and May 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. For information, call (202) 488-3300 (V), or (202) 484-0247 (TTY).

A crab feast will be held to benefit the Joe Mattivi Scholarship Fund on July 31 at Chesapeake Ranch Estates in Calvert County, Md. A vegetarian menu will also be available. Reservations are required. For tickets, send \$10 per person to Larry Mattivi, PO Box 698, Lusby, MD, 20657. Make checks payable to the Joe Mattivi Scholarship Fund.

MSSD, a position she held for six years. Next, she was a career development teacher and vocational evaluator for three years at MSSD before being named assistant principal at MSSD.

According to Astrid Goodstein, executive director of Enrollment Services, "Debby comes to the Office of Admissions at our busiest time of the year, and I am delighted to see how she has embraced her new responsibilities." Goodstein extended her appreciation to Carol Downing, who acted as interim director over the last several months. James Tucker, now superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf, was the previous director of the Office of Admissions.



Deborah DeStefano



A Liberace Foundation Scholarship enables Damien Moody (left) to study music composition at Gallaudet. Also pictured is MSSD audio systems engineer Howard Schlieper.

## Scholarship opens door to music

Damien Moody and Scott Rust are just like countless other U.S. undergraduates who pay their way through college with the help of work-study scholarships. What sets Moody and Rust apart is that they are earning this money by teaching and studying music at Gallaudet.

Moody and Rust, who both have hearing losses, attend Gallaudet with the help of scholarships from the Liberace Foundation for the Creative and Performing Arts, which they obtained because of their musical accomplishment, motivation, and financial need.

"[The scholarship] will allow me to return to school this fall semester," said Rust, an elementary education major who teaches piano in the University's music program to earn the scholarship. "I don't think my approach to playing and teaching music is that different because of my deafness," said Rust, who started playing piano at age 10. "Each person learns in a different way, hearing or deaf. The key is to find the way that best suits the learner and go with it."

Moody has spent the year studying voice and piano and fine-tuning his skills with the electronic music technology available in the Model Secondary School for the Deaf's Emulator Lab. There, with audio systems engineer Howard Schlieper, he is writing his own music, saving it on computerized equipment, then playing and further refining it. He also is planning an undergraduate course in electronic

music and composition that he hopes to teach at Gallaudet this fall under Schlieper's supervision.

Moody said he has noticed that deaf students can be very enthusiastic about music and often are fascinated by the technical side of it. Schlieper's experience at MSSD bears this out.

"The students usually seek us out with a strong interest to learn about music," Schlieper said. "When we work with students here in the Emulator Lab, we have to kick them out because usually they don't want to stop. That's great."

Moody plans a career in music—composing, writing lyrics, recording, and teaching, he said. He is also optimistic about music prospects for other students who have hearing losses. "There's no reason why not," he said of deaf students' potential to enter the music field. "If they're not involved in making the music itself, they can be involved in the recording, the technology, like working behind the mixing board or computer programming."

## Correction

In the story "GCRC holds 14th awards program" in the April 12 issue of *On the Green*, Dr. Don Bangs was incorrectly identified as chair of the Department of Television, Film, and Photography. Bangs resigned that post in mid-March. The newly formed Sign-Rise Cultural Arts, of which Bangs is artistic director, has no connection to Gallaudet University.

## 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, payment of \$1 per ad per printing must accompany each ad. Ads received May 3-7 will be printed May 17.

**WANTED:** Graduate student needed now for 10-20 hrs./wk. captioning in TV Dept., training provided, flexible hrs., computer use required. Call x5121.

**WANTED:** Used older TTY for a reasonable price. Please call and/or leave message for Steve at (301) 779-6939 (V).

**AVAILABLE:** ASL tutoring, eves. For fee, call (301) 681-0799 (TTY) eves. or call Md. relay service at 1-800-735-2258.

**WANTED:** Nonsmoking, mature roommate who likes pets to rent a partially furnished small room in townhouse with 3 other people, near Van Dorn Metro, \$285 inc. util. Call (703) 313-9114 (TTY) eves., or E-mail DV\_ROBLEDO.

**FOR SALE:** Split-foyer home, trees, fenced lot, on cul de sac in Laurel, Md., 4-BR, 3-BA, laundry room, workshop, carport, deck, walkout basement. Call S. Kubis (301) 490-0084 (TTY) or E-Mail SKUBIS.

**WANTED:** Recently deafened NICD volunteer seeks individual to teach him sign language one hr./day, 2 days/wk., either on campus (\$12.50/hr.) or at his home in Bowie, Md. (\$15/hr.). Call Shawn at (301) 390-8063 (V/TTY) or E-Mail SDLOVLEY.

**FOR SALE:** Black octagon dining table with 5 black leather swivel chairs, one yr. old, \$375. Canon EOS 650 body, Canon lens 35-105mm F3.5, and Canon 420EZ flash, good cond., \$380. Call x5257, (301) 585-7114 (TTY) eves., or E-mail YKLEE.

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