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## Faculty and staff will pay to park beginning in 1995

Starting in early 1995, when a new three-level parking garage is scheduled to open off Sixth Street at the south end of campus, faculty and staff will be charged \$130 a year for parking, according to a July 23 memorandum from President I. King Jordan.

Fees will help cover the cost of the parking garage, which a construction crew will begin building next summer. Federal and private funding is not available for the project, Dr. Jordan said. Gallaudet has borrowed money from its endowment funds, to be paid back over 20 years, plus interest. The plan was approved by the Board of Trustees in May.

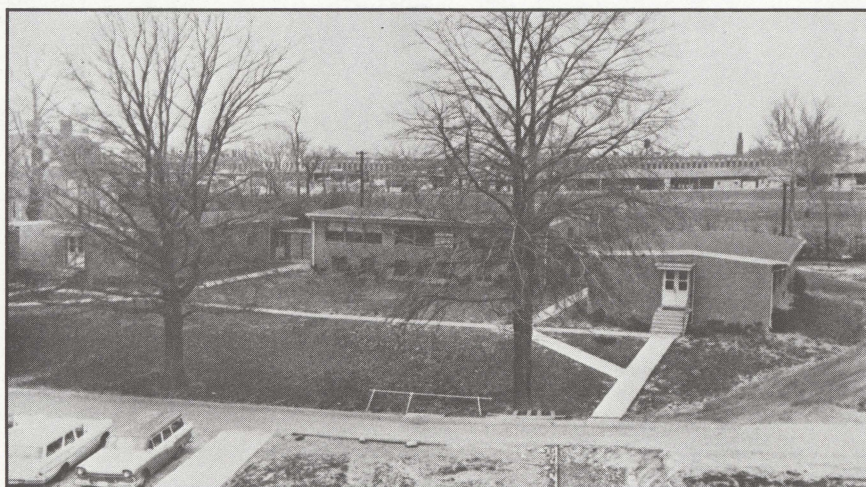
Students will pay \$40 a semester in parking fees. Daily rates will be available for people who do not plan to use a parking space regularly.

According to Dr. Bette Martin, special assistant to the president for institutional affairs, the date that the parking fees are implemented may be postponed if construction runs behind schedule. "No fee will be charged until parking improves," Martin emphasized.

Gallaudet is currently the only university in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area that does not charge for parking, according to Jordan. In comparison, the Gallaudet parking fees will be relatively modest—only the University of Maryland now charges both employees and students less than Gallaudet's planned fees.

More immediate changes in the campus parking situation will take place after Phase Two of the Hall Memorial Building renovation is completed this month. The Field House parking lot will be designated for faculty and staff, including spaces on the lower level previously assigned to students. Beginning on Aug. 1, 70 more parking spaces were scheduled to be created at the Sixth Street parking lot. A security guard will be assigned at the Sixth Street lot from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Aug. 30. Campus parking meters, which currently allow one hour of parking at 25 cents per hour, will charge 50 cents an hour, but allow two hours of parking.

As of Sept. 7, the Union Station and Eastern Market shuttle buses will make stops at the Sixth Street parking lot on the way to and from the Metro. Additionally, shuttle buses leaving Kendall Green for Northwest Campus at 6:50 p.m. and 9 p.m. will stop at Union Station on the way. The 10:15 p.m. Friday evening shuttle bus for Northwest Campus will also stop at Union Station.



(Left) When this photo was taken in the late 1950s West Office Building was the Primary Department for Kendall School. (Right) Students and staff of The Primary Department for Negroes pose on the front lawn of the school in 1954. (Photos: Gallaudet Archives.)



## Building marked for demolition leaves rich legacy

After 41 years of service to Gallaudet, West Office Building will be demolished to make way for the new Conference Center for Training and Development. According to Jack Dunn, project supervisor for Construction Services, the building was vacated by July 23, and it is scheduled to be torn down during the week of Aug. 16-20, providing that preliminary preparations are made by then.

The demolition won't be a dramatic affair, said Dunn—explosives won't reduce the building to a pile of rubble, nor will a wrecking ball smash it to smithereens. Instead, after sitework is done, such as erecting fencing around the area to ensure public safety, and some interior demolition, a contractor will bring in heavy equipment and knock it down.

It should be a modest end to an unassuming building. But even though the plain, U-shaped facility hasn't won any architectural awards,

it has been a major player in the University's growth and development. During its lifespan, the structure has had four different names, has housed many new programs that have gone on to be successful, and has given office and classroom space to countless faculty and students.

The building was designed as the Primary Department Building for Negroes, a residential program that lasted just one year. Today, the low-hung bathroom fixtures and water fountains are the only clues that the building was designed for little folks.

When it opened in the fall of 1953, the facility housed 16 black deaf students and their four black teachers. One of the teachers was Ruby Frye Hughes, who retired in 1988 as upper school supervisor at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School.

Until 1952, Hughes recalls, black deaf students were transported daily by taxi to the Overlea School in Balti-

more, Md. In that year, a black student, Kenneth Miller, assisted by the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the American Veterans Committee, successfully sued the city Board of Education and Gallaudet for denying him admission to Kendall School.

While waiting for their school to be built, the students were educated for the remainder of the school year in "Ole Jim" in makeshift classrooms. "They had pushed some blackboards together to partition off four classrooms," Hughes remembered. "But it was very distracting—you could see legs of other people in the next area because the blackboards didn't go all the way to the floor."

When the school opened, Hughes recalled, "it was plain, but it was nice that we were able to be in our own building where you had your own classroom." Hughes said that the south and north wings of the building were used as dormitories for boys and girls, respectively, and the center area was for classrooms.

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## Andersson leads ASL, deaf studies

Dr. Yerker Andersson has been appointed coordinator of the American Sign Language and Deaf Studies Program, according to a July 13 memorandum from Dr. Robert Williams, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

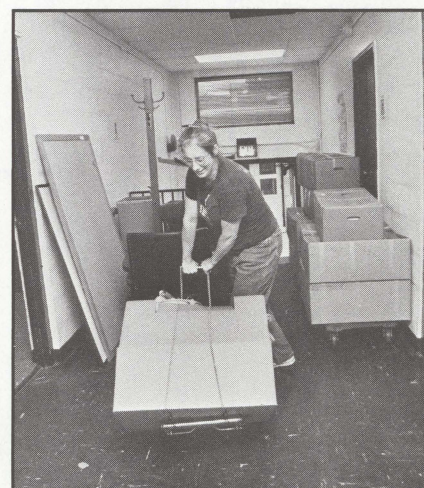
Dr. Andersson, who has taught at Gallaudet since 1964, is a professor of sociology and has been the president of the World Federation of the Deaf since 1983. Andersson co-chaired the Task Force on American Sign Language and Deaf Studies, and was asked to take over as coordinator at the end of July.

As a result of the program, "I hope that [deaf students] will have a better understanding of themselves, and will be able to make contributions to the deaf community," Andersson said. Students who major in deaf studies, he said, will have job opportunities

in the counseling, clerical, and education fields.

Andersson hopes to have a curriculum ready for approval within a few months, to be approved for the fall of 1994. In determining the new department's curriculum, Andersson will begin soliciting input from the Gallaudet community this month. The curriculum will also be based on recommendations from the American Sign Language and Deaf Studies Committee, Andersson said.

After a meeting with Williams, President I. King Jordan, and Vice President for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen this fall, Andersson plans to have additional meetings with faculty, staff, and students, he said. He will also recruit deaf leaders in different professions from across the United States for feedback.



Scenes like this were common at the West Office Building in mid-July when the last offices vacated the premises.



## WOB was the site of many programs

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Looking back on her long career as an educator, Hughes said, "That year had a significant impact on me. We formed close relationships, and [the teachers] depended on each other for support and assistance."

In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against segregation in *Brown vs. Board of Education*, spelling an end for the Primary Department for Negroes. The building became the Primary Department for Kendall School until 1961, when a new Kendall School was erected. At that time the building became part of the University and acquired its third name—the Counseling and Placement Center.

The Counseling Department moved to Ely Center in the mid-1970s, and to avoid confusion, the building became known as West Office Building. In the 20 years that have passed since that time, West has seen a steady stream of comings and goings. So much, in fact, that it is difficult, without extensive research, to accurately name all the faculty offices and academic and support programs that have been there.

Dr. Richard Meisegeier, now a professor in the Honors Program, had an office in West from 1969, when he started working for the University in the Department of Sociology and Social Work, to the mid-1980s. What stands out in Meisegeier's mind is that many of the programs at West seemed to be new and experimental ones, and the building itself always had an air of being a temporary facility that never was intended to stay around for very long.

"It was going to be torn down every year I was there," recalled Meisegeier. "I think [the University] felt it was not going to need it, but there was always some need—for classrooms or for office space. I sort of gave up on the idea they would tear it down in the late '70s, but I guess finally fate caught up with it."

"I mean it was one of those buildings that if nobody else wanted a department, it got housed there for awhile." But much notable work got its beginning there. The counseling center had its start in the building. And Dr. William Stokoe's now famous

research showing that ASL is a true language began in West Office Building, said Meisegeier.

After he retired as Gallaudet's president in 1969, Dr. Leonard Elstad had an office in the building. When Elstad moved out, the Department of Religion moved in. The Philosophy Department came in in the early 1970s, a decade later, those two programs merged, and Sociology and Social Work became separate departments.

Experiential Programs Off Campus (EPOC) had its beginning in the south wing of the building, while the departments of Economics and Business Administration took up quarters in the north wing. In the 1980s, EPOC moved to Ely Center and the new School of Management was formed in West.

In addition, classes from other departments have been held in the basement of the building, particularly during the Hall Memorial Building renovation, when programs there were displaced by construction. The last departments to be housed in West were Philosophy and Religion, Social work, Sociology, Recruitment, and the office of the director of Enrollment Services.

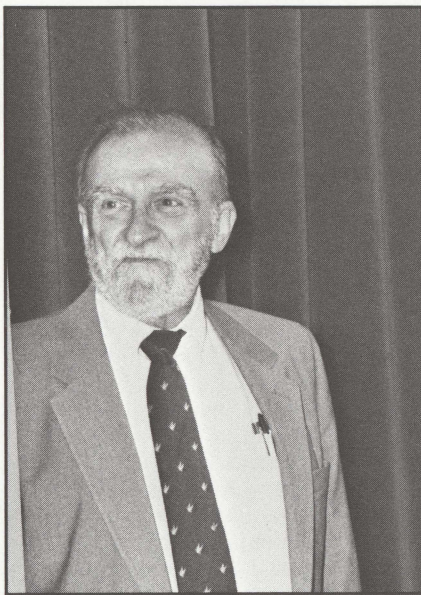
## Former controller Sam Wagner dies

Clarence F. "Sam" Wagner, who was the University's first controller, from 1971 until he retired in 1991, died on Thursday, July 29. Wagner, 62, was diagnosed as having cancer of the esophagus in 1992.

As controller, Wagner was responsible for securing the financial assets of Gallaudet. He led efforts to develop a financial management system, design financial reporting mechanisms, and to structure investment policy. During his tenure, he saw the University's reserves grow from \$100,000 to more than \$10 million. Throughout his career, he effectively advised Gallaudet's presidents, administrators, and Board of Trustees on financial decisions. He was presented a resolution by the board in February 1991 for his years of service.

Wagner is survived by his wife, Flo, of Lusby, Md.

Wagner's funeral was held on Aug. 2 at noon at the Rendon Hale Lanham Funeral Home in Lanham, Md. Burial followed at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, Md.



Clarence F. 'Sam' Wagner



Young Scholars Program students perform "We Have a Dream" July 23 at MSSD.

## YSP showcases students' talent

Dances, speeches, skits and an interpretation of "What I Did for Love" from the hit musical "A Chorus Line," were performed July 23 on the stage of the Model Secondary School for the Deaf by talented students in this summer's Young Scholars Program (YSP).

The performance, entitled "We Have A Dream," showcased the talent of 12 deaf and hard of hearing students and one hearing student who participated in YSP, which was held June 27 to July 24. The participants took classes in creative sign language, drama, and dance, taught by deaf professional artists Rita Corey, Michael Lamitola, and Yola Rozynek, respectively.

What makes the program special for the students, said Communication Facilitator Leslie Page, is that many of them are the only deaf people at their schools, and YSP gives them a chance to spend four weeks with other deaf students.

Tim McCarty, coordinator of Theatre Production at MSSD, agreed. "The students benefit by coming here and discovering there are other kids who have dreams, imagination, and desire," said McCarty. They also benefit, he added, by "discovering something about themselves they didn't know before. When you discover that, then you

have power."

Students also gain drama experience, and the experience of working with deaf professionals, Page said. They also gain exposure to the way the drama business actually works, by touring sets for various Washington, D.C., plays, such as "Phantom of the Opera," meeting the cast of "Spunk," attending a lecture and demonstration at Dance Place, and meeting with Board of Trustees member and "L.A. Law" actor Richard Dysart. Students also met with Bonita Hofstett, the casting director of "Pelican Brief," who gave them a workshop on auditioning.

Could these students someday become professionals themselves?

"Many of them want to," Page said. "And they have the determination to stay with it."

If their July 23 performance was any indication of their potential, the students may fulfill their promise. "It went great," McCarty said after the performance. "I was really proud of the kids, and they were proud of themselves."

He observed that the performance had a large audience, with an estimated 280 people attending. "It was a nice way to end the program," he said.

## 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 Aug. 2-6 will be printed in the Aug. 16 issue.

**FOR RENT:** 4-plus BR house, Silver Spring, Md., avail. Sept. 1, \$1,150/mo., plus util., nego., responsible professionals only. Call Doris, (301) 439-2362 (V/TTY).

**FOR SALE:** 4-yr.-old Pomeranian, \$200/BO. Call S. Antonio, (301) 869-8859 (TTY).

**FOR SALE:** Portable TTY, new cond., w/all papers and carrying case, \$155.70/nego. Call Tom, (703) 255-9483 (V).

**FOR RENT:** Unfurnished BR w/large closet in Westchester Park condo, Kenilworth Ave. near BW Pkwy. and I-495, to nonsmoking female, must like cats, AC, pool, DW, quiet, \$350/mo. inc. util., avail. now. Call Sharon, (301) 441-2863 (TTY), or E-mail SADAVIS.

**FOR RENT:** Furnished room w/private BA in Laurel, Md., house privileges, W/D, DW, CAC, cable, nonsmoker, must like cats. Call (301) 725-4519, or E-mail AGTALBERT.

**FOR SALE:** Oak desk w/4 drawers and 2 file drawers, bought recently for \$1,000, sell

for \$600/BO; king-size walnut headboard, \$50/BO; bench w/upholstered top, \$20/BO; mahogany folding dining table w/2 chairs, \$100/BO; coffee and end tables, \$25/BO. Call (301) 725-4519 (TTY), or E-mail LCJACOBS.

**FOR RENT:** Room w/private bath in 3-level townhouse in Potomac, Md., \$375/mo. nego., plus 1/3 util., avail. now. Call Eve, x3252, or Suzy, (301) 299-7604 (TTY/FAX).

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