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Communication, fire alarm concerns discussed at Faculty Senate meeting

The University Faculty Senate closed its final meeting of the fall semester with President I. King Jordan and Vice President for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen both addressing the group.

Dr. Jordan responded to faculty concerns about communication on campus, the Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI), and pulling fire alarms falsely in campus buildings.

Dr. Rosen named the members of the seven committees established to carry out the Vision Implementation Plan she announced last October (see related story).

"The communication issue is very global," Dr. Jordan told the senate. "It goes beyond the SCPI, beyond interpreting. It goes directly to the heart of what we do."

Jordan explained that Dr. Bette Martin, special assistant to the president for institutional affairs, and Dr. Jack Gannon, special assistant to the president for advocacy, will be conducting a study of communication at Gallaudet, holding meetings with campus groups and individuals, and drafting a communication plan for the University. A letter will be going

out to the campus community to describe the process, he said.

Martin and Gannon have met with Senate Chair William Marshall and Vice Chair Michael Moore. Their suggestion that the result not be called a communication policy, but a communication credo to better reflect its philosophy was well received, said Jordan.

Jordan also said that he wants to get away from the perception of the SCPI and sign evaluation as punitive. "I want to get back to the notion that SCPI and all sign evaluation is primarily intended to be a way to assess skill level," and then to provide the kind of support individuals need to continue to improve their skills, he said. "We just want to see what good communication is. What should faculty and others be able to do to communicate effectively at Gallaudet?"

Jordan also responded to a memo sent to him by the Gallaudet chapter of the American Association of University Professors, which stated the faculty's concern about individuals needlessly setting off fire alarms, which has occurred on campus repeatedly this fall.

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VIP committee members named

At the Dec. 20 meeting of the University Faculty Senate, Vice President for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen announced the faculty, staff, and student applicants chosen to serve on the seven committees that make up the Vision Implementation Plan (VIP). The VIP's task, as stated in an Oct. 19 memo to faculty, is to "identify and enhance quality viable programs (including new programs and services) that are consistent with the vision and special mission of a full-service liberal arts university and to align resources to maintain and support such programs."

The VIP held a kickoff meeting Dec. 20 and plans to complete its report in the fall and to present it to the Board of Trustees in February 1995.

The committees and their members follow.

Steering: Dr. John Van Cleve (chair), Emila Chukwuma, Dr. Bette Landish, Dr. Judith Johnson, Dr. Bruce White, Dr. David Armstrong, Stephen Weiner, Kelby Brick, Jonathan Kovacs.

Developmental Programs: Dr. Catherine Andersen (chair), Sanremi LaRue-Atuonah, Ann Beasley, Steven Barish, Herbert Mapes, Jean Shickel,

Nancy Cowan, K.P. Perkins, Dr. Charles Dietz, Lena Daron, Douglas Bortoletto.

Honors: Jay Innes (chair), Thomas Baldridge, Dr. Cristina Berdichevsky, Dr. Lois Bragg, Dr. Terry Chang, Dr. Jane Hurst, Carl Pramuk, Muriel Strassler, Jennifer Shettle-Sutton, Yvonne Aronowicz.

General Education: Dr. Dennis Galvan (chair), Bridgetta Bourne-Firl, Dr. Marquessa Brown, Dr. Stephen Chaikind, Susan Giansanti, Dr. Martin Minter, Edward Artis, Debra Lawson, Jeanette Pereira, Sean Virnig.

Majors: Dr. Fat Lam (chair), Dr. Thomas Jones, Dr. Mary Malzkuhn, Dr. Sally Revoile, Dr. Ronald Sutcliffe, Dr. Rosemary Weller, Charles Mann, Anne Nissen, Jon Mitchiner, Alan Amann.

Graduate: Dr. Patrick Cox (chair), Dr. Barbara Bodner-Johnson, Susan King, Dr. Jeffrey Lewis, Dr. Seth Tetteh-Ocloo, Elizabeth Rogovsky, Dr. Kathleen Peoples, Rae Johnson, Melba Goodwin, Jill Naumann.

Related Academics: Dr. Carolyn Corbett (chair), Valerie Dively, Dr. Thomas Kluwin, Jacqueline Mann, Dr. Kathryn Meadow-Orlans, Dr. Janet Pray, Dwight Benedict, Julia Robertson, Bernadette Hill, Nancy Hlibok.



Staff Advisory Council members for 1994 are (from left): Elaine Vance, vice chair, Paul Blakely, Barbara Hunt, Della Butler (new member), Rosa Mann, chair, Susan Martin, Vanessa Slade, secretary, Sam Yates (new member), and Diana Gates. All members serve two-year terms.

MSSD to celebrate 25th anniversary

The Gallaudet community is invited to join the Model Secondary School for the Deaf in celebrating its 25th anniversary Jan. 24.

Key individuals involved with MSSD in the past and present, including the people who established the high school, are tentatively scheduled to be recognized at a program in the school's gym from 2 to 3 p.m. The program will be followed by a reception at MSSD's Star Gallery from 3 to 4 p.m.

This is the first occasion that MSSD has taken to recognize the school's programs and the people who have

helped bring about its success, said Catherine Fischer, Learning Resource Center supervisor. Fischer is co-chairing the celebration's planning committee with Timothy Frelich, program supervisor of MSSD's Athletics Department. "We want to congratulate all the former principals and deans for their work, and we want to recognize that Congress still supports MSSD," said Fischer.

MSSD's 25th anniversary will continue to be recognized throughout the year, though other plans have not been finalized, Fischer said.

MSSD gets new assistant principal

Angela McCaskill, formerly an academic advisor in the Academic Advising Center, has been appointed assistant principal of the Model Secondary School for the Deaf. She replaces Deborah DeStefano, who left eight months earlier to become director of the University's Admissions Office.

In announcing McCaskill's appointment, MSSD Principal Cynthia

Bailes said, "We are pleased that Angela has joined the MSSD community. She comes to MSSD with a wealth of knowledge and experience, and will contribute immeasurably to the school as it enters the 21st century."

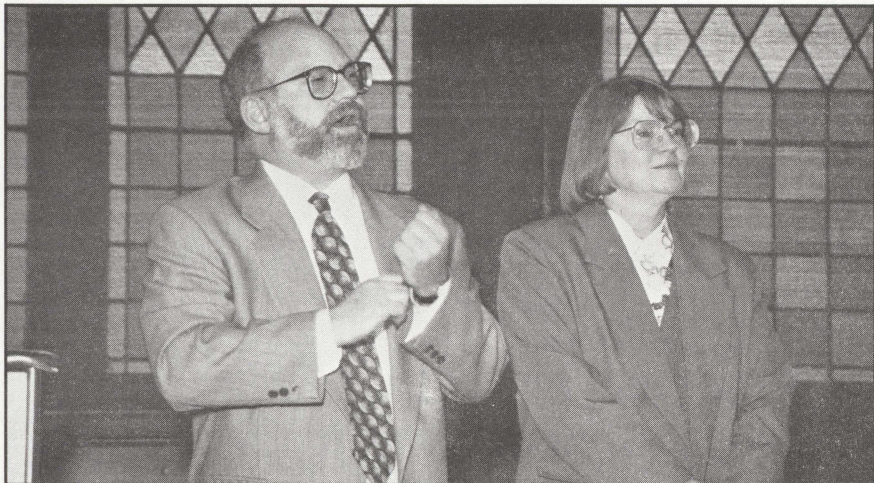
This is not the first time McCaskill has worked at MSSD; she was also resident assistant and coordinator of residence education at MSSD from 1981 to 1984.

As assistant principal, McCaskill's responsibilities include handling student attendance and discipline, supervising the Learning Resource Center, coordinating undergraduate and graduate practicum and internship placements, and recruiting and hiring substitute teachers. She will also coordinate assemblies, awards programs, graduation activities, and the MSSD visitors program.

In addition, McCaskill also plans to establish and operate an academic judicial board. She said that she will develop extensive contact with parents, involving them more in the educational process.



Angela McCaskill



Dr. Michael Karchmer, dean of Graduate Studies and Research, and Dr. Margarete Hall, vice president for Institutional Advancement, express appreciation on behalf of the University for the more than 70 individuals from the Gallaudet community who helped secure \$6.2 million for 1993-94 in grants, contracts, and private support for University projects. Recipients of small research grant awards from the Gallaudet Research Institute were also recognized. The Grants and Gifts Recognition Day was hosted by Graduate Studies and Research, the Development Office, and the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Steps taken to thwart false alarms

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First, the faculty had asked that students who are found to have set off false alarms be expelled from Gallaudet without the possibility of being reinstated. "I want the fire alarms to stop," said Jordan, "but I think not allowing Gallaudet students to come back—never to welcome them back, for one second of behavior—is too harsh."

According to Jordan and Dr. Howard Busby, vice president for the Division of Academic Support and Student Development (ASSD), students who are proven guilty are suspended from one to three years.

Jordan said that he had carefully considered the other points in the memo: a letter from him to students condemning the practice, 24-hour video surveillance of every alarm, and hiring private security personnel to monitor the dorms, where most of the alarm violations have occurred. Working with the Department of Safety and Security (DOSS) and ASSD, Jordan said he had decided that a letter at this time would have no effect on those students who are pulling the alarm boxes. With approximately 130 fire alarms in each dormitory, technical surveillance was found to be too costly,

he said. Jordan also said he believed it better for DOSS and ASSD to continue to work on this problem together rather than involve off-campus personnel.

To curb the incidents of false alarms, said Jordan, posters have been placed at each alarm site stating the penalties for pulling a false alarm and announcing a \$200 reward for information that leads to the apprehension of anyone pulling false alarms. An increased number of DOSS officers and staff people also kept watch in the Hall Memorial Building in December to deter those people who might set off a false alarm.

"I believe we have caught most of [those setting off alarms], and that's why the number has declined," said Busby. "Ninety-nine percent of the students are as angry as you are [about the alarms]," he said. Most of the information that helped catch students came from students, he said.

Busby also said that ASSD will be giving the issue special focus during New Student Orientation in August and that they are considering adding more dormitory staff. They also are monitoring dorms to see that only those students who live in the dorm will be able to enter after hours.

In other business, the senate reviewed a survey drafted by Committee E (Salary and Benefits) at the senate's request to assess the faculty's preferences for compensation. The revised survey will go to faculty next semester to help inform the senate and the administration of how the faculty would prioritize spending on faculty compensation, i.e., how much of this money should go for functional, merit, and/or promotion increases and whether it should be awarded as a percentage or as a set dollar amount.

Committee E Chair Terry Berkeley also announced that the administration is providing a \$3,000 increase for faculty members who are promoted to the next highest rank.

Clarification

An article in the Dec. 20 edition of *On the Green* on how the University coped with the area water alert issued by the Environmental Protection Agency Dec. 8-11 failed to credit Darnese Nicholson, a purchasing agent with Contracts and Purchasing, for her efforts in obtaining the 25,000 16-ounce bottles of spring water that were delivered to Kendall Green the morning after the alert was issued.

Announcements

Football fans are invited to "Ole Jim" to watch the AFC/NFC Championship Games Jan. 23 and Super Bowl XXVII Jan. 30 on a five-foot TV screen. Admission to the championship games is free; a cash bar and a deli bar with a nominal charge will be available. Admission to the Super Bowl is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. A cash bar and all the spaghetti, meatballs, Italian sausage, garlic bread, salad, and chili you can eat is included. For more information, contact Mike Kaika at x5081. Make checks payable to GUAA Host Service.

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association and the alumni associations of The American University, The Catholic University of America, George Washington University, and Trinity College are sponsoring "A Presidential Report Card" on Jan. 20. A panel comprising political science experts from each university will analyze the first year of President Bill Clinton's term. The moderator will be Sheilah Kast, ABC News correspondent. Dr. Mary Malzkun, chair of the Government Department, will represent Gallaudet on the panel. The program will be held at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C. A cash bar reception will be held at 6 p.m., followed by the discussion at 7 p.m. The \$10 tickets must be purchased by Jan. 14. For more information, contact Mike Kaika, x5081. Make checks payable to Gallaudet University.

The AIDS Education and Services for the Deaf recently selected Gallaudet's award-winning television program "Deaf Mosaic" for its third annual 1993 Public Awareness Award. "Deaf Mosaic" received the award for informing the public about HIV-related issues and for covering the National Conference on AIDS and the Deaf Community in 1993.

MSSD Performing Arts Department's traveling company, the Road Show, will give a rare home performance, "The Road Show in Concert," on Jan. 28 and 29, and Feb. 4 and 5. The show

will include songs performed in ASL, dance, and mime. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens. Call x5466 for reservations or information.

Outreach Services at Gallaudet's Pre-College Programs announces the release of *The Deaf Studies Curriculum*. The new curriculum can be purchased at the Gallaudet Bookstore for \$19.95.

A taste of things to come

Editor's note: The Muse (as in Agnes Muse) has struck, along with her other budding poets-in-residence, Dr. Rachel Hartig and Dr. William Marshall, (AKA: the Ballard House Balladeers) with a nifty couplet about the new lunch program for faculty and staff this semester in "Ole Jim" on Mondays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To the Alumni House . . . come Staff, come Faculty, come one, come all!

As the University Club of Kendall Green
Tickles your palate on tempting cuisines.

Until the Club claims the House of Ballard in a not too distant fall
We shall open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and all.

In January, February, and March all told
As good toasts of conviviality and camaraderie unfold.

So on Jan. 24 and Jan. 26 and continuing thereafter
From one hour before noon to two hours after

Ye Olde University Club commences its noonday repast
To put to rest our abysmal morale as a relic of times long since, long past.

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. In compliance with the Education of the Deaf Act of 1992, as amended, payment of \$1 per ad per printing must accompany each ad. The deadline for submitting ads is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Because of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, *On the Green* will not be published Jan. 17. Ads received Jan. 10-14 will be printed Jan. 24.

FOR RENT: Master BR w/priv. bath, walk-in closet, small storage, kitchen, and W/D priv., 1 parking space, Greenbelt/NASA area, \$350/mo. plus ½ util. Call x5754 or E-mail RACOREY.

FOR RENT: BR w/priv. bath in Silver Spring, Md., condo near I-95 and Metro, W/D, fireplace, spa, and pool, prefer professional or grad. student, no pets or smoking, avail. January, \$350/mo. plus ½ elec. Call (301) 890-2435 (TTY).

FOR SALE: Pine dining table, 4 chairs and bench, good cond., \$110; Chris Webber basketball card, first draft pick classic card w/autograph, limited edition, \$80/BO; Fleer '93-94 basketball set, perfect cond., \$30; '93

Ultra Fleer Baseball set, perfect cond., \$45 or follow price guide. Call (301) 776-1713 (TTY) eves. or E-mail TSCORCORAN.

FOR RENT: Equipped timeshare condo, Fairfield Harbour, New Bern, N.C., Feb. 6-12, fireplace, golf, \$550/wk./BO. Call (301) 776-1713 (TTY) eves. or E-mail TSCORCORAN.

FOR SALE: 3-story townhouse in Silver Spring, Md., Briggs Chaney area, 2 BRs, 1½ baths, walkout basement, loft dining room, wooded backyard, \$115,000. Call Dale, (301) 725-6769 (V/TTY) or E-mail DKFORD.

WANTED: Housemate to share 2-BR house in Cheverly, Md., CAC, W/D, porch, large yard, walk to Metro, close to I-295, I-495, I-95, Rte. 50, Capitol Hill, no pets or smoking, professional female preferred, \$400/mo. plus ½ util. Call (301) 773-7753 (V).

WANTED: Independent roommate for house in Alexandria, Va., must have car, love dogs. Call Jane, x5115 or (703) 768-3818 (V/TTY) after 10 p.m., or E-mail JNORMAN.

FOR SALE: Beautiful lace and beaded floor-length wedding gown and head piece, size 9, exc. cond., \$500. Call Bonnie, (202) 396-9267 (V/TTY) days.

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