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Gallaudet Fact—

Q. Which summer program hosted at Gallaudet this year has been around the longest?

- A. Children's Instructional Summer Program
- B. LeadAmerica
- C. Experience in Democracy

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Five graduates of the University's master's in leisure services administration program were on campus June 13 to take part in interviews that will be used as a recruiting tool on the Department of Physical Education and Recreation's web site, as well as cast in CD format for use at recruitment fairs and similar events. The alumni were asked to share their stories and insights about how their master's degree changed their lives and professional life course; in short, explaining what their Gallaudet graduate degree has meant to them. The project was part of an Academic Technology Video Grant received by Physical Education and Recreation professor Carol Riddick. Pictured (from left) are Phyllis Gaines, Class of 2004, who started a business in Florida, Sign of Da' Times, that bridges the gap between deaf and hearing cultures through the performing arts; Floyd Jackson, Class of 2003, who is employed as a certified therapeutic recreation specialist in California and works on a unit serving deaf patients in a psychiatric hospital; Joseph Kolcun, Class of 2005, director of intramurals at Gallaudet; Randi Baron-Leonard, Class of 2004, who is employed as a certified therapeutic recreation specialist at a state hospital in Maryland; and A.J. Roupp, Class of 2004, who works in Houston, Tex., with the Mankind Project as a leader and facilitator for deaf men and co-founded the Silent Warrior Weekend.

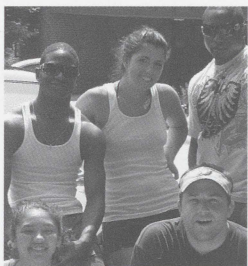
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MSSD students present a check to aid deaf Chinese citizens affected by the recent earthquake.



MSSD graduates throw their caps in the air at Commencement.



"Spanish 112" students pose during a carwash fundraiser for Columbia Cali Association of the Deaf.



A familiar sculpture graces a new museum at the Maryland School for the Deaf.

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MSCHE reaffirms Gallaudet's accreditation

(On June 27, President Davila sent the following email to the campus community announcing the reaffirmation of Gallaudet's accreditation.)

Dear members of the Gallaudet community:

It is with great pride that I inform you that the Middle States Commission on Higher Education has reaffirmed Gallaudet's accreditation today. I learned the good news this afternoon that the hard work the entire campus community has undertaken over the past 18 months has paid off. I never had any doubt about our combined ability to complete the formidable tasks that reaffirming our accreditation required of us.

We have successfully addressed each and every one of the 14 accreditation standards for institutional quality required of the nation's colleges and universities.

Over the past 18 months, Gallaudet has developed innovative new initiatives to meet the needs of our students and ensure a high-caliber academic program. These initiatives include the development of a new mission statement and strategic plan; a revision of the general studies curriculum for undergraduate students based on an integrated, problem-solving approach with distinct learning outcomes; and the establishment of a comprehensive assessment plan focused on student achievement. At the same time, the University has adopted more stringent admissions standards and renewed efforts to ensure respect for the diversity of people and ideas found on its campus.

You will soon see festive banners displayed on campus proclaiming, "WE DID IT!" I want to emphasize the word "we" because, as I have said since the early days of my presidency, an accom-

plishment of this magnitude could never happen without the concerted efforts of everyone in the Gallaudet family—members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Associates, students, faculty, teachers, staff, and alumni. Team Gallaudet showed not only that it was capable of meeting the challenges we faced, of helping each other, of respecting people and their ideas, of taking personal ownership of our mission and sharing the responsibilities to reach our goals—but we did this in a very short period of time. This feat could only be accomplished by a community such as Gallaudet's that truly believes in what it does and recognizes the unique status it holds in empowering deaf people around the world.

But the momentum we have built to date is just the beginning. The University must perpetuate this sense of renewed hope. We recognize that in an ever changing world, we must continue to evolve in order to prepare our students for success in all aspects of life.

I am proud of the way we have all worked together to achieve this momentous accomplishment. It is truly an historic milestone in Gallaudet's history. Please accept my sincere thanks for your efforts, and for the trust and collegiality you have displayed.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Davila
President

Board of Trustees gains three new members

Three new members joined the Board of Trustees in June. James Lee Sorenson and Tiffany Williams-Granfors, were approved for appointment by the trustees at their May meeting and have agreed to serve on the board. U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), was appointed as a public member of the board by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), on behalf of Vice President Richard Cheney.

Each of the new trustees brings a wealth of experience to the board.

Sorenson currently serves as chairman of Sorenson Development, Inc. of Salt Lake City, Utah. He is credited for helping develop technologies such as digital compression software, mass-market videophones, video relay services for deaf and hard of hearing people, electronic medical pain pumps, and environmental testing that have become industry standards. Sorenson's other lead-

ership responsibilities include The Sorenson Group, which owns and is developing over 60,000 acres of industrial, commercial, residential, and retail real estate, and Sorenson Capital, which has raised approximately \$650 million to invest in small- to mid-size U.S. companies. He is also a major philanthropist, donating his time, expertise, and money to a wide range of civic and educational efforts.

Williams-Granfors comes to the board with a strong background in business and management, having served at AT&T for eight years in a variety of administrative positions. Later, she obtained her masters of advanced studies (MAS) degree in sports administration and technology from the International Academy of Sport Science and Technology at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. She also did her internship at the

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Clerc Center Happenings

MSSD students raise funds for deaf people affected by China earthquake



(From left) MSSD students Neal Matthews, Ashley Byrnes, Tobe Amasiatu, Munkhsaruul Jargalsaikhan, Marquita Whitfield, LaQuita Carroll, Jeremy Smith (seated), Ibrahim Piracha, and Adrian Saylor organized a fundraiser for deaf people affected by the May 12 earthquake in China.

A group of MSSD students led by science teacher Mark Tao raised \$638 for deaf people affected by the May 12 earthquake in China. The students presented a check on June 19 to Provost Stephen Weiner and Special Assistant to the President Richard Lytle. The provost praised the students and Tao for their efforts.

The day following the check presentation, Dr. Lytle, the founder of Partners In Excellence, a non-profit organization assisting deaf people worldwide, flew to China at his own expense to observe the situation in the deaf community and identify contacts for assistance.

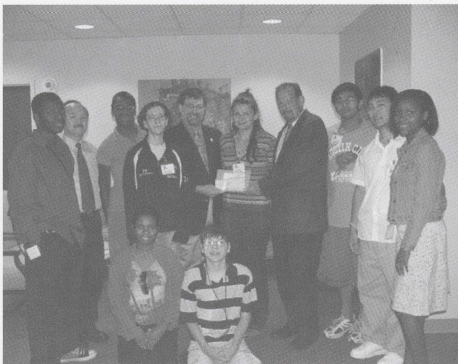
The idea for the fundraiser originated in Tao's seminar class. Some students were talking about the China earthquake after seeing reports on the news, and they started asking questions. "I showed them the online earthquake pictures," said Tao. "They were all touched. Someone wondered if there were deaf people, especially deaf children or deaf schools, affected. Someone asked what we could do. At that point, I asked the class if they wanted to volunteer to fundraise for the deaf children and deaf schools in China. Many students in the class raised their hands."

MSSD students and teacher Mark Tao meet with Provost Stephen Weiner and Special Assistant to the President Richard Lytle to present a check for donations they collected for deaf earthquake victims in China. Pictured are (from left): standing—Tobe Amasiatu, Tao, Adrian Saylor, Tiffany Van Boxlaere, Dr. Weiner, Ashley Byrnes, Dr. Lytle, Ibrahim Piracha, Munkhsaruul Jargalsaikhan, LaQuita Carroll; seated—Marquita Whitfield, and Jeremy Smith.

For the fundraiser, the students decided to research information on the earthquake. They cut out and printed pictures from newspapers and mounted them on portable display boards. In addition to the photos, the display included online earthquake comics by Chinese writer and artist Coco Wang, records from a survey of earthquake aftershocks, and a poem found on the Internet. The students made special volunteer name badges and set up a donation drive at a display table in the MSSD lobby after school for six days.

The students also reached out to the deaf community through contacts at Gallaudet and MSSD. One Gallaudet student from China had just returned there two weeks prior to the fundraiser and gathered information about the deaf community. MSSD teacher Wei Wang also tried to contact deaf organizations in the earthquake area online, but because of transportation and off-limit areas, information was difficult to acquire.

The MSSD student fundraising volunteers were: Adrian Saylor, Ibrahim Piracha, Jeremy Smith, LaQuita Carroll, Marquita Whitfield, Munkhsaruul Jargalsaikhan, Tobe Amasiatu, Tiffany VanBoxlaere, and Ashley Byrnes.



Administration & Finance

The A & F environmental internship

Across the nation and the world, individuals are recognizing that they must be concerned with environmental issues and do something to stop the destruction of the earth. At the University, students have established Green Gallaudet to educate their fellow classmates about conserving resources both on campus and globally.

The Division of Administration and Finance (A & F) also recognized the need to take action and address environmental issues at the University. One of A & F's first steps was to establish a position for an environmental intern. By the end of the spring semester, Gary Aller, executive director of Business Operations, appointed Jessica Frank, a third year undergraduate, to fill the position. Frank, a sociology major, is currently working on projects such as establishing a committee of faculty, staff, and students to take action against greenhouse gas emissions, addressing Green Gallaudet infrastructure, researching campus recycling, and developing a new environmental website.

Recognizing that Gallaudet must step forward on "green" issues, A & F had Frank establish a campus wide website on campus sustainability. The site's address is gallaudet.edu/af/green.xml. It will be a way for the campus community to share information on the progress various departments and organizations are making toward becoming more green. It will also open a line of communication for any green concerns that the campus community may have. The campus sustainability site provides resources to increase awareness about the environment and global warming, including what an individual can do to help save the planet. The site has a link to the Green Gallaudet blog site where one can read about how that organization is working to make Gallaudet greener.

The campus sustainability site will be updated frequently as more action is taken and Gallaudet becomes a greener place. Stay tuned! ■

New Board of Trustees members named

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International Olympic Committee under the Olympic Games Department. Currently, as an executive director for an organization that is the highest governing body for all deaf sports, she oversees the Winter and Summer Deaflympics and World Deaf Championships. She also manages the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf home office, which supports approximately 100 deaf sports federations.

Sen. Brown joins Rep. Ray LaHood (R-Ill.) and Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) as Congressional public voting members appointed to the board. He is a

graduate of Yale University and earned master's degrees in education and public administration from The Ohio State University. He has an honorary doctorate from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

Before Brown began his career in politics, he worked with the Ohio State University's renowned Mershon Center for International Security Studies, where he wrote the curriculum and trained teachers and educators in Poland about democracy after the Communist government fell. Sen. Brown was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1974 and to the U.S. Senate in 2006. He sits on the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee; the Banking Committee; the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee; and the Veterans Committee. ■

Gallaudet Fact—

Answer: A—Children's Instructional Summer Program (CISP), offered by the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, is the longest-running program. CISP is in its 40th year at Gallaudet. LeadAmerica was founded 19 years ago, and Experience in Democracy is the youngest of the bunch, originating seven years ago.

Among Ourselves

Jean Bergey of the College of Professional Studies and Outreach presented June 19 at the Society for Disability Studies conference at Baruch College, City University of New York. Her topic was on the challenges and opportunities of conducting film interviews using ASL and English.

Mary Ann Seremeth, social studies teacher, researcher at MSSD, is one of 50 U.S. educators traveling to South Korea June 25 to July 9 as a participant in the Korean Studies Workshop for American Educators. An additional 50 teachers will travel from July 9 to July 24. The participants were selected from nearly 400 applicants. The Korean Studies Workshop for American Educators is designed to enhance mutual understanding between the people of Korea and the United States by inviting U.S. educators to visit Korea and to share the knowledge they gain in the classroom and community. ■



The University and its Office of International Programs and Services welcomed a group of teachers from deaf schools in the Czech Republic at Hradec Kralove, Stredni Skola, Zakladni Skola, and Materska Skola. During their June 9 to June 16 visit, the teachers met with University faculty and Clerc Center teachers and discussed bilingual education, audiology and speech language pathology, and teaching English as a Second language. Pictured (from left) are teachers David Jirous and Veronika Dostalova, Assistant Principal Pavel Prazak, Principal Iva Rindova, teacher Eva Stolinova, and teachers and English Language Institute alumni Tereza Nenickova and Dana Vodrazkova.

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MSSD's Class of 2008 seizes the day at graduation ceremony

By Susan M. Flanigan

On June 20, MSSD seniors followed their class motto, "Carpe Diem," and truly seized the day with a ceremony that highlighted the talents and aspirations of the 46 graduates.

"I did not grow up in the United States of America," Maria Castaneda shared in her graduation message. "I was born in Mexico and immigrated to the United States 12 years ago with my family. Today is a special day for me and my family because I am the first in my family to graduate from high school. I have worked extra hard to get my diploma ... At MSSD, I learned that if I have a dream, I can become successful."

Dr. Michael Deninger, interim dean of the Clerc Center, welcomed friends and families to MSSD's 37th graduation ceremony. He charged the graduates with carrying the banner for MSSD as ambassadors and quoted Dr. Frank Turk, interim director of student life: "You are our legacy. Represent us well."

Commencement speaker Michael Weinstock, a member of MSSD's Class of 1976 and Gallaudet's interim director of athletics, shared experiences from his career in athletics over the past 25 years. Weinstock framed his remarks around a MODEL for living—Memories, Opportunities, Dreams, Exploration, and Life. He shared inspiring stories of athletes and inventors who chased their dreams despite obstacles that may have stopped other people. He said it took Thomas Edison 10,000 tries before he invented the light bulb. He encouraged the graduates not to give up, saying, "Many people in life don't know how close they were to success ... Don't let a wall get in your way. Be like Michael Jordan and find a way to climb it, go through it, or work your way around it."

Senior Ryan Hastings shared in his

remarks how much the experience of being at a residential school meant to him. "We have gone through more things than a regular public school attendee going to college would ever have to go through," he said. "We have learned to know the Metro/bus system by heart. We have learned to go to an internship on our own. We have learned to manage our budget. We have learned to appreciate the nation's capital ... learned to love 'good' fast food places ... learned that the Smithsonian museums are free for everyone. You guys should be proud for that ... Seize all the chances. Take all the risks, aim high, and soar higher."

Following the graduation messages, student poems, and dance performances, stellar members of the Class of 2008 who earned awards were named by MSSD principal Daniel Dukes. The Peter Hobbs Award went to Rikki DiMaria; Alan R. Williams scholarship went to Maria Castaneda, Ryan Hastings, Danielle Koplitz, and Kelsey Wessman; and Gallaudet University scholarships went to Andrew Ferguson, Pakuna Spady, Samantha Groetken, Rikki DiMaria, and Maria Castaneda. In addition, Dukes announced that Lateefah Patterson earned the title of class valedictorian and Kelsey Wessman was salutatorian.

The ceremony concluded with the awarding of diplomas. As each student came across the stage for his or her diploma, a large screen in the background flashed first a childhood and then a current photo, which generated great applause and recognition from the audience. Many students paused on stage to wave and share a few expressions of appreciation after receiving their diplomas and before turning the tassel on their mortar boards to mark their transition to becoming the newest MSSD alumni. ■



Photo courtesy of KDES

Kendall Demonstration Elementary School's 2008 honorees (from left) are: top row—Mohamed Kamara, Christopher Anderson, Shadaye White, Joseph Mosley, Chelsea Korn; middle row—Jorge Escobar-Echeverria, Tanea Brown, Kaori Vazquez, Zachary Jones, Jessica Sarraga, Carla Fuentes; front row—Ariana Myers, Brennan Terhune-Cotter, Lily McNamara, Anna Lynch, and Pakia Taylor.

KDES recognizes honorees

By Susan M. Flanigan

Family and friends gathered on June 12 to recognize the 16 KDES honorees who completed their final year at the school. The recognition day program, held in MSSD's Theatre Malz, was kicked off by KDES Principal Marilyn Farmer, who shared with the audience that she herself was saying goodbye to KDES after a 33-year career at the Clerc Center.

This year's class invited MSSD Transition Specialist Tyese Wright, a KDES and MSSD alumna, to be their graduation speaker. Wright acknowledged the importance the teachers and staff at KDES had on her personal development, especially Donald Mahoney (now assistant principal of instruction, grades 3-8). She shared with the audience how, when she was a KDES student, Mahoney nominated her to sign the "National Anthem" in front of President Reagan and 3,000 people at the U.S. Capitol. He also supported her selection for a month-long trip to Paris with a group of other deaf students. Wright attributes developing the confidence to pursue and become Miss Deaf America (2002-04) to the support she received from KDES, MSSD, and her family. In her words of advice to the honorees, Wright encouraged them to reach out and ask for any help they need.

Honoree Brennan Terhune-Cotter, who started at KDES when he was eight months old and had the highest GPA in the graduating class, gave the farewell speech. He encouraged his classmates to follow their passion, sharing that his passion is reading and that he is an avid *Harry Potter* fan.

Following the ceremony, honorees, families, and friends enjoyed a celebration lunch in MSSD's Eagle Zone student lounge. ■



MSSD's Class of 2008 celebrates with the traditional graduation cap toss.

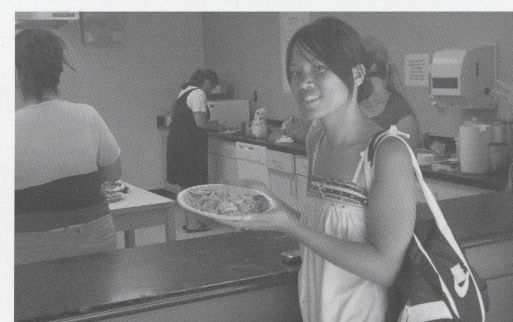


Bronze hands spelling out the ASL alphabet, a staple of the traveling History Through Deaf Eyes exhibit that settled for some time in the lobby of Gallaudet's Visitors Center, have found a home in a new museum at the site of their origin, the Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD), Frederick. The sculpture, which was cast from wooden hands carved by MSD student Clayton Forsythe in 1912, is part of the new Bjorlee Museum on the MSD campus. A grand opening for the museum was held on June 6, and it is now open to the public. The museum, named for the school's fifth superintendent, Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, includes diverse items from pre-Victorian times through the 1950s. These items are of historical significance and interest to historians of wars from the Revolutionary War to World War II, MSD alumni, the deaf community, and the general public.

Photo by Larry Newman, MSD publications specialist



(LEFT) Students in the summer course "Spanish 112" pose by a freshly-washed Toyota during a fundraiser they coordinated. The car washers are (front) Delia Lozano-Martinez, Travis Macfadden, (back row, from left) Ricky Lockridge, Vivienne Schroeder, Martelle Washington, Ryan Barlongo, Nikki Nowalski, and Thomas Korn (RIGHT) Student Nelexis Garces displays the traditional Colombian lunch she bought during the class's food sale. The students also gave presentations about the country and invited the campus to attend. All proceeds from the fundraisers went to Colombia's Cali Association of the Deaf, a deaf-run organization celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The course, taught by Dr. Cristina Berdichevsky, a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, combined service and learning to great effect. "You make students feel empowered and they truly show their talents!" Berdichevsky said.



Department of Public Safety, Metropolitan Police Department have long-standing collaboration

When a six-year-old girl was struck and killed on Sixth Street by a hit and run driver last April, footage from Gallaudet's security cameras provided the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) essential information for its ongoing investigation to locate the suspect. When the homes of Gallaudet students were among those broken into during a recent rash of neighborhood burglaries, the MPD attended a June 3 town hall meeting on campus to provide tips on how to avoid being the victim of a break-in.

These examples point to a long-standing collaboration between Gallaudet's Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the MPD. "We are all a part of the same community-team," said Dr. Meloyde Batten-Mickens, executive director of Facilities and DPS. "While we are charged to protect our citizens, the community plays a vital role in helping public safety officials by being involved, sharing ideas, being proactive by practicing constant personal safety measures, and thinking safety first. The result will help all of us be intrinsically empowered and educated for solid safety and prevention behaviors."

Along with providing its students the best possible education, Gallaudet's number-one priority is the safety of the campus community, said Batten-Mickens. Since many Gallaudet students, faculty, and staff live outside the campus gates, and because Gallaudet strives to be a good neighbor, a positive relationship between the two law enforcement groups benefits everyone.

Residents of the near-Northeast neighborhood surrounding Kendall Green have found a welcoming environment for activities on Kendall Green through the Gallaudet Community Connection program. Groups and individuals who participate in the program are given a special identification card that entitles them access through the Eighth Street gate to use Gallaudet's outdoor facilities. "We're a safe haven for many individuals in our community," said Lt. Virginia Fedor, coordinator of special services and investigations for DPS. Thanks to the Community Connection program, residents have been able to use the track, tennis, and outdoor basketball courts; walk and bicycle the campus streets; and hold activities on Olmsted Green.

Taking steps to ensure the safety of everyone on campus—visitors, residents, and employees alike—is an issue that requires constant vigilance on the part of DPS staff. Fedor said that officers have added perimeter checks of the campus to minimize the chance that someone can get onto campus by climbing a fence or gate. She added that cameras at various locations around the campus boundary provide footage around the clock to DPS headquarters in Carlin Hall to thwart potential trespassers. Pedestrian and vehicle access is closely monitored as well. The Sixth Street and Brentwood gate entrances are open weekdays from 6 a.m.

to 6 p.m.; the pedestrian gate on Florida Avenue at Seventh Street is accessible during these hours as well, plus a new camera has been mounted on the Gate House that focuses on this entrance; and for the convenience of campus community members who live off West Virginia Avenue, the pedestrian gate near KDES is now accessible from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. via their University ID card, which acts as an electronic passkey.

Being responsive to the concerns of people who live in the vicinity of Kendall Green is another way that Gallaudet helps foster a positive environment. Fedor, who serves on the Gallaudet Community Relations Council, learns of community concerns and carries them back to the University. In the past, house parties by students have been a contentious issue for residents. As of the 2007-08 academic year, Gallaudet's Student Code of Conduct holds students accountable for the behavior of themselves and their guests. If they violate the code, they are taken before the Campus Judicial Board. Fedor said that neighbors have been happy with Gallaudet's response to these disruptive revelers. "They see that we're concerned," she said.

Following a surge in gun violence last month, the MPD posted checkpoints in the Trinidad neighborhood to determine if drivers had a legitimate reason to be in the area. While Gallaudet didn't participate with police in the checkpoints, it endorsed the initiative. "As a major safety measure, DPS supports the MPD directive," said Batten-Mickens. "To save lives, public safety sometimes requires extreme measures to help curtail continued unacceptable behavior."

Safety presentations, child safety seat checks, and alerts about recurring criminal activity are other ways that MPD and DPS collaborate to protect people who live, work, and study on and off campus. The MPD's Fifth District Deaf and Hard of Hearing Liaison Unit has been attuned to the safety of the area's deaf community since it was formed in 2002. Police and fire department personnel have held safety presentations at KDES and MSSD for many years, as well. And recently, MPD teamed with DPS to alert the deaf community to a Lotto scam that targets deaf people. Gallaudet has extended its Operation I.D. service, where valuables are engraved with a special number or other identifier, to members of the Gallaudet Community who are either on or off-campus residents, and offers fingerprinting services that students use when applying for internships or for jobs who may be required to get them by a potential employer. This summer, Gallaudet has opened the Appleby Building to the Trinidad Fire Department's Engine 10 and Ambulance 13 while the department's station at 1342 Florida Ave., NE is undergoing renovations. ■

Ask Cousin Sally

Dear Cousin Sally,

Why doesn't the SLCC building have a door on the side across from the football field? It's the size of a city block and yet there is no access. And what's up with the silver wall? Did we run out of red bricks? And what about those pop-out windows?

Puzzled

Puzzled,

Knowing just enough about construction to fix a latch on an old barn door (bread bag twist ties work wonders!), old Sally is not exactly qualified to explain the inner workings of a state-of-the-art building. For that, I turned to some of the folks involved in the James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center's planning and creation.

I learned that the building entrances were designed with campus traffic flow in mind, and the decision of where to locate them was made early on. So-called "people traffic" tends to flow to the SLCC's west and north sides, so that's where the doors ended up. There is another reason, too. The elevations are such that the first floor isn't actually at ground level on that side. There is a delivery door there, but it leads to the basement.

As for the silver wall, it turns out to be zinc. Apparently, this is very "in" right now—all the new buildings are doing it! And it adds a nice glow to that side of the building, if you ask me.

The pop-out windows you see on the second floor, where the Hearing and Speech Center is located, were a choice made by the architects. Maybe it encourages HSC clients to take a peek out at the campus.

I hope this answers your questions!

Cousin Sally

Cousin Sally, *On the Green's* resident retired dairy farmer and advice columnist, is waiting for your questions at cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu.

OSWD events draw ever-increasing crowds



Pictured are (from left): front row—Janet Byrne, OSWD senior low vision specialist; Dr. Patricia Tesar, OSWD director; Sara Deaton, OSWD student note taking coordinator; Edgar Palmer, CAPSS associate dean; back row—Arthur Roehrig, OSWD counselor; Dr. Barbara White, social work professor; Kathleen Nadeau, director of the Chesapeake AD/HD Center, and Dr. William Kachman, Mental Health Center associate director.

At the close of the academic year, the staff of the Office of Students with Disabilities (OSWD) reported a record number of attendees at disability training and professional development opportunities.

"Large numbers of on campus professionals and students consistently attended OSWD's Disability Lecture Forums and related disability support service programs," noted Dr. Patricia Tesar, OSWD director. She counted 122 faculty, staff, students, and administrators in attendance at OSWD's final Disability Lecture Forum of the semester, "Helping Students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Succeed in College." The speaker was Dr. Kathleen G. Nadeau, director of the Chesapeake AD/HD (Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) Center, co-founder of the AD/HD life management software Skoach, and author of *A College Survival Guide for Students with AD/HD and LD*.

Nadeau addressed the assessment and documentation of AD/HD in college students, AD/HD's impact on learning, comorbid disorders—disorders that occur at the same time as another disorder but are not related to it—commonly associated with students who have AD/HD, class-

room accommodations for college students with the disorders, and faculty tips and methods for working with these students. She also offered a demonstration of the Skoach software.

Reshaping training opportunities to meet constituents' needs is paramount at OSWD. Tesar believes that increased attendance is attributable, in part, to OSWD's efforts to assess the training needs of its on campus constituents. With the increased numbers of students with disabilities now attending Gallaudet, members of the campus community have continually expressed their desire to learn more about supporting students with disabilities in both curricular and extracurricular activities and programs. There has been keen interest in learning more about students with multiple hidden disabilities such as learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders, psychological disabilities, and chronic disabilities.

OSWD staff believes that it is only through collective efforts among all constituents that Gallaudet will successfully accommodate the support service needs of students with disabilities. This fall, OSWD will continue to provide as many training and professional development opportunities as possible. ■