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Improving literacy by year 2000 is goal of new University project

Terry Coye, associate professor of English and project coordinator of the English Skills Assessment Review Project (ESARP), recently joined the Office of the President for a one-year stint to launch a project that, it is hoped, will significantly improve Gallaudet students' literacy in English by the year 2000.

Coye will work closely with President I. King Jordan and Vice President for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen in coordinating the project.

Coye said that although he will carry out some of the recommendations raised in last year's ESARP report, his new task is not expressly a continuation of ESARP. Rather, this year's project "is a response by the president to many voiced concerns about the preparedness of Gallaudet graduates to meet the literacy demands of the workplace," Coye said. "The ESARP report was one voice; the Vision Implementation Plan task forces—particularly the task force on general education—were another."

The first order of business is developing a clearer picture of what goals will be feasible to accomplish in two semesters, Coye said. One possible goal, he said, involves students, faculty, staff, and alumni in the development of a statement of commitment by the University to creating "real, substantial improvement" in literacy by the turn of the century. He added that this would be in response to the first recommendation of the ESARP report.

Coye also hopes to coordinate literacy research on campus. "I hope to find a way for researchers to meet and organize a research plan that would steer their studies toward questions whose answers would be particularly useful for undergraduate instruction," Coye said. "I'd like to see more research identifying the literacy skills our graduates will need

to function in the academy, in the community, and the workplace." This research could help faculty decide what standards of literacy skill to expect from students, another of Coye's goals.

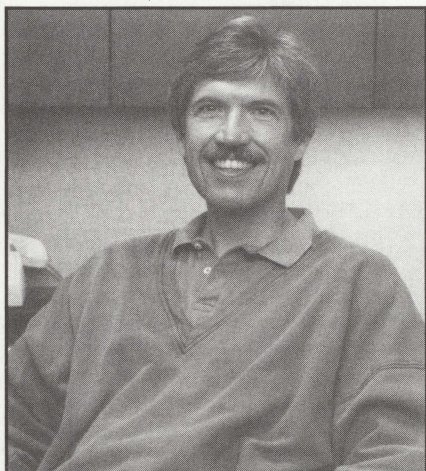
Coye praised the English departments at Kendall Green and the Northwest Campus for starting the process of overhauling tests and evaluation procedures, but called for even further improvement in assessing students' skills in English. "We need to move beyond the concept of standardized tests and find better ways of identifying student strengths and weaknesses and using that data to help teachers and students make improvements," Coye said.

By whatever means students are ultimately assessed, all information on their progress needs to be consolidated into one data base rather than scattered among various units of the University, such as the English departments, Institutional Research, or the Registrar's Office, Coye said. A consolidated data base would make it easier to track one student's progress in English skills during his or her years at Gallaudet, Coye explained.

Coye is clear about the result he wants: "I hope that by the end of this year the Gallaudet community will have a better idea about what kinds of improvements we can make in the reading and writing performance of our undergraduates. Most of all, I'd like to see a significantly increased level of motivation and commitment by students and everyone who works at Gallaudet to doing whatever it takes to bring about real improvement."

Graduate Studies seeks requests for funding

The Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research announces that requests will be accepted until Oct. 17 for the University's Small Research Grants Program for the 1994-95 academic year. The program, which encourages and supports research projects by faculty, staff, and graduate students, awards grants of up to \$2,000. Approximately \$30,000 in grant money is available this year. For more information about the Small Research Grants Program, call Sally Dunn, x4412, or E-mail SWDUNN.



Terry Coye



More than 100 people, including former GUAA president Gerald "Bummy" Burstein (right), sporting his most formal "railroad tie," turned out for a dinner in "Ole Jim" Sept. 17 to honor Jack Gannon, special assistant to the president and former GUAA executive secretary, for his 25 years of service to GUAA. The event raised \$3,000 for the Gallaudet Museum Fund, established by Jack and Rosalyn Gannon in 1992.

Deaf studies programs on the rise

A child's journey toward establishing a self-image is often difficult and sometimes painful. And a deaf child who grows up not knowing the history, culture, and language of deaf people, may reach adulthood feeling incomplete.

For years, many deaf students did not receive formal instruction on their cultural heritage. To remedy this, Pre-College Programs developed and published the *KDES Deaf Studies Curriculum Guide*, developed by Melvia Miller-Nomeland, a KDES teacher, and Sara Gillespie, a KDES curriculum specialist, last year. The guide has been welcomed, and deaf studies instruction has increased markedly in programs for deaf children, according to Dennis Berrigan, coordinator for American Sign Language and deaf culture programs at Pre-College.

"We are encouraged by the positive reaction to the *Deaf Studies Curriculum Guide*," said Berrigan. "Deaf children need to know about themselves—their people, history, culture, language, identity."

The guide contains teaching units and suggested classroom activities and resource lists tailored for first through ninth grades. Pre-College is currently organizing an effort to expand the guide beyond its present limits, according to Margaret Hallau, director of the Center for Curriculum Development, Research, and Evaluation.

To further assist teachers, Pre-College Programs has assigned Berrigan the task of developing a deaf studies materials network that would share information.

Berrigan took his first step toward setting up such a network at the July 1994 National Association of the Deaf (NAD) convention in Knoxville, Tenn., where 45 people participated in a Deaf Studies Caucus. The caucus goals were to share information on how deaf studies is offered, identify materials needed to teach deaf studies, and develop an action plan to establish a national consortium or network to produce deaf studies materials.

According to Berrigan, a survey conducted at the caucus revealed that many of the respondents had just implemented deaf studies in their schools. Some are using the *KDES Deaf Studies Curriculum Guide*, while others are developing their own materials. Several respondents also said they needed more classroom materials, such as readings and worksheets. A librarian even suggested that schools set up deaf studies sections in their libraries.

"It is exciting to see how many programs are teaching deaf studies," said Hallau. "At the same time, we are all struggling to find good materials because this is a new area in the curriculum."

Armed with the results of the NAD Deaf Studies Caucus survey, Berrigan has established short-term and long-term goals. In the short term, a support network will share materials used in various programs. Long term, Berrigan hopes to compile materials for teachers and students in a format that can be shared easily.

At this time, several options are being considered as a next step: starting

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Students, staff, and faculty welcome new African-American students to Gallaudet with a reception in their honor held Sept. 14 at "Ole Jim." The event was sponsored by the Organization for Equity of African Americans and the Black Deaf Student Union.

Announcements

"Deaf Mosaic" will be honored on Dec. 9 at California State University, Northridge for "DPN 5: The Power and the Promise," which won the "Made for Broadcast" category this year in the Superfest competition. Superfest is an international media festival related to programs on people with disabilities.

"In the Land of the Deaf," an award-winning French documentary by filmmaker Nicolas Philibert about the languages and cultures of deaf people around the world, will be shown at the Biograph theater Oct. 7-13 at 5:30 p.m., 7:20 p.m., and 9:10 p.m. For more information, call (202) 333-2696.

Dick Brandt, author of a new specification for improved compatibility between computer modems and TTYs, will give a lecture in Ely Auditorium Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. on how high-speed modems may talk to TTYs and how international TTY compatibility may be realized through international standards. A reception will follow.

SignRise Cultural Arts, Inc., opens its 1994-95 season with a sign language and voice production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," with a cast led by actors Julianna Fjeld, Patrick Graybill, Mike Lamitola, and Abbey Roin. The play will be presented on the MSSD Auditorium stage during Gallaudet's Homecoming Week Oct. 26-30. Week-day and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and the Sunday performance is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. For more information, call (301) 585-2761 (TTY) or (301) 585-2761 (V).

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, novelist, and social critic Anna Quindlen will present a lecture, "Thinking Out Loud" on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. The presentation will benefit the St. Francis Center, a nonprofit resource for people living with life-threatening illness, grief, or bereavement. Tickets for the presentation are \$35 or \$150 for the presentation and dinner. The event will be sign interpreted. For more information, call (202) 363-8500.

The Puppet Co. Playhouse, Glen Echo, Md., will present a sign interpreted performance of "Hansel and Gretel" on Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$4. For more information, call (301) 320-6668.

The University of Maryland, College Park will present interpreted performances of "Equus" Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. and "The Tempest" on Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. in Tawes Theatre. Admission is \$10 standard and \$7 for senior citizens and students. For more information, call (301) 405-2201 (V/TTY).

Sign interpreted performances of "The Foreigner" will be presented Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW, Washington, D.C. For more information, call (202) 638-2941.

Arena Stage's production of "The Odyssey" by Derek Walcott, from Homer's epic, will be sign interpreted Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, which cost \$20-\$39, call (202) 488-3300 (V) or (202) 484-0247 (TTY).

'Deaf Mosaic' announces programs

"Deaf Mosaic," the award-winning television series produced by Gallaudet's Department of Television, Film, and Photography, announces its program schedule for the remainder of the calendar year. Locally, "Deaf Mosaic" airs on The Discovery Channel at 9 a.m. Sundays.

10/2—#811

- Medicine and deaf people
- Guillain-Barré Syndrome
- Survivors of breast cancer

10/9—#812

- Deaf tennis tournament in Germany
- Danish deaf skiers
- British Deaf Association conference

10/16—#901

- Deaf Mardi Gras with the Krewe of Dauphine
- British Sign Language dictionary
- Five Ironmen, 1943 basketball champs

10/23—#902

- Deaf participation in 1993 Gay Rights March, Washington, D.C.
- Canadian Parliament member Gary Malkowski
- "Paintball wars"
- Russian child's adoption by American deaf family

10/30—#1006 [new program—TBA]

11/6—#903

- Deaf actress Mary Vreeland
- 1993 gathering of educators of the deaf in Baltimore, Md.
- Deaf handball player Richard Jacobs

11/13—#904

- Baseball player Curtis Pride
- Conference on Deaf People with AIDS
- Local news captions and decoder-equipped television sets hit the market

11/20—#905

- On the Road in the Great Plains
- Devils Lake, N.D., carpenter Steven Peterson
- Turtle Mountain reservation
- N.D. School for the Deaf summer camp

- Community Services for the Deaf, S.D.
- Sprint car racer Greg Gunderson
- Omaha, Neb., business card collector Warren Reynolds

11/27—#1007 [new program—TBA]

12/4—#1001

- Movie theater captions and videos
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Deaf entrepreneur Joel Barrish
- Don Warren and veterans' rights
- President Bill Clinton at Gallaudet's 1994 graduation.

12/11—#1002

- Babywatch for deaf expectant parents
- Deaf physician/author Philip Zazove
- Portrait artist William Sparks
- "Respecteen"
- British photographer John Dalton

12/18—#810

- DPN: The Power and the Promise

12/25—#1008 [new program—TBA]

Deaf studies developing plans

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a deaf studies network newsletter that would keep teachers, curriculum specialists, and administrators up-to-date on deaf studies, setting up a materials exchange, developing a materials kit or a supplement to the *KDES Deaf Studies Curriculum Guide*, or publishing a materials book. Berrigan is also considering producing an instructional or documentary videotape to supplement deaf studies instructional materials.

"The goal of the network is to develop a kit of teaching materials for deaf studies—materials that schools and programs have developed (or identified from commercially available materials), found effective, and want to share with others," said Hallau.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Written ads must be submitted 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. Ads received Sept. 26-30 will be printed Oct. 10.

FOR SALE: 1-BR condo in New Carrollton, Md., near Metro, shopping, library, \$46,500. Call (301) 577-8974 (TTY).

FOR SALE: 1-BR condo w/pantry, walk-in closet, W/D, scenic, safe, near Grosvenor and White Flint Metros, \$66,000. Call Vivian, (301) 770-1562 (V) eves.

FOR RENT: 1-BR corner basement apt. in Capitol Hill townhouse, W/D, A/C, walk-in closet, storage, separate entrance, \$475/mo. plus util. Call (202) 233-7766 (V) days or (202) 543-8070 (V) eves.

FOR RENT: House in Cheverly, Md., near Metro, 3 acres, garage, 5 BRs, basement, greenhouse room, W/D, fireplace, porch and deck, \$1,295/mo. Call (301) 937-8660.

FOR RENT: 2-BR apt. less than 1 block from Kendall Green. Call (301) 773-1710 (V/TTY) or (301) 322-7372 (V).

FOR RENT: 1 BR in Alexandria, Va., to nonsmoker, grad. student or professional preferred, must love dogs, have own trans., avail. immediately, \$350/mo. plus ½ util. Call Jane, (703) 768-3818 or E-mail JNORMAN.

FOR RENT: 1- and 2-BR apts. and 1-BR accessible apts. in Washington, D.C., W/D, near Metro bus/shopping, rent incl. util. plus AC. For more information, call Deaf REACH housing specialist, (202) 832-6681 (V/TTY) or Southview Apts., (202) 889-6660.

FOR RENT: Furnished room in house, \$300/mo., plus ½ util. Call John Scott, (202) 208-1207 days or (202) 832-4990 eves.

WANTED: Deaf babysitter fluent in ASL for motivated hearing family of four (children ages 9 and 3) in Hyattsville, Md., for several hrs./day; flexible, but prefer services in exchange for room, board; 20 min. from Kendall Green. Call Jackie Laldee, (301) 386-4769 (V/TTY).

WANTED: Fingertalk tutor to practice receptive skills, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Tues., Thurs., on campus, fee nego. Call E. Walsh, (703) 257-1662 (V).

WANTED: Housekeeper/cook/assistant for young disabled woman, driver's license required, positive attitude, sign language a plus. 8 a.m.-noon and/or 4-8 p.m. and some weekends. Call (202) 526-8806 (TTY) or (202) 554-2188 (V).

WANTED: Personal assistant to help disabled Gallaudet student with physical therapy program, 2-3 times a week. Sign language preferred, hours/salary nego. Call (202) 526-8806 (TTY) or (202) 554-2188 (V).

WANTED: ASL tutor for motivated hearing adult. Call Lori Milstein (202) 537-6312 (V) days or (202) 337-0855 (V) eves.

FREE: Dalmation puppy, male, deaf, 10 weeks old, liver and white, has all shots. Call (703) 825-4289 or (703) 937-5186.

WANTED: Electronic keyboardist seeks to provide music for wedding ceremonies in the local area, flexible rates. Call Monica Shimmmin, x5252, or E-mail MMSHIMMIN.

FOR SALE: Wooden bunk bed set w/ladder, mattress not incl., \$100; 2 20-in. bicycles, girl's and boy's, \$15 each; wooden dresser w/mirror, \$25. E-mail RLLANGFORD.

FOR SALE: Treadle sewing machine w/cabinet, needs work, \$70/BO. E-mail LMMCCONNELL.

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