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Board approves projected operating budget

Gallaudet's Board of Trustees approved a projected operating budget of \$112,750,000 for the University for fiscal year 1998 at its October 24 meeting on campus. The budget earmarks \$5.1 million to support the first year of Gallaudet's five-year plan to advance the use of technology to support student learning.

The budget plan is based on anticipated revenue of \$81,000,000 from the federal appropriation, \$12,000,000 in student tuition and fees, \$4,300,000 in government grants and contracts, \$11,000,000 from auxiliary enterprises such as dormitory and food service fees, the Gallaudet Bookstore, and the Gallaudet University Press, and \$4,450,000 from miscellaneous sources, including contributions and interest on the endowment and other forms of interest.

The board's strong show of support for Gallaudet's technology initiatives reflects its commitment to ensuring that students at the University have the most up-to-date resources available to them to receive an education that is second to none.

The board was clearly impressed by a dynamic presentation it received the day before on the technology plan and its innovative programs that can prepare students for the increasingly competitive job market. (See sidebar.) "It is a very remarkable achievement and I look forward to the end result," remarked Philip Bravin, chair of the Committee of Financial Affairs, following the budget vote.

In other financial matters, The Board of Trustees voted to accept a plan prepared by the Office of Development to initiate a Capital Campaign. The campaign is an ambitious fund raising effort that continues for several years and involves the entire campus community and its constituents.

The board endorsed the concept of a Capital Campaign at its May 1997 meeting and directed Development officials to proceed with planning it. (Further details about the campaign will be announced in an upcoming issue of *On the Green*.)

The board also approved a proposal to expand the University's planned giving program by establishing a pooled income fund and a charitable gift annuity program. These new initiatives allow donors to make contributions to the University and receive income payments based on their gifts during their lifetime.

Bravin also announced that the University's Board of Associates has two new members: Richard Boyle, who recently retired as vice president of regional servicing for the Sallie Mae Servicing Corporation, and William Oliver, vice president for corporate public relations for AT&T.

In other matters, Board of Trustees Chair Glenn Anderson named Dr. Robert Sanderson, who served on the board for 12 years, as trustee emeritus. Dr. Anderson also welcomed the board's newest member, Dr.

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1997 Homecoming Queen and King Melissa Draganac and Jeff Branch smile for the camera at their coronation during the Pep Rally. (See more Homecoming photos on page 2.)

Administration and Business program review underway

This academic year, the division of Administration and Business is undertaking a thorough examination of its programs and services. This review continues a study of A&B operations that began in 1996 and continued in 1997 with the division's participation in a national benchmarking project sponsored by the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO).

The two-part NACUBO study has enabled the division to compare its costs and performance with other educational institutions and to collect customer opinions regarding the services it provides. Responses to the customer satisfaction survey, which evaluated 16 different A&B services, indicated that the community is "somewhat satisfied" to "very satisfied" with most A&B services.

The program review will pull together these initiatives and look

at other factors such as trends, processes, technological enhancements, and the organizational structure. According to Paul Kelly, vice president for Administration and Business, the overall goal of the program review is to improve service to the campus community and contribute to the president's strategic objectives. "In order to do so," said Kelly, "our programs and services must be customer oriented, efficient, cost effective, add value, and reflect best practices."

Kelly stated that he was generally pleased with the overall results of the customer satisfaction survey but would like to see a move towards "extremely satisfied" following the program review.

Oversight of the program review is being provided by a representative steering committee headed by Dr. John Van Cleve. Van Cleve, who is serving as director

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Robert Crowe receives first CIP award

By Denise LaRue

This past summer, while working on the campus grounds, Robert Crowe, a gardener with the Physical Plant Department, saw many young neighborhood children scaling the West Virginia Avenue fence, hoping for a few minutes of fun on the new Kendall School playground. Because the area was unsupervised and presented a risk to both the children and the University, DOSS had to regularly patrol the area and ask the children to leave.

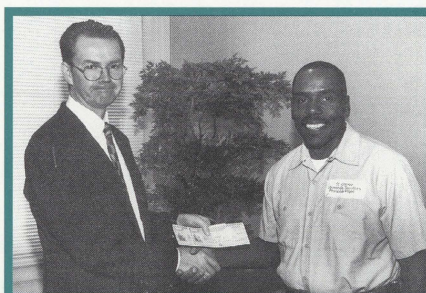
Crowe, who studied physical education and recreation as well as urban studies, has for many years been interested in working with inner-city youth. He knew and understood that these children found the temptation of a new playground hard to resist. He also believed that, if the children were permitted a short period of time to play, they would probably pose less of a problem at other times. Crowe volunteered to provide supervision.

According to Paul Kelly, vice president for Administration and Business and originator of the Community Involvement Program (CIP) concept, Crowe's recommendation was enthusiastically endorsed as a way for Gallaudet to demon-

strate its interest in helping and working with the neighboring community. The playground opened late this summer for use by the neighborhood children and continues to be open from 4-6 p.m. weekdays and from noon until 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

For his suggestion, Crowe received a \$300 bond. Congratulations, Mr. Crowe!

(Under the Community Involvement Program, employees who offer a suggestion that is accepted and fully implemented are eligible to receive up to a \$500 savings bond. If an idea is accepted for further study but cannot be implemented, the employee receives a gift as a token of appreciation.)



Vice President for Administration and Business Paul Kelly presents a \$300 savings bond to Robert Crowe for his suggestion to allow neighborhood children time for supervised use of the Kendall School playground. Crowe's award is the first in the University's new Community Involvement Program, which encourages members of the campus community to make suggestions that have a positive impact on Gallaudet's programs and services.

More than bells and whistles: technology enhances classroom teaching and learning

As part of the University's strategic planning, Gallaudet has begun implementing its inter-divisional technology plan, a broad-based effort that, among other things, will greatly enhance interactive visual learning on campus.

At the Board of Trustees meeting October 22 to 24, the board members were presented examples of how technology is already making the teaching and learning processes more dynamic and effective here.

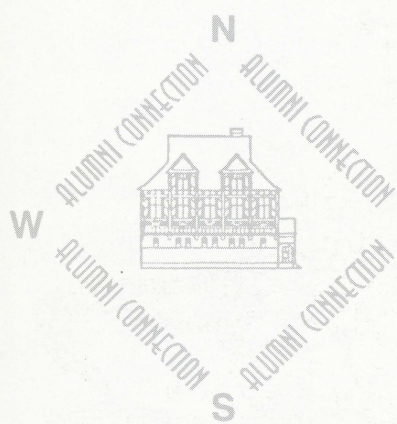
Dr. Janet Pray, chair of the Department of Social Work; Dr. Marshall Wick, a professor in the Department of Business Administration, School of Management; Dr. Cindy King, chair of the Department of Educational Foundations and Research; Dr. David Snyder, a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics; and Mary Ellsworth, Grade 12 science teacher/researcher at MSSD, each explained how they use computer technology in innovative ways. They showed how course materials, including syllabi, as well as discussion and "chat rooms,"

assignments and quizzes, and much more, can be put on the Web and easily accessed by students and teachers alike.

For example, Wick's "Business Law I" class has been completely "Webized," that is, everything students need to know for the course can be found on the Web site, including links to a number of other sites that have information important to the course.

In addition, Snyder and Ellsworth demonstrated how video conferencing enables students to collaborate on projects with students and teachers in other schools, thereby broadening and enriching the learning experience.

Of course, the benefits of technology go far beyond the classroom. Roger Doty, director of Computer Services, told the board about the campus' new information system that, when fully operational, will streamline many campus procedures, including registration, e-mail, academic advising, and billing. *On the Green* will have more on the new system in future issues.



by Daphne Cox McGregor, '82

ALUMNI CONNECTION

Alumni discover happy memories at Homecoming '97

A long stretch of rainy weather did not dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of alumni during the Homecoming '97 festivities.

The full schedule of activities included the Gallaudet University Alumni Association's (GUAA) Board of Directors' fall meeting. The board heard reports from University President I. King Jordan, '70, Associate Director for Annual Fund Cathy Sweet-Windham, G-'85, and Capital Campaign Coordinator Catherine Dehoney, both from the Office of Development, and findings from a marketing survey from Office of Public Relations Director Mercy Coogan.

The Office of Alumni Relations sponsored fabulous breakfasts for the golden and silver anniversary reunions of the Classes of 1947 and 1972. Eleven classmates and members of their families enjoyed hearing jokes from the master of ceremonies, Marvin Marshall, '47, during the Class of 1947 breakfast program on Friday.

The golden anniversary class is believed to be the first class to plan its banquet. In addition, the classmates worked very hard to have a class display of their college mementos, which can still be seen in the Peikoff Alumni House. The members of the Class of 1947 un-animously gave their support to the establishment of the Class of 1947 Scholarship Fund with a \$1,000 check to Gallaudet University.

The Class of 1972 had 90 members present for its silver anniversary breakfast on Saturday. Dr. Rachel Stone, '72, GUAA vice president, was an exceptional mistress of ceremonies, sharing many college experiences with the audience. A videotape of '72ers during their college years was shown during the program.

Donna Drake, '69 and G-'71, GUAA president, made welcom-

ing remarks during the Pep Rally in the Field House on Friday night. A section of alumni (mostly classmates from the Classes of 1947 and 1972) got an opportunity to see how pep rallies have changed over the years. David Jarashow and Rayna Bingman Kozerka, both of the Class of '72, signed



The Gallaudet cheerleading squad poses with President Jordan before the big game.

the "Bison Song" and current students signed it the new way, giving the audience the opportunity to compare old and new versions of our popular anthem.

The annual Pre-Game Bash was, as always, a big hit among the alumni and friends, giving an ideal chance to relive old times and catch up on new happenings.

Dr. Gerald "Bummy" Burstein, '50, past president of the GUAA, autographed 75 copies of his newest book on parliamentary procedures. Proceeds will benefit the GUAA/Bummy Funds. (There are extra copies available for sale at the Peikoff Alumni House for \$20.00 per copy.)

Five members of the Class of 1942; 18 members of the Class of 1957; 20 members of the Class of 1962; eight members of the Class of 1967; 13 members of the Class of 1977; 18 members of the Class of 1982; and 50 members of the

Class of 1987 hosted their anniversary reunions at locations such as the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center, Union Station, and the Abbey.

The anniversary classes found the reactivated Class Parade a great deal of fun—showing their class spirit by marching together from the Field House to the track. Some of the classmates discussed plans for their next anniversary reunions in 2002 and voted for chairpersons and/or class presidents on the spot.

Board of Trustees meets

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Vinton Cerf, senior vice president of Internet Architecture and Engineering Group for MCI Communications Corporation, to his first board meeting.

President I. King Jordan, in his address to the board, shared good news that the University's enrollment has increased. The current enrollment stands at 2,145, up 111 students from the year before. But Dr. Jordan cautioned, "We're not out of the woods yet." He said that enrollment and retention remain vital issues for Gallaudet and repeated that the University's enrollment goal continues to be 2,200 students. (See 'Studentsaurus,' page 3.)

Jordan also announced that planning is underway to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Deaf President Now throughout the spring 1998 semester. (See related story, page 4.)

The DPN celebration will emphasize three aspects, Jordan said: Academics, Inclusion, and Future Thinking. He explained that the movement helped improve education for deaf students; increased opportunities not only for deaf people but for people with disabilities; and that DPN continues to have a positive impact on this large and important segment of society.

In keeping with the DPN theme, Jordan said that Greg Hlibok, one of the primary student leaders of DPN, will be the speaker at the 1998 Commencement exercises May 15.

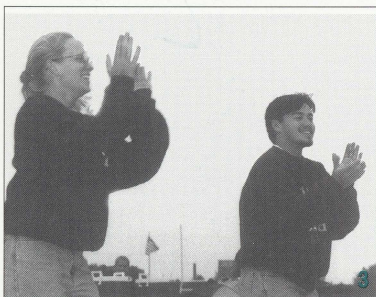
The board also learned that Dr. Anne Spragins-Harmuth, a professor in the Department of Psychology, and Dr. Ronald Nomeland, who retired in August 1996 as chair of the Department of TV, Photography, and Educational Technology, will be named professors emeritus at Commencement. **G**



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1 Yue Xiaoying, an official at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, waves during his keynote speech at the Asian-Pacific Association's 15th Anniversary Banquet. 2 Class of '69 President Brent Nowak refinishes the benches outside Peikoff Alumni House in preparation for the Homecoming festivities. 3 Ben Hoshina and Maureen Yates sing-sign the "Bison Song" during Gallaudet's football game against Valley Forge College. 4 Members of the Class of 1947 proudly display their class pennant and banner after attending their golden anniversary breakfast. 5 Members of the Class of 1972 watch with enthusiasm as their classmate, Dr. Rachel Stone, performs as mistress of ceremonies. 6 School of Undergraduate Studies Dean Stephen Weiner greets Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins, executive director of the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, who was the keynote speaker at the two-day Career Force 2002 conference held in conjunction with Homecoming. In her presentation, which was open to the campus community, Scoggins discussed how employees can be successful when their workplace is faced with pressures related to drastic changes and unexpected challenges. Another conference event open to the campus was a panel discussion, "Breaking the Mold: Accessing the Traditionally Inaccessible Workforce," moderated by Pamela Lloyd, past president of National Black Deaf Advocates. The panel of deaf professionals addressed issues related to attitudinal and communication barriers in the workplace, reasonable accommodations, the impact of technology on today's work environment, and meeting the challenges of the 21st century.



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Are we out of the woods?

By Teresa Ezzell

President I. King Jordan shared his concern about future enrollment numbers at an October 15 meeting with deans and directors.

While Dr. Jordan is pleased that the current overall enrollment is 2,145, up from last year's 2,034, future projections indicate that it may be difficult to maintain a student population goal of 2,200.

"Even though the numbers are up this year, we're not out of the woods yet," said Jordan. "Congress is now asking me questions they did not ask before, the most compelling being: 'Why have an institution like Gallaudet?' The answer to that is easy—as long as we have sufficient students."

At the meeting, several speakers shared information regarding the enrollment picture, and Jordan laid out his vision for the year.

According to a 1996 survey on basic demographic and reading achievement characteristics of the traditional applicant pool of 17-21-year-old deaf and hard of hear-

ing high school students, only 964 (16 percent) out of the 6,025 high school students in the pool scored at or above the 8th grade reading level. Therefore, it is easy to see why competition for qualified students is becoming fierce.

Arizona State University has a large program for deaf undergraduates, NTID is setting up new programs and is lobbying to become a four-year institution, VR funding restraints are forcing students to choose in-state colleges, mainstreamed students are less likely to choose Gallaudet, and more parents are opting for cochlear implants for their deaf children. All these external factors need to be taken into consideration when looking at the overall enrollment picture.

There are also internal factors such as curriculum changes that can dramatically change the enrollment picture.

The vision for the University regarding enrollment should be long term, said Jordan. To ensure that enrollment figures remain high, Gallaudet has to:

- Continue to offer the best programs.

- Make sure everyone at the University knows how good these programs are and sell Gallaudet as being the "university that provides the best visual learning environment in the world."

- Become more inclusive of students who are hard of hearing, who sign more in English word order, and who have cochlear implants.

- Consider expanding and adding new programs such as summer preparation programs modeled after Louisiana's Xavier University that prepare high school students for baccalaureate degrees.

Jordan has mandated that the following enrollment initiatives be given attention this year:

- ★ **B.A. program in interpreting**—A feasibility study of such an option will be made, and if all goes well, interpreting students will be admitted in the fall of 1999.

- ★ **International student enrollment cap**—Jordan will work with the Department of Education and Congress to remove or raise the current 10 percent cap on international students.

- ★ **Weekend/evening programs and distance education**—"Many colleges have programs for older students who want to start or complete their degrees. We need to do the same," said Jordan. He

said that he would like to see evening/ weekend programs offered by the fall of 1999.


Distance education opportunities will also be explored.

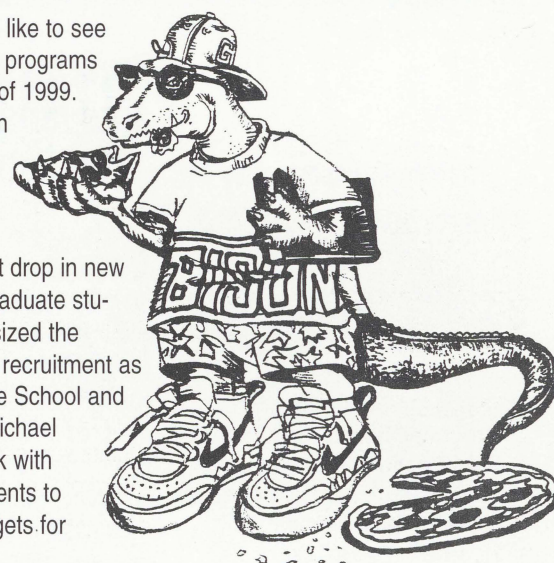
- ★ **Graduate students**—A slight drop in new degree-seeking graduate students has emphasized the need for graduate recruitment as well. The Graduate School and Research Dean Michael Karchmer will work with graduate departments to set enrollment targets for the fall of 1998.

- ★ **Retention**—Data will continue to be collected to measure the success of new retention initiatives.

- ★ **Marketing study**—A committee chaired by Director of Public Relations Mercy Coogan will study survey results and make recommendations on how divisions and units need to act.

"I have given myself the task of convincing the University community that enrollment is a serious issue, one that we must attend to if Gallaudet is to thrive," Jordan concluded.

Future indications and enrollment projections clearly show that we have miles to go before we sleep. So, no, we're not out of the woods. Not just yet. 



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

(Note: for more information about University athletic events, call the Athletics Department at x5603; for MSSD athletic events, call x5361.)

5-6 Kappa Sigma Fraternity Bake Sale, Ely Center

5-7 "Turn A Page" book display features Dr. Diane O'Connor, chair of the English Department. The display is inside the Library's east entrance.

5 Men's Soccer CAC Tournament Semifinals, time and location TBA; MSSD JV Football vs. Rockville, 7 p.m., MSSD Football Field

6-8 MSSD Presents *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, \$2 for students, \$3 general admission, 8 p.m., MSSD's Theatre Malz; MSSD Varsity ISL Volleyball Tournament, time and location TBA

6 Volleyball CAC Tournament Semifinals, time and location TBA; "Introduction to Supervision" conference, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., GUKCC; *Face to Face*, live theater performance, 4-6 p.m.; "Overcoming Writer's Block" mini-workshop, noon-1 p.m., Ely Center Multipurpose Room

7 "The Science and Ethics of Childhood Cochlear Implants," featuring Dr. Harlan Lane, noon-1 p.m., Ely Auditorium; Men's Soccer CAC Tournament Championship, time and location TBA; "Enhancing Your Supervisory Skills" conference, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., GUKCC

8 Kendall Green Community Services Day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Hughes Gym; MSSD Varsity Football vs. North Carolina School for the Deaf, 2 p.m., MSSD Football Field; Volleyball CAC Tournament Finals, time and location TBA; Men's and Women's Cross Country CAC Championships at Goucher College, time TBA; Football at Williamson Trade, 1 p.m.

10-11 Muslim Student Association Bake Sale, Ely Center

10 Graduate course registration for spring 1998 semester for currently enrolled students

Community events

8 Kennedy Center: *The Nightingale*, sign-interpreted performance at 11 a.m., (202) 467-4600

PCNMP HAPPENINGS

Programs selected for National Forum on Family Involvement

PCNMP is pleased to announce the selection of seven programs across the United States for participation in the March 1998 Partners for Progress National Forum on Family Involvement at Gallaudet.

The focus of the forum will be on the special needs of families who do not speak English; who are members of a minority group; who live in rural areas; or who have deaf and hard of hearing children with additional disabilities or low academic achievement.

As one of its national mission goals, PCNMP has identified significant needs in the area of family involvement for families and their deaf and hard of hearing children. The National Forum on Family Involvement will be an opportunity for practitioners and parents to share strategies and materials that benefit this group and to identify future directions in development and research.

Selection announcements:

- **The Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind Statewide Programs in Early Childhood Education and Technical**

Assistance to Schools and Programs, Tucson. The program serves deaf and hard of hearing children from birth to age five and multiply disabled or deaf-blind infants and toddlers and their families. Services include audio-logical assessments, Individualized Family Service Plan development, parent education, sign language classes, toddler groups, therapies, and assistance with obtaining needed social and preschool transitioning services. Supervisor Peggy Kile and Julianne Reble, mother of a four-year-old deaf daughter, will attend the forum.

- **Hawaii Services on Deafness American Sign Language Training for Families Program, Honolulu.** The program, designed to meet the needs of families who are served by the Hawaii Center for the Deaf and the Blind and various mainstream state educational programs, makes American Sign Language accessible to working families by providing after-work classes, child care for infants, and staff support for family involvement. Executive Director Janet Johanson and Valerie O'Brien,

mother of a 13-year-old deaf daughter, will attend the forum.

- **The Hearing, Speech, and Deafness Center, Seattle, Washington.** The center serves the community through a comprehensive family-centered program that also works extensively with organizations, schools, and other centers to address the educational, service, consultative, and training needs of deaf and hard of hearing children, their families, and practitioners. Parent-Infant Program Director Lori Seago and Connie Best, mother of a three-year-old deaf daughter, will attend the forum.

- **Lexington School for the Deaf, The Ready to Learn Program, Jackson Heights, New York.** This private, state-supported school provides educational programs for approximately 400 severely to profoundly deaf students from birth through 21 years of age. The program is family-centered and provides school and home-based family sessions, play groups, parent groups, and sign language classes. Director Janice Berchin-Weiss and Denise Horner, mother of a two-and-a-half-year-old deaf son, will attend the forum.

- **The Los Angeles Unified School District Deaf and Hard of Hearing Parent-Infant Program, Encino, California.** The program serves deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers under three years old who may also have additional disabilities, and their families. It provides both in-home and Family Center services throughout the district.



Theatre Arts presents:

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

The Gallaudet University Theatre Arts Department presents a new take on the classic psychological horror tale, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. The production will run November 14, 15, 21, and 22 at 8 p.m. and November 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium.

The play, which was adapted by Jim Marvin and directed by Willy Conley, is about an innovative and reputable scientist's search to find a drug that will cure multiple personality disorder but who instead becomes addicted to her discovery. She learns of the inner war between good and evil that exists in all of us—man or woman.

Tickets are \$6 for students (including sign language students) and \$8 for all others. Full-time Gallaudet students are admitted free with I.D. Reservations can be made by calling x5500 (Voice) or x5502 (TTY).

Box office hours are as follows:
November 10-13, 2-5 p.m.; 14, 2-8 p.m.; 15, 5-8 p.m.; 16, noon-2 p.m.; 17-20, 2-5 p.m.; 21, 2-8 p.m.; 22, 5-8 p.m.; 23, noon-2 p.m.

All performances are signed with vocal interpretation.

Preparations underway for 10th anniversary of Deaf President Now: "The Future Is In Our Hands"

Gallaudet President I. King Jordan has launched the planning process for the University's celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Deaf President Now (DPN), a watershed event that occurred in March 1988 and led to the appointment of Gallaudet's first deaf president. Since then, DPN has become synonymous with self-determination and empowerment for deaf and hard of hearing people everywhere.

The theme of DPN 10 is "The Future Is In Our Hands." Dr. Jordan said that the entire Gallaudet community, including alumni and friends of the 134-year-old university, will be invited to plan and/or participate in some or all of the various events that will take place next spring.

"DPN was and is more than a Gallaudet phenomenon," Jordan said. "It's an American milestone, one of those moments in our nation's history that define who we are as a people. It was a civil rights effort by and for deaf and

hard of hearing people that, among other things, showed the world that if given the chance, deaf people can do everything hearing people do, except hear."

Lindsay Dunn, Jordan's special assistant for diversity and community relations, is coordinating the University's observance of

DPN 10. He is working closely with Gallaudet's vice presidents, deans, students, faculty, and staff to develop a wide range of events, including one or more lecture series, a formal gala, panel discussions on various topics related to DPN, a special DPN World Wide Web site, a play, at least one conference, and a reenactment of the 1988 march to the U.S. Capitol.

A calendar of DPN 10 campus-sponsored events will be available in December, the same time the University's official DPN 10 logo will make its appearance. The calendar will be posted on Gallaudet's World Wide Web home page at www.gallaudet.edu

Administration and Business reviews programs

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of the Gallaudet University Press, coordinated the Academic Affairs program review that began in 1994. Serving on the committee are Ed Artis and Denise LaRue from Administration and Business, student David Simmons, Angela McCaskill from Pre-College, Mercy Coogan from Institutional Advancement, and Eileen Matthews and Paul Siegel from Academic Affairs.

The committee is scheduled to submit a final report to Vice President Kelly in April, 1998. Working committees, comprised of the steering committee chair, a steering committee member, a person from outside each unit, and a consultant for most areas, will study each unit and recommend program changes to the steering committee by February 1. The steering committee's final

report will contain recommendations intended to prepare A&B to restructure and rightsize its units so that they are more responsive to the needs of the University community and to the changing fiscal environment. Other recommendations will help the division use technology to enhance services, simplify processes and produce cost savings, and assure that A&B contributes to the University's vision, mission, and strategic objectives.

"I intend for the program review to be an ongoing process that will enable the division to respond to change and continually improve," stated Kelly. Kelly also indicated that he intends to maintain the division's commitment to diversity and to the University's traditional mission of serving the deaf and hard of hearing community.



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,
Usually staff return to work from Winter Break on January 2. This year January 2 happens to fall on a Friday. Any chance of Gallaudet being closed this extra day?

Anonymous

Dear Anon,

Of course we must have January 2 off! To do otherwise would be an abomination of such historic proportion that one shudders to think of the dire consequences! Better to crawl through miles of broken glass and razor wire than to come to work on January 2, 1998! I trust I am making myself clear on this matter.

However, there is just one small thing you should know: Aunt Sophie has zilch/zip/zero power in matters like this. The same is true when it comes to money. (So don't bother asking me to intercede for you about your salary or your department's budget.) Not that this stops her from sharing her wealth of wisdom with the Powers That Be. It's just that they usually ignore her.

But all is not lost. Here's what

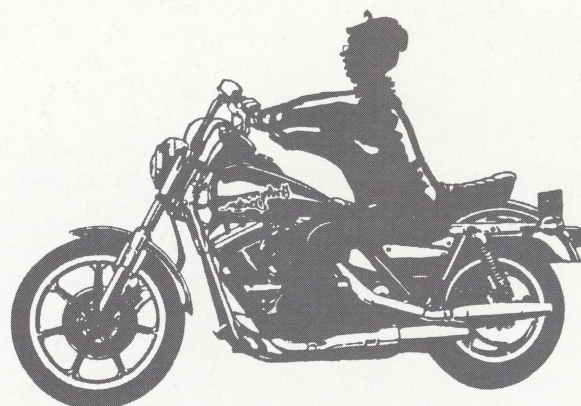
Dear Gotta and Gambler,

Aunt Sophie is smiling as she writes this. Now she is giggling. She is having very happy thoughts. Why? Because she is thrilled that there is a sense of mystery about her persona.

Mystery is the salt and pepper of life. Haven't you ever received a card from a "secret admirer" and spent hours wondering who it could be that cared enough about you to send the thing? Perhaps it was a friend you knew really well, but enjoyed teasing you a bit. Or maybe someone who revered you from afar and was too shy to tell you. Then again, what if the card was from some crazed sicko who—never mind.

My point here is that life would be infinitely boring without a dash of mystery every once in a while. If you won't take my word for it, ask Lois Lane. Do you really think she would be as well-groomed and perky all these years if she knew all along that her old buddy Clark Kent was wearing blue tights and a red cape under his business suit? Doubtful.

So ... is Aunt Sophie deaf or hearing? Does she sign ASL or



I will do. I promise to plant this important request in the mind of our beloved Grand Decision Maker, whom we all know to be most kind, generous, considerate, amenable, etc. I will make a strong case and hope that a determination can be made that will only add to the sea of affection that all of us have for the GDM and make rejection of such a simple supplicate all but impossible.

Then, if flattery doesn't work, we'll think about bribery—or my friend Guido from "Da Bronx."

P.S. On the other hand, there's always annual leave.

Dear Aunt Sophie,
My friend says you're deaf, but I think you're hearing. Which is it?

Gotta Know

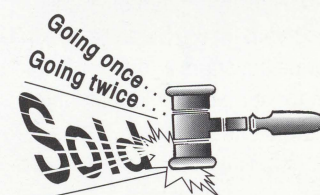
Dear Aunt Sophie,
Help settle this bet. My co-worker thinks that Aunt Sophie is a male. I happen to think you are a female. There is lunch riding on this one. Who is correct?

Gambler

PSE or SEE or none of the above? Is she married or single, male or female, gay or straight, black or white? Is she very old or just sort of old? Does she go bowling every week or does she prefer scuba diving? Is she chubby or svelte? Does she ride a Harley Davidson or drive a battered Volkswagen Beetle? Yes, no, maybe so.

Let the mystery continue.

If you have a burning question that you would like to ask Aunt Sophie, e-mail her at PUBLI-CREL. Be sure you say your question is for Aunt Sophie.



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