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DEC-10 leaving, migration to VAX almost completed

After 16 years of service, the DEC-10 computer is scheduled to depart early next month. The migration of applications from the DEC-10 to the VAX cluster is nearing completion.

The move to the VAX system began about two years ago and has moved quickly since last spring. Early October is the projected time for taking the DEC-10 out of service. All DEC-10 oriented computer applications should be running on the VAX system by that time.

The VAX system, actually a cluster of computers, will have more computing power than the DEC-10. For example, VAXD is about four times faster than the DEC-10. The VAX cluster has a lot of redundant hardware, such as the different processors (VAXA, VAXB, etc.). There is also an uninterruptible power supply; if power is lost, large batteries will enable the computers to operate long enough for a diesel generator to be turned on to power the system. These features will reduce downtime considerably.

The VAX system is also connected to BITNET, a computer network hooked up to approximately 1,500 computers at about 400 educational institutions in some 20 countries around the world.

To provide timely support to those who may wish to brush up on VAX skills, Computer Services will offer the following "Introduction to the VAX" short courses in HMB 118:

Sept. 22, 24 (M/W)	9-12
Sept. 23; 25 (T/Th)	1-4
Sept. 29, Oct. 1 (M/W)	1-4
Sept. 30, Oct. 2 (T/Th)	9-12

Class size is limited, so please call x5273 to reserve your seat in one of the classes. The full schedule for VAX and PC short courses will be announced soon.

For those who wish to ask specific VAX questions, or who wish to select particular VAX open sessions, there will be special open sessions. The schedule for these sessions, also in HMB 118 from Monday through Thursday, is as follows:

Sept. 22-25, 4-6 p.m.
Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 4-6 p.m.

Participants may show up at these sessions as many times as they wish. Reservations are not required. Terminals will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Questions about short courses should be directed to Esther Gordon (x5273).

Users with any conversion questions should call Kevin Casey or Bob Herbold (x5300), or John Millikin (x5273).



Margaret Redmond, left, and Jeanne Mier, seated next to her, both new faculty members in the Department of Foreign Languages, participate in a New Faculty Orientation class led by sign communication teachers Will Madsen and Agnes Sutcliffe.

Tour of China reveals new information about regional sign language variations

After following Marco Polo's "silk route" across China, art professor Frances Parsons said she takes her hat off to him.

Considering Parson's recent three-month China tour by bus, boat and train, undoubtedly Polo would have doffed his plume to her, too.

Parsons returned home in mid-August bringing new information about Chinese deaf people that included "debunking the myth that only one sign language is used in that country," she said. "When I got into western China, I found that each region had a different language—and all were different from the one used in eastern areas."

Parsons learned about the variety of sign languages during the last six weeks of her trip when she departed from her original itinerary. This lap of her tour took her more than 4,000 through remote regions of China.

Traveling by bus, often without much food or water, Parsons said she felt as though time stood still. "It was a fascinating experience," she said, "but I would think twice about recommending this route to others."

Among the officials Parsons conferred with during her tour was President Deng's son, Deng Pu-fang, director of the Chinese Welfare Fund for the Handicapped, who himself is disabled and uses a wheelchair.

"All of the government officials I met with were very receptive," said Parsons. "I was successful in establishing good rapport with them—a practice that educators and administrators in China's schools for deaf people could learn from Gallaudet, especially

because, in China, any new ideas about education must have approval of government bureaucrats."

Most Chinese deaf people and their teachers know about Gallaudet, but they don't understand the many services it offers, said Parsons.

"Everywhere, people were amazed to learn about the variety of resources Gallaudet provides to deaf people. Government and school administrators

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5-part health, wellness series slated

The Peter J. Fine Student Health Service, a unit of Student Affairs, is presenting a 5-part "Health and Wellness" series this fall that is open to all members of the campus community:

September 17, 1-5 p.m.—You are invited to visit the Student Health Service, tour the facilities, meet the doctors and nurses and find out what services and special programs are available to meet your needs.

September 24, 7-8 p.m.—What is AIDS? What causes it? Who gets it? What are the symptoms? How is it treated? How can it be prevented? Come and learn the answers to these questions, and bring your own questions.

October 13, 7-8 p.m.—Ever wanted to stop smoking? Come and get some tips on how to beat the habit. For persons serious about quitting, registrations will be accepted for a later stop-smoking program

November 4, 7-8 p.m.—Why is

Sensory devices research proposal approved by NIHR

The National Institute of Handicapped Research (NIHR) recently awarded the Technology Assessment Program of the Gallaudet Research Institute nearly \$300,000 to conduct a two-year research and demonstration project on sensory devices for deaf and severely hard of hearing persons.

The project will focus on devices that make use of senses other than hearing for reducing communication barriers faced by deaf people. In particular, the project will focus on personal communication devices, such as TDDs, rather than instructional or therapeutic aids.

Judith Harkins, director of the Technology Assessment Program at GRI, is the project's director and principal investigator. Dr. Harkins will be assisted by more than a score of researchers, consumer advisors, and business and technical consultants throughout the country.

Sheila Conlon-Mentkowski, staff attorney at the National Center for Law and the Deaf, will also contribute to the project by identifying and describing public programs that finance the purchase of devices for deaf persons.

The five primary goals of the project are to:

- assess deaf persons' needs for devices that communicate through senses other than hearing;

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student health insurance so important? Why do students need it? Come and find out how the insurance system works—including how to handle the claim forms and what to do about late bills.

December 4, 7-8 p.m.—There are simple, effective and inexpensive methods of birth control. But there are also many myths—such as about the effectiveness of the "withdrawal method" of birth control or about the "low cost" of abortions. This program will separate the realities from the myths.

Except for the open house on Sept. 17, all of the programs will take place in the Ely Center Art Exhibit Room.

The Student Health Service also offers lectures on these and other topics to groups on request. A list of possible topics and a request form was distributed by campus mail last week. The forms should be returned to Holly Bell in SHS.

Gallaudet renews old gridiron rivalry

Fifteen years ago the Bridgewater (Va.) College football squad beat Gallaudet so badly (46-0) that the NCAA Division III club was dropped from the Bison's schedule.

Playing at home this Saturday, Sept. 13, Gallaudet will renew the gridiron rivalry that goes back 58 years.

Bridgewater will try to add to its huge margin in the series (22 victories over Gallaudet in 28 games), while Gallaudet would like to duplicate the 1928 game, which the Bison won impressively, 84-0.

"Bridgewater has built a sound, respectable football program," said Coach Bob Westermann. "They were better than their 4-6 record last year, with no one beating them badly. This could be one of our biggest tests this season, but if we play error-free football, we can beat them."

Parsons visits China

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I talked to were particularly interested in the seminars offered by the International Center on Deafness (ICD), and they want to begin participating."

Many professionals in the field of education of deaf people expressed concern about China's lack of hearing device technology, said Parsons. "They tend to think that hearing aids would be the answer to educating all deaf people. I pointed out that, for deaf people like me, hearing aids are of no benefit."

Two weeks after her departure home from Nepal, Parsons was still nursing a periodic fever accompanied by swollen glands—"another part of my journey that I wouldn't recommend," she said with a grin.

Parsons expressed her gratitude to ICD and the Gallaudet College Alumni Association for supporting the trip.

A journal that Parsons kept of her tour is available at the IDC for a \$20 donation to the Gallaudet World Book Fund.

Correction

Rep. James Jeffords is a Republican member of Congress from Vermont, not Utah as reported in the Aug. 25 *On the Green*.

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Children of faculty, staff and students who participated in the summer recreation program perform a skit for Parents Days last month. They are, seated from left, Saronda Joy Gatewood-Royster and Elisha Watts, and, standing, Jason Millhollon, Justin Baldi and Ryan Hutchison. Approximately 95 children participated in the 7-week program sponsored by the Physical Education Department.

Sponsored R&D

Provided below are application deadlines of selected programs that offer potential grant or contract opportunities for faculty, staff and graduate students. More details on these and other programs of interest can be obtained from the Office of Sponsored Programs, x5401 (V/TDD).

Deadline	Program
10/1/86	NEH: Humanities Programs for Non-Traditional Learners and Improving Introductory Courses
10/1/86	HHS/NIA: Research on Aging
10/1/86	HHS/NIH: FIRST (First Independent Research Support & Transition) Award
10/1/86	Dept. of Justice: Research on the Etiology of Drug Abuse among Ethnic and Minority Juveniles
10/3/86	ED/OSERS: Training Personnel for Education of the Handicapped—Preparation of Related Service Personnel
10/31/86	ED/OSERS: Preparation of Personnel to Provide Special Education and Related Services to Newborn and Infant Handicapped Children
10/31/86	ED/OSERS: Preparation of Personnel for Minority Handicapped Children
10/31/86	ED/OSERS: Training Personnel for Education of the Handicapped—Preparation of Personnel for the Transition of Handicapped Youth to Adult and Working Life
11/1/86	American Council of Learned Societies: Travel Grant Program
11/7/86	ED/Office of Educational Research and Improvement: Research Grants in Reading and Literacy
11/7/86	NSF: College Science Instrumentation Program

All the news that fits

This week's *On the Green* is an abbreviated two pages because of the large number of news sources who were not on campus the week before Labor Day and because of the Labor Day holiday itself. Regular four-page issues will resume next week.

Persons who either did not receive the August 25 OTG or would like additional copies of that special issue on University status may request copies by calling x5100 while supplies last.

Items sought for book

Joan Lee, wife of President Jerry C. Lee, is preparing a book on the Edward Miner Gallaudet Residence (House #1) and is interested in receiving any stories, anecdotes, fond memories or interesting historical items related to the house.

Faculty or staff members who have any items to suggest for possible inclusion in the book are encouraged to send them to Mrs. Lee in House #1 by Oct. 1.

Channel 33

Channel 33, the Gallaudet cable television channel for special events, sports, news, education and entertainment, will air the following programs this week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

9-9:30	Larry & Harvey/ Success
9:30-10	Eye on Washington/No Better Sound
10-10:30	Beyond Sound: Deaf Talents
10:30-11	Deaf Mosaic #203
11-11:30	Deaf Mosaic #205
11:30-12	Deaf Mosaic #204
12-12:30	Deaf Mosaic #206
12:30-1	Deaf Mosaic #202
1-1:30	Deaf Mosaic #206
1:30-2	Deaf Mosaic #201
2-5	Music Seen #1-6 (new show beginning every half hour)

The Saturday, Sept. 13 football game with Bridgewater College will be televised next Monday, Sept. 15, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will be repeated Monday through Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m.

Viewers are asked to consult the Cable TV Guide which is distributed campus-wide each month.

Jobs Available

Some of the advertised staff positions may already be filled. For updated information, call the JOB RECORDING in the Personnel Office, x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

SECRETARIAL POSITIONS: Contact Personnel for listing.

SCIENCE TEACHER: MSSD
FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM COORDINATOR: National Academy

NIGHT STUDENT AIDE: MSSD
SUBSTITUTE NIGHT STUDENT AIDE: MSSD

FISCAL ASSISTANT: MSSD
COMMUNICATION CENTER AIDE: MSSD
TECHNICAL SUPPORT ASSISTANT: Curriculum Development, Training and Outreach

TYPESETTER: Art and Photography
MECHANIC III: Physical Plant, NW Campus

COORDINATOR OF RESIDENCE EDUCATION: Student Life

JR. APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER: Computer/User Services

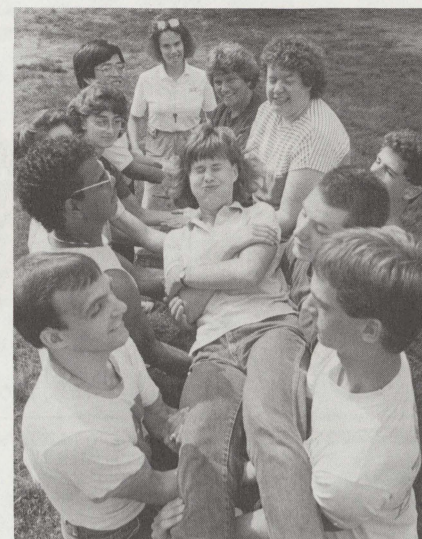
ENGLISH TEACHER: MSSD
MANAGER, COMPUTER OPERATIONS: Computer Services

WORD PROCESSOR: Admissions and Recruitment

RESEARCH TECHNICIAN: GRI/Tech-
nology Assessment Program

CUSTODIAN/FLOOR MAINTENANCE: Physical Plant

TEACHER, BUSINESS EDUCATION: MSSD



Alison Leffers falls into the arms of fellow students in the "Discovery" portion of the New Signers Program last month. Participants in the "trust fall" are, from left, Craig McCart, Bobby Matthews, Sherry Rome, Shelly Mertens, Mike Ko, Joanna Martin, staff instructor Robbie Carmichael, Joan Emerick, Ernie Freyre, Matt Murphy and Joey Gurganus.

Tech assessment unit gets \$300,000 grant

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- identify emerging technology that has potential to reduce or eliminate some of the communication barriers confronting deaf people;
- explore the feasibility of influencing manufacturers of products for the general market to adapt their products to make them accessible to deaf and severely hard of hearing people;
- explore ways of enhancing special aids, to ensure that the benefits of new technology will be regularly incorporated into such devices;
- explore the feasibility of establishing new ways to finance the purchase of devices.

For those who would like more information, copies of the project proposal are available from Vicki Darnell, x5257.

MATHEMATICS TEACHER: MSSD
SPEECH PATHOLOGIST: KDES
BOOKKEEPER/DATA ENTRY CLERK: Development
COORDINATOR, VISITORS CENTER: National Information Center on Deafness
INTERNAL AUDITOR: Administration and Business
MECHANIC/GROUNDS EQUIPMENT: Physical Plant
ASSISTANT TEACHER: Day Care Center
BUS MONITOR: Transportation
LIBRARIAN FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMMING: MSSD
DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION AND SUMMER PROGRAMS: College for Continuing Education
NURSE PRACTITIONER: Student Health Services

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Country rag rug made by Capel, pewter-colored, 5 1/2' x 8 1/2' w/pad, \$50. Call Susan, 772-1672 (TDD).

FOR SALE: 11 cu. ft. refrig., brand new, ideal for dorm room or basement, \$250. Leave message at x5200 (V/TDD) days.

WANTED: Nonsmoker, female professional to find together and share 2-BR apt. in Silver Spring near Metro. Call x5824 days or 722-0461 (V/TDD) eves.