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## Gallaudet clergy survive Amtrak, Conrail collision

Because the Amtrak "Colonial" was minutes late arriving at Union Station, two Catholic chaplains from Gallaudet, delayed by holiday traffic, were able to climb aboard the second car just before the train pulled out, bound for Boston, Mass.

Finding the second car full, the Rev. Jerry Trancone, a chaplain at Kendall Green, and the Rev. Brien McCarthy, a chaplain at the Northwest Campus, made their way to the less crowded third car—a move that probably saved their lives.

The two priests, traveling to join a wedding anniversary celebration for McCarthy's parents, were among the passengers aboard the Amtrak train that slammed into a Conrail locomotive in Chase, Md.

"It seemed that we hardly had time to get settled when a terrible screeching and wrenching clearly told me we'd hit something. I thought, 'Oh God, we're crashing'—and it seemed like an eternity before it stopped," said Trancone.

McCarthy recalled that the car suddenly braked, then slammed forward, spun around and fell over on its side. "Passengers were pitched to the lower side of the tilted car. Seats were torn from the floor and, along with luggage from the racks, were crashing onto people, crushing them. They were screaming," he said.

Trancone managed to stay in his seat by bracing his feet against the seat in front of him. "Outside the window I



Rescue workers dig through the rubble of the demolished Amtrak train. (AP Laserphoto)

saw flashes of orange. It was as though we were in a cloud of smoke and fire," he said.

When the car finally halted, McCarthy tried unsuccessfully to kick their window out. "One window on the other side of the car was pushed out. Another window directly across the aisle from us was dislodged but still stuck in the frame, so we worked on freeing that one."

McCarthy climbed out onto a pile of debris just outside the window and Trancone helped passengers out to him. Other passengers were being taken out through the other window.

"Whenever it seemed everyone was out, more passengers would emerge from under the piles of loose seats and luggage in the aisle," said Trancone.

Thinking everyone was out, the priests climbed to safety. Looking back, they saw a little boy in the back of the car. Afraid to move, he was calling for his mother. Climbing back into the car, the priests tried to reach the child.

"What's your name?" Trancone asked. "Bryan," the boy answered. "My name's Jerry," said Trancone, reaching out as though to shake hands. "Apparently out of habit, the child put his

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## Groups to begin intensive review of Strategic Plan

Selected members of the Gallaudet faculty and staff will meet in February as participants in the first phase of a concentrated review process of the Gallaudet University Strategic Plan, also called the Master Plan.

According to Doin Hicks, vice president for Institutional Research, Planning and Evaluation, the purpose of the review process will be to increase the precision of the Master Plan. "The Master Plan itself will not be modified as a result of this process," said Dr. Hicks. The initial group of approximately 60 people working on the review will look at goal attainment and priorities, develop strategies and provide elaboration—or "fine tuning"—of the Master Plan.

President Jerry C. Lee said, "The results of this review process will help set our direction and priorities for the next three to five years as we position Gallaudet for its rightful designation as a distinguished special university."

Seven discussion groups are being formed to consider the four major Master Plan priority areas, into which the plan's goals have been clustered. The groups will scrutinize issues at both the college and pre-college levels such as academic program quality, constituencies, recruitment and admissions policies, public service, advocacy, demonstration programs, research and resources.

The groups will be made up of eight to ten persons, including a leader.

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## First group of 'temps' ready, eager

If enthusiasm alone could get the job done, the first crop of temporary secretaries trained at Gallaudet would be the answer to any office's need for help.

The Temporary Secretarial Service, established and trained by the Personnel Office, began operation the week before winter break with all five newly-trained secretaries assigned to temporary positions.

Sheri Pick, Michel Williams, Lillie Bryant, Jacqueline Nolen and Mandy Gerber admitted to being "a little nervous" just prior to beginning work, but all expressed enthusiasm and an eagerness to plunge in.

The secretaries spent five weeks in training and orientation, receiving instruction in word processing, typing, accounting, payroll, telephone and TDD procedures, computer operations, business English and sign language. They

also toured the campus and visited several departments to become familiar with Gallaudet operations.

The group praised their teachers and the instruction they received, and said they felt ready to tackle their assignments. "It's been not just learning, but also fun," said Pick. "The teachers have been great."

Serving as instructors were members of the Personnel Office and five Certified Professional Secretaries: Virginia Torabi, Cindi Olson, Joyce McPherson, Debbie Mace and Becky Davis. Esther Gordon, senior applications programmer in Computer Services, also provided instruction on the IBM PC.

Offices wanting to use the service should call the Personnel Office, x5350, one week in advance. The current billing rate is \$8 hourly for a minimum of four hours.



Joyce McPherson of Accounting (left) instructs (left to right) Sheri Pick, Michel Williams, Jacqueline Nolen and Lillie Bryant. Not present in the photo is Mandy Gerber.

## Meeting to focus on mental health care interpreting

The National Academy and the University of California Center on Deafness will co-sponsor a national conference for mental health professionals and sign language interpreters Feb. 27 and 28 at the Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis, Md.

The conference, entitled "Mental Health and Interpreting: Putting the Pieces Together" will address issues related to the deaf consumer, the mental health professional and the interpreter in mental health settings.

According to Shawn Davies of the National Academy, "the dynamics of the relationship are complex and the issues are multifaceted. The stakes can be very high—sometimes as high as life and death," she said. "The conference will provide a forum for much needed dialogue among professionals who face such challenges."

Deaf and hearing impaired mental health professionals, interpreters and deaf consumers will present their perspectives and discuss specific techniques for increasing on-the-job effectiveness.

Speakers will address current practices and directions in the field. Presentations will include panel and group discussions, videotape vignettes and role playing.

Registration is \$135 until Jan. 23; after that the fee is \$150. Gallaudet offers 1.5 continuing education units for participants.

To register, call Davies, x5096.

## Master Plan study set

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Participants will attend the first working session on Feb. 17, with the goal of drafting an initial report for early March. The groups will reconvene near the end of March and will then revise the earlier report. Reviews of this draft will include a presentation to the Board of Trustees at the board's May meeting.



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## Announcements

A fund has been established to help the family of Mary Jo Kurlychek, who died Dec. 23 at the age of 32 after a long bout with leukemia, with more than \$20,000 in medical bills. She was the wife of Ken Kurlychek, information specialist at the MSSD Learning Center, and the mother of their two children. Contributions may be sent in care of MSSD receptionist Kitty Teel, who is handling the collection of donations.

Members of the deaf and Gallaudet communities are invited to a Superbowl party at "Ole Jim" on Sunday, Jan. 25. At least four TV sets will be provided. Doors will open two hours before game time. Admission is \$3 and includes a "superbowl" of chili and crackers. A football pool and three door prizes will be offered. Because a cash bar will be available, the management requests that children not attend.

The deadline for proposals for the 1987-88 Presidential Awards is Jan. 31. Proposals should not exceed 15 pages (appendices may be added).

The final evaluation of simultaneous method sign language for this academic year is scheduled as follows: Expressive, Feb. 16 and 18; receptive, Feb. 19 and 20. Sign-up sheets are in the Merrill Learning Center US-21.

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will present a sign-interpreted performance of "Mame" Friday, Jan. 23. The ticket price of \$27.95 includes a buffet and the after-show Friday Night Cabaret, featuring the talents of MSSD graduates with special guest Allison Gompf. For reservations, call 340-8515 (V) or 340-2161 (TDD, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or mail requests to Box Office, Harlequin Dinner Theatre, 1330 E. Gude Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.

The Gallaudet Workout Program, provided by the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, will hold aerobic exercise classes at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian School, 15th and East Capitol Streets SE. Classes are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. The program will begin Jan. 31 with a free demonstration class.

The National Information Center on Deafness (NICD) is now located in the Merrill Learning Center, LE 50 and its surrounding area. The Gallaudet Volun-

## Student dies Jan. 10

Marva Murphy, a Gallaudet student, died Jan. 10 in Montclair, N.J., where she lived with her parents. Murphy, 24, who was being treated for severe rheumatoid arthritis, withdrew last semester during her junior year because of medical problems. She had planned to resume her studies this month.

Services were held in New Jersey on Jan. 14, and in Leesburg, Va. on Jan. 17. Contributions in her name may be sent to Gallaudet; the family also suggests blood donations in her memory to the American Red Cross.

teer Program and the Career Information Registry offices have moved to the Library Annex. The number for the registry is x5490.

The "Ole Jim's" Happy Hour, which has been held every Thursday and Friday, has been suspended because of low attendance. "Ole Jim" will continue to provide bar service for meetings, weddings, banquets, parties and other events. Reservations should be made well in advance by calling x5060.

## Clergy survive crash

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hand out and came toward me. I took his hand and tugged him to the window and handed him out."

Five persons were reported killed in that coach.

Firemen and other rescue workers were helping injured passengers onto stretchers and to ambulances. "Other chaplains had arrived," said Trancone. "We thought of the possibility that our families would see the disaster on TV, so while Brien stayed to pray with those who were injured, I walked to a nearby house where a nurse named Carol Mattes lived. She let me call my mother in New Jersey and Brien's parents. I walked back to the train, found Brien and brought him to the Mattes' home.

"I remember suddenly feeling as though I couldn't stand up any longer. My legs were aching and I found that one was badly bruised and swollen, but that was only a reminder of the kind of injuries we had escaped," Trancone said.

## Researcher, 41, dies

David L. Knight, a research scientist in the Center for Studies in Education and Human Development, died Jan. 9 of complications of diabetes. He was 41 years old. He began work at Gallaudet in September, 1969.

Memorial services were held Jan. 12 in Hyattsville. He is survived by his wife, three children, parents, brother and grandmother. Contributions in his memory may be sent to the Knight Children's Educational Fund, 405 Beech Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912.

## Classified Ads

**FOR RENT:** 1 BR of new townhouse in Greenbelt near bus. Kitchen privileges, W/D, microwave. Nonsmoker, non-allergic to cat. Rent negotiable. Call Lynn, x5035 days or 345-6642 (TDD) eves.

**FOR SALE:** Holiday Spa membership, bargain price; 12 Oneida Omni 5-piece flatware place settings, never used, \$200 (\$320 value). Call Audrey, x5375 or 345-4236 (TDD).

**WANTED:** Nonsmoker to share group living in 5-BR house in Cheverly, kitchen privileges, W/D. 2 1/2 baths. near Metro. 10-min. drive from Gallaudet. \$185/mo. plus util. Call Lilly, x4275 or 773-8043 (TDD) eves.

**WANTED:** Mature male or female roommate, nonsmoker, to share 3-BR apt. on bus line in Aspen Hill. CAC. W/D, tennis and pool. \$300/mo. plus 1/2 util. Call Valli, 460-5266 (V).

**FOR RENT:** 1-BR townhouse in Arlington. DW. AC. deck, pool and tennis. \$650/mo. Call Gail, x5035 days or 434-5781 eves.

## Program's topic: Hearing loss, age

A new 30-hour Weekend Certificate Program will be sponsored by several campus departments this semester for faculty, staff and students interested in advanced studies in aging.

"Hearing Loss and Aging: An Interdisciplinary Approach" will provide participants with several credit options (graduate, certificate and continuing education units). Students may enroll for any or all of the five day-long modules.

All classes will be held in the Learning Center, room LN 11 on the following dates:

Module 1, "Hearing Loss and Aging: Audiological Aspects," Feb. 21; Module 2, "Communication: Aural Rehabilitation, Assistive Devices and Accessibility," March 7; Module 3, "Psychosocial Aspects of Hearing Loss and Aging," March 28; Module 4, "Recreation and Leisure: Issues and Services for Older Hearing Impaired People," April 11; Module 5, "Program Development, Service Delivery and Resources in Aging and Hearing Loss," April 25.

To register or for more information, call Maureen Durkin, coordinator, Special Populations Program, National Academy, x5095.

## Demonstration slated on tele-communicator

Representatives from Integrated Microcomputer Systems of Rockville will be at Faye House at 10 a.m. on Jan. 22 to demonstrate the Unique Personal Tele-Communicator (UNI-PTC).

The UNI-PTC system, which links TDDs with computers, includes features such as electronic dialing, message relay, quick answer, an extensive telephone directory, and an answering machine with remote control message access.

The UNI-PTC modem is housed in any IBM or IBM-compatible computer. The system was used during the Gallaudet TDD-athon in November, speeding volunteers' calls to donors.

Gallaudet graduate John Yeh is president of Integrated Microcomputer Systems, which created the UNI-PTC concept and currently markets the product. Fanny Yeh, also a Gallaudet graduate, is product manager for the UNI-PTC.

**FOR SALE:** Panasonic washer, drier and drier stand, good as new, \$500/BO; 2 Bauhaus-designed black leather & chrome "Stam" chairs, \$30 ea.; 2 white metal stools on casters w/adjustable natural wood seats, \$10 ea.; white modern highchair on casters, \$25; wooden changing table with maple finish, \$30; Snuggly baby carrier, \$10. Moving, must sell. Call Robert, x5400 or 543-4938 (V).

**FOR RENT:** 2-BR townhouse, Rt. 29, Silver Spring, 1 1/2 baths, ceiling fans, W/W carpet, W/D, CAC, beautiful backyard view. No pets, \$750/mo. Call Dale, x5419 or 890-3256 (TDD).

**WANTED:** Assistant/interpreter to work with deaf medical resident at P.G. Hospital, Cheverly, eves. and weekends. 40 hrs./wk. facilitating communication through writing, telephone and sign language as needs arise. Submit resume/salary requirements to Cesar Servellon, M.D., Prince George's Hospital, Cheverly, MD 20785.