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Six honored at Charter Day luncheon

By Daphne Cox McGregor
Charter Day, which celebrates the signing of Gallaudet's charter by President Abraham Lincoln on April 8, 1864, was observed on April 10 in the Peikoff Alumni House ("Ole Jim").

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association's (GUAA) Laureate Cleric Cultural Fund (LCCF) and the Office of Alumni Relations sponsored the 30th annual Charter Day Banquet and Awards Program. The GUAA Board of Directors for the 1998-2001 term held its first spring meeting the day before.

Two GUAA awards and four LCCF awards were presented at the program:

- The GUAA's Outstanding Young Alumnus Award was presented to James Clark, '87, of Ellicott City, Md., who founded Clark Internet Services, Inc., in 1993. According to Clark's cita-

tion, "As an award-winning Internet Services Provider, his company, recognized by its domain name, "clark.net," grew to 50 employees by 1997 and amassed \$4.2 million in revenues."

- The GUAA presented the Pauline "Polly" Peikoff Service to Others Award to Lillian Hahn Skinner, '39, a retired teacher from Northridge, Calif. Her citation states that she is: "Well recognized and admired by her peers within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, Lillian has been the recipient of several prominent awards for her selfless devotion, dedication, and long service to the community."

- The LCCF's Laurent Clerc Award for outstanding social contributions by a deaf person in the interests of deaf people was presented to Sam Rittenberg, E-'23,

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MSSD sophomores regaled their audience during a lively rendition of Shakespeare's *A Mid-Summer Night's Dream*, performed on April 23—the Bard's birthday—as part of a Renaissance Festival.

Board of Trustees acts on budget

At its May 14 meeting, the Gallaudet Board of Trustees approved the University's operating budget for FY 2000 and preliminary plans for developing the budget for FY 2001.

The FY 2000 budget of \$118,520,000 is contingent upon Congress fully funding the Clinton administration's budget for that year and upon the University meeting its goals for enrollment. If those conditions are met, the budget includes funding for a general pay increase for Gallaudet employees of up to two percent.

The board also authorized the University administration to request an increase of three percent in its FY 2001 federal appropriation, as well as support for the following new or expanded programs: practicum and internship programs for University students, a new center to ensure continued access for deaf people to the information superhighway, and a cochlear implant center within Pre-College National Mission Programs that would be part of the early childhood program at Kendall Demonstration

Elementary School. The purpose of the center would be to effectively integrate children with cochlear implants into Pre-College's educational program, meeting their individual language needs through language planning within their instructional teams; provide services to both children and their families related to cochlear implant usage and adjustment, and communication issues; and to share effective practices with schools and programs across the nation that work with children who have cochlear implants.

The University's budget request for FY 2001 is expected to be due this month.

The Board of Trustees also passed a resolution commending Dr. Laurel Glass for her 13 years of service to the board. Glass, whose tenure on the board ended with the May meeting, has served on numerous committees, the most recent being Academic Affairs, which she chaired. Glass will be on campus for at least the

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Award recipients take time to pose for a group photo. From left to right are: Jamie H. Clark, John Lovett, Danny Delcambre, Lillian Hahn Skinner, Warren Schwab, and The Reverend Jay Croft, who accepted Sam Rittenberg's award on his behalf.

University Bookstore dedicated to best possible service

By Todd Byrd

A number of initiatives are being implemented at the Gallaudet Bookstore to offer its customers the best products and the highest level of service possible.

These ambitious goals have been set by the Bookstore staff, with guidance from Campus Bookstore Consulting (CBC), an East Longmeadow, Mass., firm that provides short-term financial and operational consulting to college and university bookstores.

Over the next two years, Bookstore shoppers in general will see improvements in the way merchandise is displayed and a renewed focus on customer service. Students will find a wider selection of used books and a textbook help desk to locate book titles. Future improvements will also include a more efficient way for students with VR accounts to purchase textbooks. In addition, the Bookstore is installing a new state-of-the-art Point Of Sale (cash register) system.

The big changes underway at the Bookstore were prompted by recommendations by the steering committee for the Gallaudet Assessment of Services and Programs (GASP), a University-wide program review initiated by the Division of Administration and Business in 1997. The result was a study of the Bookstore made at the end of last year by CBC. The company submitted a report with suggested changes to the University in January, and in March it was called upon to help implement the measures.


"Gallaudet wants the highest level of service and to display the Bookstore products in the best way possible," said Gary Aller, senior account executive for CBC. "The University administration has been committed to that process."

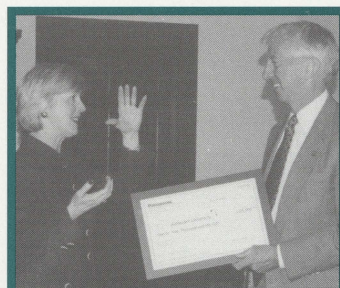
Aller said that streamlining purchases for students with VR accounts will be a major focus for the Bookstore. A long-term goal will be to eliminate the process of students with VR accounts having

to wait in two lines—one to gain VR authorization and the second to obtain textbooks.

Availability of textbooks and other merchandise for the Bookstore on the World Wide Web is another improvement priority, said Aller. The Bookstore is currently reviewing Website applications, and some of the foreseen services include professors submitting textbook adoptions over the Website and students reserving or purchasing textbooks, and alumni and other individuals being able to purchase Gallaudet products.

Using vendors who can communicate effectively with deaf people is another goal in improving service. Aller said that for the May 1999 textbook buy-back, the Bookstore made sure that the company it used to conduct the textbook buy-backs had representatives who were fluent in ASL.

The willingness of the Bookstore staff to give customers the best possible service is another plus, said Aller. "The staff has been great. It is an excellent staff that cares a lot about students. They have a very solid base to move forward." 



"I would like to present this check for \$25,000 to Gallaudet University," signed Mary Alexander, assistant general manager of government and public affairs at Panasonic/Matsushita Electric Corporation. The check was given in support of the Department of Television, Photography, and Educational Technology. Due to her commitment to create a partnership between her company and Gallaudet, Alexander attended sign language classes and was eager to try out her new skills during this presentation to President I. King Jordan.



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'The Hexster'—on the court and off

By Mary Thornley

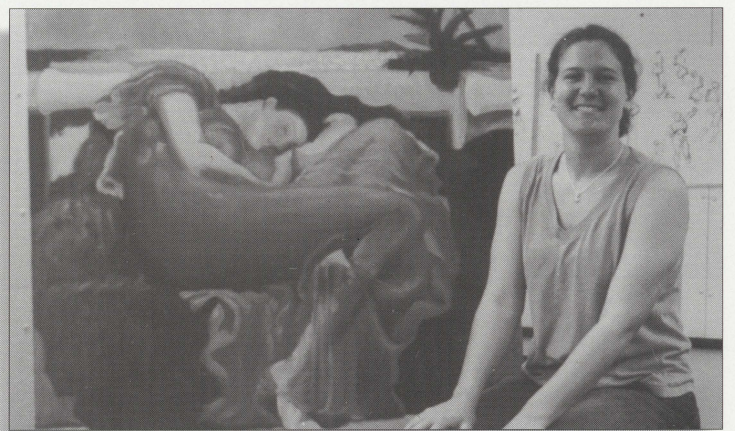
Heather Lightfoot, a familiar figure around Washburn Arts Building and the Field House for the past five years, graduated this spring with a major in graphic design. The tall and athletic woman from Bothell, Wash., Heather—or Hex as she is nicknamed—excelled in every course of study she undertook at Gallaudet.

"I first took a design course in 1995," she reminisces. "It was quiet and unimpressive (at Washburn). There were just six students in my class. I didn't pay much attention to the Art Department because I wasn't interested in majoring in art."

Heather played four years of

volleyball, one year of softball, and three years of track and field. She accumulated three Gallaudet throwing records in discus, javelin, and hammer, including a world deaf record in the hammer throw. She received a gold Alumni Athlete Award this spring.

Heather became increasingly involved in art activities, and she decided on a graphic design major, achieving recognition as outstanding senior in studio art, graphic design, and art history. Heather developed an illustrated series entitled, "Adventurous Tails" which was exhibited in the student art show at the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center. In her last semester, she studied oil painting, producing



Heather Lightfoot with the copy she painted of "Flaming June," by artist Frederic, Lord Leighton

memorable renderings of College Hall.

"I'm really happy with the faculty," she said. "They are wonderful and accessible to the students. They're friendly, and they join us in courses. I enjoyed having artists-in-residence and visiting artists coming here. The number of students majoring in art or interested in art has exploded since my first semester here."

Although she has finished her

studies, Heather is not anxious to leave Gallaudet. She plans to spend the summer here, taking advantage of Career Center services to explore employment options in graphic design. Her future plans include participating in the 2001 World Games for the Deaf in Rome. She also intends to continue painting in oils while seeking employment in graphic design. **G**

WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHEN

June 15—In-Service Training: Travel-On Services and Procedures, 9:30 a.m., Peikoff Alumni House. This workshop for employees responsible for arranging travel will cover the full services offered by Travel-On, Gallaudet's in-house travel service, and provide suggestions for saving time, trouble, and money in traveling. Sign up by calling x5352 or by sending an e-mail to barbara.speight@gallaudet.edu.



The winning CSDF team members in the Academic Super Bowl are (from second left): Adam Jarashow, Melissa Malzuhn, Jane Jonas, Megan Malzkuhn, and Brenden Stern, pictured with parent chaperone Ron Stern (left) and coach Jack Lamberton (right).

CSDF retains title in Academic Super Bowl

For the second year running, the California School for the Deaf, Fremont, was the victor in the annual Academic Super Bowl competition, held on April 30 in the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center.

The CSDF team showed its superior mental prowess over four other regional winners: the Alabama School for the Deaf, EDCO Newton North High School (Massachusetts), the Ohio School for the Deaf, and the Virginia

School for the Deaf.

By the end of a day of rapid-fire questions and answers, EDCO and CSDF emerged as the only teams who had won three matches and had only lost one. They squared-off for the final showdown that evening in the GUKCC's Swindells Auditorium. EDCO was leading after the first two rounds, but CSDF rallied and won the next two rounds, ending the match with a winning score of 67 to 30.

The Academic Super Bowl is sponsored by Gallaudet University and the J. Willard Marriott Foundation. The executive committee for the program consisted of Edgar (Bernie) Palmer, director; Debra Lawson, assistant director; and Tom Harrington, who lead the team who developed the questions for the regional and final competitions. **G**

Board of Trustees

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next two years doing research on adult onset hearing loss.

President I. King Jordan announced that the University's Capital Campaign, which is now ending its "quiet" phase, has raised \$14.6 million—approximately one-half of its goal. The public phase will begin with a campus community celebration on October 8, followed by a Kick-off Gala on October 14.

The board was informed that the University's two major capital improvements projects, the Field House addition and interior renovations to Chapel Hall, have been completed and will soon be open for service. The next in the progression of campus improvements will be the demolition of Hughes Gym to make way for the new Student Academic Center. Ground should be broken for the center next spring, said Dr. Jordan. Repairs to the athletic playing fields and the track will also be made.

The board named Mike Glenn as a new member to the University's Board of Associates. Glenn was an NBA player from

1978 to 1987 and is currently a basketball analyst for Cable News Network and a color analyst for the Atlanta Hawks. He has conducted the Mike Glenn Basketball Camp for deaf and hard of hearing youth for nearly 20 years.

The board also approved a revised internal audit policy. The revisions to Policy 2.03, now entitled Audit and Management Advisory Services, shift the auditing function from a traditional control-based model to a new risk-focused model.

The following policies were also revised, but did not require board approval: 2.25-Key Control (minor editorial change); Educational Assistance—the annual amount has been increased to \$6,870 beginning with the fall semester; Tuition Assistance for Employees' Children/Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner at Other Institutions—the annual amount has been increased to \$6,870 beginning with the fall semester; 4.41—Dispute Resolution Procedures (staff), a statement has been added regarding exceptions granted or protected by law. **G**

Check out 'On the Green's' Web version

Many of the articles and photographs that appear in each week can also be read in *On the Green's* Web version, the online version of Gallaudet's faculty/staff newsletter. *On the Green's* Web version can be accessed through the University's homepage.

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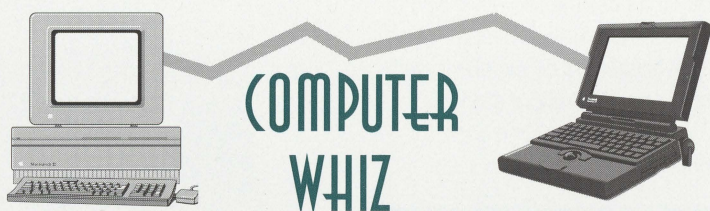
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COMPUTER WHIZ

Hello! Computer Whiz here! I am Yoel P. Krigsman and I will be writing the Computer Whiz column every month, answering your questions on a variety of topics about computers. You can ask me anything, from something as simple as passwords to something big like the Internet and Y2K!

Let me give you a little bio about myself. I have been working at Gallaudet now for four years in several different departments. I currently work for Computer Services as a systems programmer. Right now I'm focusing my time on troubleshooting and solving problems related to the new Domino e-mail system.

As you know, Greg Ritter,

formerly of Learning Technology, had written articles about technology for *On the Green* and had answered your questions about technology on campus. Now that Greg has taken a job elsewhere, I have been asked to take over this responsibility. I'm changing the format a bit. I would like to invite more interaction and ideas from you, our readers, by including questions and answers every month. Please send any questions to me at public.relations@gallaudet.edu, putting "Computer 'Whiz" in the subject line. You can also send a question to me via campus mail at "Computer Whiz" -*On the Green*-Public Relations, EMG. **G**

UP CLOSE

By Mike Kaika

Bob Windham, an audiologist at Gallaudet for the past 20 years, is going to be leaving his profession in December. Instead of fine-tuning hearing aids and making molds for clients, he will tinker with lawn mowers, fix divots, repair sprinkler heads, and a host of other chores as a grounds crew member at a golf course.

Counting his undergraduate years at Auburn University, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1968 in speech therapy, Bob has been in the audiology field for almost 35 years. After working as a speech therapist at an elementary school in Alabama, he went back to Auburn and received his master's degree in audiology in 1972.

"After I received my master's degree, I landed a job at a speech and hearing clinic in Chattanooga, Tenn.," said Bob. "Several of my co-workers were golf fanatics and I just couldn't

Bob Windham—A real man of the earth

understand how anyone could get excited about hitting golf balls. It didn't seem to me like it was a great challenge." One day Bob's co-workers persuaded him to join them and observe the game. "After a few holes, they asked me to give it a try and I did," said Bob. "I sliced, I hooked, I hit divots farther than the ball. I became so frustrated and angry at golf that I had to accept the challenge of 'beating' this game."


In 1979, he accepted a position as an audiologist at Gallaudet. Several years later he met his wife, Sandy Paradis, a math teacher at MSSD since 1985. They became acquainted when Sandy, who received her master's degree from Gallaudet in 1981, was waiting in the Audiology Clinic one day and Bob struck up a conversation with her.

For his 50th birthday, Bob and Sandy spent two months in England, Scotland, and Ireland. Of course, Bob hit the links. "I played at St. Andrews, The Honorable Society of Edinburgh Golfers at Muirfield, Royal Liverpool, Royal Birkdale, and about 15 others," said Bob. "If you think the roughs and bunkers are bad here, you should see the

ones over there!"

When he leaves Gallaudet, Bob will be working at Lake Arbor Country Club in Mitchellville, Md. Once he is finished his duties for the day, he will play a round of golf.

"I felt it was time for a career change," said Bob, "and I want to do something that I really enjoy. My wife is very supportive of my decision and said, 'As long as you are happy, that is what counts.'"

To some golf nuts, Bob is going to be considered a hero. 



Bob Windham

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of Birmingham, Ala. Rittenberg's citation commends him for being: "Rightfully called a living symbol of Gallaudet's mission to educate deaf persons." In the 1930s, when he was president of the Alabama Association of the Deaf, Rittenberg waged a crusade that helped defeat a bill that would have eliminated the driving rights of Alabama residents who were deaf or had other disabilities.


• The LCCF's Alice Cogswell Award for valuable services on

behalf of deaf people went to Warren Schwab of Framingham, Mass. Schwab is the founder and executive director of Framingham's Learning Center for Deaf Children. His citation credits him as follows: "He initiated and nurtured exemplary and novel programs in the Center which became influential models in the field of Deaf education in the U.S. and abroad."

• The LCCF's Edward Miner Gallaudet Award for recognition of national or international leaders for promoting the well-being of deaf people was presented to John Lovett of Australia. Lovett is the current president of the Comité International des Sports de Sourds (CISS). His citation read in part: "As one of the most passionate Deaf sports leaders in the international scene, he played a significant role in promoting the growth of the CISS."

• The LCCF Amos Kendall Award for notable excellence in a professional field not related to deafness went to Danny Delcambre of Seattle, Wash. Delcambre is the first deaf-blind person to successfully establish and manage his own business, The Ragin' Cajun Restaurant, in Seattle's Pike Place Market. His citation explains: "Indeed, his greatest feat is that he has allowed no obstacles to limit his creativity and the fulfillment of his life's goals."

The guests of honor shared their insights with the audience about their work in their professional and personal lives. Rittenberg, who turned 99 on May 1, could not attend the event. His award was accepted on his behalf by Rev. Jay Croft. In an acceptance letter, Rittenberg said: "Many leaders in the deaf community have gone before me and after me. I am proud to stand in the line of 'combat soldiers' who have fought for the rights of Deaf people."

The GUAA and the LCCF Committee are accepting nominations for next year's awards. If you know of individuals who would be worthy recipients, please send your nominations to Mary Anne Pugin, '71, GUAA executive director, at the Peikoff Alumni House. 

Teacher educators from U.S. and China confer

The Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center was the venue for the 13th Annual Conference of the USA-SINO Teacher Education Consortium on April 28-30. The consortium is a group of university teacher education programs from the United States working with partner institutions in China to improve teacher education there and to provide multicultural experiences for American teacher education programs.

Gallaudet was the host institution for the third time in the history of the consortium. Forty teacher educators from China and the U.S. met to present papers on a variety of topics relating to improving the preparation of teachers in both countries and on ways to enhance collaborations.

President I. King Jordan officially opened the conference and Vice President for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen began the initial plenary session, emphasizing the importance of international cooperation, particularly in terms of how it can improve the lives of all learners.

Approximately 14 different institution-to-institution partnership agreements are in effect within the consortium. Gallaudet's partnership is with a program in northern China that prepares teachers for 35 schools for the deaf in that region, and with a school for the deaf in the city of


Dalian. Delegates from Gallaudet's partner institutions were among those in attendance at the conference and giving papers.

One of the partners, Professor Zhang Ning Sheng of Liaoning Normal University, presented a paper with Dr. David Martin, a professor in Gallaudet's Department of Education, on the positive outcomes from the first-ever placement last year of two deaf student interns from Gallaudet who student-taught in a school for the deaf in China.

A special feature of the conference was a presentation by Dr.

Paul Houston, executive director of the American Association of School Administrators, who addressed contemporary problems of schools in both countries and what leaders need to do to address them.

Gallaudet sent its second study/tour group to China the third week of this month under the leadership of Dr. Richard Lytle, chair of the Department of Education. The group will visit schools for the deaf in five cities.

Questions about these activities or about the Consortium may be addressed to david.martin@gallaudet.edu. 

Gallaudet filled ELI student's life with hope

By Todd Byrd

For Mi-Sang Lee, who grew up with hearing children in the public schools of Seoul, apart from the deaf community, being admitted to Gallaudet was a dream come true.

"I went to the United States because it's a greater world than the narrow world I live in," she wrote in her diary two years ago. In particular, Lee felt that life at Gallaudet was filled with promise. "I can learn a thousand times more at Gallaudet than in Korea," reads another diary entry. Her goal was to return home after graduation and set up a school for other deaf people and "change

the impossibles to possibles."

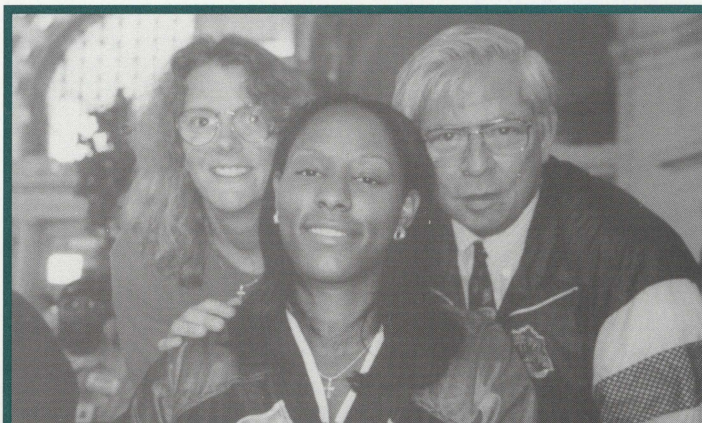
But the transition to life in the United States did not come easily. When the 23-year-old Lee arrived at Gallaudet's English Language Institute in January 1997, the ELI Office placed an urgent call to Dr. Theresa Chang, director of collection management in the University Library. "They needed me to translate Korean to English to ASL, and vice-versa," said Chang, who is of Korean descent. Chang soon became Lee's mentor, and the new ELI student came to her almost every day to talk about her troubles and her triumphs.

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TO SHARE: A two-bedroom apartment on Capitol Hill (10 min. from campus). The apartment has a huge living room with fireplace, dining room, big kitchen, front and back porches with sundeck overlooking the U.S. Capitol, \$450/mo. plus 1/2 of util., avail. July 1. Contact robert.dorn@gallaudet.edu.

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Daphne Cox McGregor (left), assistant director of alumni relations, and Sandy Ewan (right), of the Bison Booster Club, are two avid fans of professional women's basketball—specifically Washington's own Mystics team. As Mystics season ticket holders, they attended the Mystics Fans Rally on May 7 where they met Chamique Holdsclaw, this year's number-one draft pick in the Women's National Basketball Association and a recent addition to the Mystics' lineup.

Mi-Sang Lee

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"Sometimes she would get so frustrated," said Chang. "But I encouraged her. I told her that she would have to be patient in learning a new language and adapting to a new culture, and taking things a day at a time. Eventually, she became really good in ASL, and I praised her for how quickly she learned."

Lee also embraced American culture, even going to great lengths to fulfill the dream of every young person—buying a car. She completed a driver's education course at MSSD, then took a cab to the District of Columbia's Division of Motor Vehicles, where she readily passed her driver's exam and purchased a Honda Accord. "I told her that she didn't need a car, but she was very determined," said Chang. "She was so happy with her car."

Chang recalled that when she first met Lee, she noticed that she always walked with a limp. But she thought little about it.


Then, in September came the terrible news: Lee had terminal bone cancer. She had first contracted the cancer in 1993, soon after graduating from high school. She had planned to come to Gallaudet the following year, but instead she was hospitalized and received chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Three years later, with the cancer in remission, her doctors felt that she was well enough to travel to the United States and pursue her studies. Aside from a few close friends, she kept her illness a secret. But after nine months, the cancer returned with a vengeance, and Lee was in such great pain that

she was forced to go home and resume her treatments. This time, the doctors held no hope for a recovery. On November 21, 1997, she died.

Three weeks before her death, Lee sent Chang a 31-page letter, in which she emphasized her determination that she would get well and come back to Gallaudet. She also thanked Chang for all her help while she was at the University. "She told me that her time at Gallaudet was the happiest she had ever been, and she was thankful to God that she had made a lot of good friends and had a lot of good teachers," said Chang. "She said that at Gallaudet, among deaf people, she felt accepted and understood."

As a tribute to her daughter, Lee's mother published in Korean the diary that Lee began to write in 1983. Translated into English, the title of the diary is *Succeeding in Life Through Your Eyes*. Illustrated with drawings by Lee, who was a talented artist, the diary contains a chapter, entitled "American Dream," about Lee's life at Gallaudet.

To keep alive the memory of Lee's inspiring life, ELI is raising funds for a scholarship in her name to support international students who, like Lee, dream of being educated at Gallaudet. The annual "Taste of ELI" Banquet on April 3 kicked-off the fund raising process. Lee's mother said that she will make a \$2,000 donation toward the effort.

"I'm glad that I had the chance to know Lee and assist her in adjusting to her new life at Gallaudet," said Chang. "I feel sad that she was not able to reach her goal, but I hope her unfulfilled dream of serving the deaf community will be an inspiration to other deaf students." 

School of Management to receive ACBSP accreditation

By Dr. Tom Baldrige
The School of Management (SOM) will celebrate a milestone this June 21 at the accreditation ceremony of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) during its annual conference in Atlanta, Ga. SOM Dean Ronald Sutcliffe will be at the ceremony to receive this accolade, accompanied by associate professors Vivek Chaudhry and Tom Baldrige.

Most of the approximately 2,400 business school programs in the United States are unaccredited, so with this event Gallaudet's SOM joins an elite group.

The ACBSP, headquartered in the Kansas City metropolitan area, is one of two national accreditation associations for business schools. It is distinguished by its emphasis on excellence in teaching and faculty-student interaction. Its mission is "to establish, promote and recognize

educational standards that contribute to the continuous improvement of business education and to recognize business schools and programs that adhere to these standards."

Foremost among its 35 guiding principles are the promotion and encouragement of:

- effective teaching methods and new pedagogies;
- teaching and learning methods that support faculty-student interaction;
- utilizing technology to reinvent the relationship between students and teachers and to increase the productivity of learning;
- continuous development of professional business curricula, especially in partnership with employers, for greater currency and relevance;
- cooperating with employers to establish and maintain successful apprenticeships and internships;
- international perspectives on business; and
- using research as a tool for bet-

PCNMP HAPPENINGS

The Board of Trustees approved at its May meeting on campus a proposal by Pre-College National Mission Programs (PCNMP) Vice President Jane Fernandes for new interim graduation requirements for the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD).


Under the new requirements, MSSD students will graduate with a standard diploma, a diploma with merit, or an Individualized Education Program (IEP) diploma depending on each student's needs and abilities.

The requirements were altered because they were no longer aligned with the curriculum or philosophy of MSSD, which changed as a result of PCNMP's restructuring in 1995-96. The restructuring and the nationwide focus on more stringent academic requirements for all students have resulted in higher expectations for students graduating from high school.

The requirements will stay in place until PCNMP completes its standards and benchmarks project in two to three years. The goal of the project is to develop standards and benchmarks for each grade level that lead students to achieve the knowledge and skills represented in five outcomes: academic content, communicative and linguistic competence, emotional intelligence, critical thinking skills, and life skills. The benchmarks will become the developmental markers that indicate student progress toward standards

teaching, and striking a reasonable balance between teaching and research so that faculty can excel in both, whether simultaneously or sequentially.

This accreditation of the SOM's program, conditioned only upon completing a full cycle of the ACBSP-approved comprehensive assessment program now being put into place at the SOM, represents the culmination of a three-year process spearheaded by professors Charles Pearce and Marshall Wick, assistant professor Khadijat Rashid, and Chaudhry.

Dr. Sutcliffe said that in the beginning of the process he did not want the school to be accredited for the sake of accreditation, but rather to ensure a quality program. Sutcliffe added that he is very proud of the faculty who accepted the challenge of revamping the curriculum to help better prepare Gallaudet students for their careers. This includes the establishment of an outcome assessment program that will assist in maintaining a quality program. 

New MSSD graduation requirements, senior portfolio, and Virtual High School overview presented to Board of Trustees


achievements at the end of kindergarten, 2nd grade, 5th grade, 8th grade, and 12th grade.

In the fall of 1998, PCNMP adopted the new student outcomes. In order to assess readiness to graduate from MSSD, each senior will demonstrate evidence of meeting the five outcomes by completing a graduation exhibition, which consists of a senior portfolio and an individual exhibition in a formal interview.

The board witnessed a presentation on MSSD's participation in Virtual High School (VHS) classes that are held over the Internet. Five juniors and five seniors participated in VHS courses

each semester this year. All of the students rated the VHS experience as beneficial and said it helped them become better independent learners.

"The students reported in the VHS participation survey that their deafness did not affect their participation in a VHS class," said academic applications specialist and VHS site coordinator Joyce Barrett.

"They found that using the computer communication in VHS (e-mail and discussion area) allowed them to feel very comfortable interacting with hearing students in their VHS class." 

MSW program receives high marks

The master's in social work program (MSW) at Gallaudet was reaffirmed for accreditation for an eight-year cycle by the Commission of Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education during its February meeting.


After a careful and in-depth review the Commission found the MSW program to be a "solid fit between program and institutional missions, clear program autonomy within the institution, solid program leadership, creative integration of technology into the program, a committed faculty, and a well-integrated curriculum."

Dr. Janet Pray, chair of the Department of Social Work, said, "The accreditation followed an intensive two-year, self-study process conducted by the program faculty which included input from students, alumni, and field instructors." The MSW and the bachelor's program in social work has more than 100 students, with MSW students representing

slightly over half of the total number. "As the department has grown, opportunities for our students have also expanded," said Pray.

The MSW program received a three-year, \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This provides graduate students an opportunity to focus in the area of social work with children in the schools and their families while receiving substantial stipends.

Some students are taking advantage of a simultaneous dual degree program—study for their M.S.W. and M.A. from the Department of Administration and Supervision. This is an excellent option for students interested in progressing into administrative and supervisory positions.

For more information about the social work program, visit the department's website at: <http://www.gallaudet.edu/~swweb> 



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MSSD student Sean Moore (left) assists team members Erwin Carlson, Melissa Siegert, and Kitty Bottoms set up their rocket, "Sparks." The soda bottle rockets, launched with compressed air, were part of a senior science project.