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Learning Italian Sign Language

Gallaudet mourns two alumni

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"Sports Roundup" a new feature

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Lynn Olson (right), reference/instruction librarian at Pierce College in Tacoma. Wash., and chair-elect of the American Library Association's Library Service to the Deaf Forum, is visiting Gallaudet to create an annotated list of basic materials that every library should have to answer general deafness-related questions. The LSDF will make the list available to all types of libraries. While she is here, Olson will also identify particularly good articles about popular deafness-related topics and seek permission to post them on the Gallaudet Library's Web site. Olson is pictured with Sarah Hamrick, the Library's director of information services, who is coordinating the project

The National Deaf Dance Academy will hold classes for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing children on Friday afternoons from September 24 to November 19 in the Delta Zeta Dance Studio of the Field House and Kendall Demonstration Elementary School Dance Studio. For 4 to 5-year-olds, dance and tumbling classes will be held from 3:15 to 4 p.m. and from 4 to 4:45 p.m.; for 6 to 9-

year-olds, African jazz will be held from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.; hiphop tap from 4:15 to 5 p.m.; and ballet and acrobatics from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Rates are \$7 per class, or \$56 for eight weeks, and \$148 for all three--African jazz, hip-hop tap, and ballet/ acrobatics. An additional \$10 will be deducted for each child from the same family. E-mail Sue.Gill, or call x5492/5591 for more information.



What's the most important office on campus? That's a tough question, but on alternating Tuesday's the answer becomes crystal clear: It's the Payroll Office.

'Payday' is an almost mystical word for anyone who works for a living. But next time you're en route to the bank to cash that paycheck, ponder for a moment on the effort that went into cutting it. For starters, at Gallaudet there's tallying up the work hours of 2,000 faculty, teacher, staff, and student employees; figuring in annual and sick leaves; and

taking out deductions like state and federal taxes, retirement, health insurance, and parking.

Then there's the factoring in of merit pay and cost of living increases, and keeping track of new employees, temporary employees, people who get promotions, and folks who have their paychecks deposited directly into their banks as opposed to those who prefer to pick them up in person. And don't forget that the books can't be balanced without making deductions for the Faculty/Staff Campaign and the continued on page 2



Checking numbers and making sure everything is just right is the job of Payroll Office staff members (from left) Brent Klassen, Mary Grazier, and Ryan Kempton.



Democrats vs. Republicans on the basketball court

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Convocation marks official beginning for new students

By Todd Byrd and David Tossman

itters of anticipation and excite-Ument were clearly visible in Elstad Auditorium August 24 as the Class of 2003 gathered for its official initiation as full-fledged Gallaudet students.

John Serrano knows the rollercoaster ride of emotions well. "A year ago, I felt just like you," said Serrano, who is beginning his second year at Gallaudet, this time as an honors student. "I had high ambitions, yet I was scared and nervous, because it was the beginning of a new chapter in life and I knew it wasn't easy," he confided to the 321 new undergraduates and 110 new graduates in the audience. The giddy feeling of being able to choose his own fate, yet having to live with the consequences. made embarking on a college

career not only an important right of passage but an anxious time as well, Serrano confided. If it seems overwhelming, he told the students, take comfort: "The faculty and staff are here to help and guide you ... This is one of the most positive benefits you can get at Gallaudet. But don't be afraid to ask."

Dr. Catherine Andersen, director of freshman studies, retention, and orientation programs, issued the new students challenges that, if met, will assure that they earn their diplomas. In this symbolic gesture, which has become a convocation tradition, each class member agrees to become a member of the University's academic community, to do their best academically, to take responsibility for their learning, to celebrate diversity while building unity, and to join in the teaching and learning process. Five students representing the class come onto the stage and sign the agreement, followed by a handshake from President I. King Jordan. This year's students are Batima Aziz (California), Jason Alberto (Arizona), Chad Karnowski (Minnesota), Christopher Argentina (New York), and Laurie Anderson (Illinois).

Later, School of Undergraduate Studies Dean Stephen Weiner sent an e-mail to faculty listing the challenges as a reminder to them to assist students in achieving these goals this year. "We have a wonderful faculty and staff, and they have been very helpful with the students in meeting these challenges," he said.

The new students received warm welcomes and words of



heats up during an election year. Political opponents are pitted against each other to win votes and the confidence of their constituents. Sometimes they need a healthy release of all their pent-up emotions and rivalries. One such way is the Gallaudet University Congressional Basketball Classic, which will be held this year on September 29. Democrats and Republicans

have been squaring off against each other on the basketball court at Gallaudet since 1987. Each team has won four games and this year will be the tie-breaker. The game is the culmination of a year-long Annual Business Campaign, in which Gallaudet actively seeks the involvement of the business community to continued on page 2

Congressional **Basketball Classic**

When: September 29, 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.) Where: Gallaudet's Field House Admission is FREE. Everyone is invited.

encouragement from Dr. Jordan, Board of Trustees Chair Glenn Anderson, Board of Associates Chair and Board of Trustees member John Yeh, Vice President for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen, Faculty Senate Chair William Marshall, and Biology Department Chair Ann Powell. They also got a lesson in many of Gallaudet's time-honored traditions. According to statistics presented

by Admissions Director Deborah DeStefano, the Class of 2003 is quite diverse. Its members range from age 16 to 41: 27 are international students; and 30 attended the New Signers' Program. The majority of the class hails from Maryland, with strong representation from the states of New York, Illinois, Florida, and California, as well.



Learning Italian Sign Language

By Mary Thornley he Culture and Language Colloquium, held August 8-25, offered graduate students an opportunity to sharpen their communication skills. While some incoming graduate students need the support of instruction in American Sign Language, others, already competent, opted to learn a foreign signed language.

Dan Binder, for example, explored Italian Sign Language. Every weekday morning during the two weeks of the colloquium, his class met in the Merrill Learning Center with a deaf Italian instructor, Paolo Rossini.

"It was an immersion class," Dan explained. "No ASL permitted. We started with names and then moved by stages to more sophisticated communication. We imagined we were tourists in Italy. We compared the cost of hotels in Italian money, decided if we could afford the lodging, made reservations, ordered food at a

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AMONG OURSELVES

Business Administration and Economics and Finance have merged to become one department, newly named the Department of Business Administration, Economics and Finance. Dr. Stephen Chaikind is the chair of Business Administration and Economics and Finance, Dr. Isaac Agboola is chair of Computer Information Systems, and Ed Wilk is chair of Accounting.

Congressional Basketball

continued from page 1 ensure that deaf and hard of hearing students receive an education that will enable them to succeed in today's competitive workforce. With the generous support of the National Basketball Association, the Washington Wizards, COMSAT Corporation, and the Milwaukee Bucks, the game is sure to be a gala affair.

The Democrats, a.k.a. The Dunkin' Donkeys, led by team captain, Rep. David Bonior (D-Mich.) will be out to win this year after suffering three consecutive losses. They will be coached by Rolando Blackman, a four-time NBA All-Star who is now a college basketball analyst for ESPN and the color analyst for the San Antonio Spurs.

Their rivals, the Republicans,

who call themselves "The Fighting

Elephants" are led by team captain, Rep. Mike Oxley (R-Ohio). The Republican team will be coached by former professional basketball player Mike Glenn, who is the basketball analyst for Cable News Network and color analyst for the Atlanta Hawks.

Interestingly, this year marks the 18th year of the Mike Glenn Basketball Camp. The camp is free and open to all deaf and hard of hearing students, ages 14-18, from schools throughout the country. Glenn's father was a teacher and coach at the Georgia School for the Deaf and, at an early age, he learned sign language from his father's students.



Dear Aunt Sophie,

I enjoyed the story in OTG about the Summer Science Program here on campus. However, the article mentioned that the students in the program "created computer models of the Moon's rotation." I didn't think the Moon rotated. Can you look into this, please? Questioner

Dear Q,

Your note produced a flurry of superficial research on Aunty's part. Among other things, I learned that the Moon is 384,400



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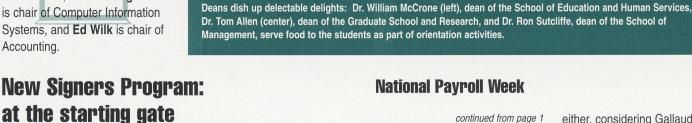
kilometers from Earth, and that it takes, on average, 29 days, 12 hours, and 44 minutes for the Moon to circle Earth. I also discovered that most of rocks on the surface of the Moon are between 4.6 and 3 billion years old!

But does it rotate, you ask. I didn't think so either. After all, aren't we always looking at the same "man in the moon?" The fact is, the Moon rotates on its axis just as the Earth does on its axis. But because it rotates synchronously (meaning that the Earth and Moon turn in unison), the same side is always facing us. Fascinating, don't you think?

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

Check out 'On the Green's' Web version

Many of the articles and photographs that appear in each week's issue of On the Green 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.



National Payroll Week

continued from page 1 Combined Federal Campaign, or changes that were made during open seasons for the Thrift Savings Plan and health insurance plans. And by the way, do you think Santa's elves make up those paychecks we get on Winter Break? To help us be a bit more mindful of the efforts of the Payroll Office Staff-Mary Grazier, supervisor; Ryan Kempton, senior payroll clerk; and Brent Klassen, payroll clerk-Gallaudet is recognizing September 13 to 17 as National Payroll Week, sponsored by the American Payroll Association. Gallaudet's payroll is done on a two-week cycle, but there is never any down time: As soon as one cycle is finished, it's time for another one to begin. And when December rolls around, the team works into the night crunching numbers almost every day so that we have our holiday cash. And contrary to what some might think, summer doesn't slow down

either, considering Gallaudet's many special programs and their staffing needs.

The job is stressful, all three Payroll employees admit, "but if we didn't have a job that was



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felt nervous on arrival at Gallaudet. "But now I have lots of

friends," he smiles. ASL 101 introduces students to basic knowledge about American Sign Language and deaf people. Emphasis is on acquisition of comprehension and production skills as well as knowledge of the deaf community and the development of cultural awareness.

preparing to make the first major move of their lives-beginning higher education. Gallaudet has the distinction of being a center for sign language study and Deaf Culture, making enrollment here an additional adventure.

By Mary Thornley

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U.S. at this time young people are

Obe intimidating. All over the

Norma Buemi, coordinator of Orientation Programs, and Dan Timlen, academic advisor, contacted 90 students prior to classes beginning, inviting those who might need to strengthen sign skills. Thirty students enrolled for New Signers Program, which began July 22.

"When I arrived here I didn't know any sign," a student explains. "I was very nervous and I used an interpreter the first day. After that I was ok."

Christopher Argentina did have sign skills but participating in NSP polished his skills. He too

Successful completion of NSP gives each student three credit hours of ASL 101, American Sign Language and 1 credit hour for PED 222, Learning Through Discovery.

Learning Through Discovery is an adventure-based program that provides opportunities for personal growth through safe adventure. By taking part in vigorous psychologically and physically challenging outdoor activities, participants gain a deeper understanding and continued on page 3 push, push, push, we'd be bored, said Grazier. "I love my job, really," adds Klassen, "It's a continuous deadline, and we get it done, no matter what." It helps, he added, that "we're a good team."

"Everyone here gets their paycheck on time every two weeks, and they forget about how much work it takes for it to get there," said Elaine Vance, manager of benefits, compensation, and records in the Personnel Office, the campus unit that Payroll is a part of. She pointed out that when the Division of Administration and Business did a campus survey last year to gauge satisfaction of its services, Payroll got a 4 out of 5 rating.

So, this week in particular, let these dedicated employees know that their work is appreciated!

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Two prominent alumni die

he campus community is mourning the losses of two prominent alumni leaders. Dr. Byron B. Burnes, Class of 1926, and Dr. Loy Golladay, Class of 1934, who passed away recently.

Burnes died at the age of 95 on August 25 at his home in Martinez, Calif. He had suffered a stroke during the summer and never fully recovered.

Burnes taught for eight years at the South Dakota School for the Deaf, six years at the Minnesota School for the Deaf and 28 years at the California School for the Deaf, Berkeley. He also served as president of the National Association of the Deaf from 1946-64. A long-standing supporter of Gallaudet, the University dedicated a building at the former Northwest Campus in his honor. Burnes was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Gallaudet in 1955, and in 1981 he received the Laurent Clerc Award from the

Gallaudet University Alumni Association.

Golladay passed away on August 18 after a brief illness. He was 85 years old. After graduating from Gallaudet, he taught at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, then moved to the American School for the Deaf and taught there for many years. In 1969, he accepted a teaching position at the newly formed National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) and taught there until his retirement in 1984.

Golladay earned a master of arts degree from Gallaudet in 1942 and a master of education degree from the University of Hartford in 1957. In 1981, Gallaudet University conferred upon him a Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

(A more detailed summary of these two distinguished gentlemen will be printed in up-coming editions of Gallaudet Today-The Newsletter.)



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(stoo • dant • soar • us) n. 1. a special breed of inquisitive men and women who Gallaudet recruits, retains, and educates. 2. pizza-eaters.

Master's in deaf education program welcomes first deaf Chinese student

i Ying claims the distinction of being the first deaf person from China to enter Gallaudet's master's in deaf education program.

A graduate of the University's partner institutions, the Liaoning Normal School of Special Education in Yingkou and the Liaoning Normal University in Dalian, with whom Gallaudet has been closely involved through the **USA-SINO** teacher education consortium, Li plans to return to China to teach elementary education after graduation.

Li is also a talented artist: One of her paintings can be seen in the second floor hallway of Fowler

Hall. She created it as a student at the Liaoning Normal School of Special Education and presented it to the School of Education and Human Services to symbolize the partnership between the two universities.

Li is presently living in Carlin Hall with a roommate from Gallaudet who she met during the Gallaudet Study Tour of China in June. In 1998, her parents were the host family for Leslie Hussey and Debby Sicoli (both of whom received master's degrees that year), Gallaudet's first interns to do student-teaching in a Chinese school for deaf students.



Li Ying and one of her works of art on display in Fowler Hall.

New Signers Program aids students

continued from page 2 appreciation of themselves, their peers and the environment. Learning Through Discovery teaches problem solving, time management and conflict resolution through problems confronted in class.

Argentina also achieved a sense of career direction. Interested in teaching art, he thinks in the future he'd like to be involved with Gallaudet's Discovery program as well. "I love Gallaudet," he says.



New graduate students give applause to President I. King Jordan who welcomed them to campus.

Graduate Student Orientation

By Mary Thornley allaudet welcomed 110 new degree-seeking students during the Graduate Student Orientation on August 25. Representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, Student Health Services, Computer Services, Graduate Student Association, Post Office, and Graduate School offices were on hand to help ease the transition to life on Kendall Green for the new students.

Students signed up for computer access or joined the

Graduate Student Association. Students received information packets that contained a 'Student Survival Guide,' a refrigerator magnet with important phone numbers, a coupon to Planet Hollywood, travel guides, and class schedules.

Cheryl Johnson from the Graduate School and Research office dispensed sage advice, catalogs, and a schedule of events, while Sara Gerhold, Graduate Student Association president, and Stu Harper, counselor, fielded questions about the association. continued on page 4







New students arrive at Kendall Green:

(Clockwise) Paul Glaser, from Ohio, and his father carry in a heavy trunk: new students (from left) Tenegua Sayles, Russell Harvard, Kristin Granitz, Jessica Hobbs, Russell Capers, Wayne Betts, and Adam Betts attend orientation activities; Cheryl Price, a freshman from Indiana, moves into the dorms; **Orientation Group Leaders Ananne Kassel** (left) and Jessalvn Frank drive new student Zahra Manji (right) and her parents around; Hannah Miller (left) and Jessi Alony get a hug from the school mascot.



ON THE GREEN

New faculty take on language and culture studies

Sports Roundup By David Tossman

he Women's soccer team will play on the Division 3 level for the first time in school history. Currently there are 23 players on the team. The Bison will play 15 games, including seven at home, plus a tournament at Swarthmore College. Elijah Gold returns as head coach, with Kerry Carter and Darena Dyke as assistants.

Men's soccer will play 18 games this year, including 10 at home. The team will be led by third-year coach Larry Musa. His assistants are Tyson Dahlstrom and Andrew Heisley. Heisley will serve as the first goalkeeper coach in Gallaudet history. Musa has approximately 20 players this year.

Women's volleyball will for the last time display the skills of two-time Capitol Athletic Conference Player of the Year Ronda Jo Miller. Patrick O'Brien will coach this year's squad and Peg Worthington will be the assistant coach. The team will play nine games and six tournaments, including the Gallaudet Tournament on October 8 and 9.

Football will be coached by Richard Pelletier for his eighth year and will have a nine-game schedule, including an exciting Homecoming game against Walter Reed U.S. Army. With approximately 50-60 players, Coach Pelletier is especially enthusiastic about his line, which

averages more than 240 pounds per man.

Cross Country will be led by Coach Jack Mika for the 13th time. There are 10 men and 7 women on the team, which has eight meets and several tournaments to look forward to this year. Coach Mika has high expectatations for this year's team with the depth he has, and hopes to compete for Capital Athletic Conference Honors.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Ronda Jo Miller has been named captain of volleyball's All-American Team, sponsored by Successful Farming Magazine and Dodge Trucks, and she will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The award honors outstanding collegiate athletes who call a farm or ranch home. Miller lives on a farm in Minnesota.

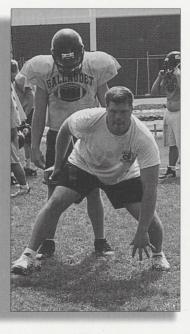
Jimmy DeStefano will return as men's basketball coach this winter after two years at MSSD. In seven previous years at Gallaudet, DeStefano's team tallied 78 wins and 125 losses, including a winning 14-12 season for 1993-94.

The Athletics Department has two full-time interns this year: Darnell Woods, strength and conditioning coordinator, and Carl Denney, sports information director.



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Mohammad Obiedat, Kristin Harmon, Pat Yates, and Tania Thomas-Presswood.



Offensive Line Coach Larry Pearce shows the proper method for the three point stance

Signing in Italian

continued from page 2 restaurant, made arrangements for travel. After awhile I didn't feel as if I were in the USA anymore!"

Dan Binder, a graduate student from Philadelphia majoring in school psychology, screened for ASL competency on his arrival was subsequently assigned to study Italian sign with 13 others. Three of the students, Steven Collins, Sally Ann Anderson, and Tashi Bradford, intend to use their new skills when they travel to Italy on Fulbright Scholarships. "It was wonderful," Dan recalled. "We all loved Italian sign and we loved

By Mary Thornley ttending Gallaudet's New AFaculty Signers Program this summer were Kristen Harmon, Mohammad Obiedat, Zoltan Szekely, Tania Thomas-Presswood, and Dr. Jay Lucker.

Obiedat, who will teach math, began to learn sign in Berkeley, Calif., six months ago, while Thomas-Presswood, who will teach psychology, is starting from scratch, and Lucker draws on his assorted background in speech therapy and audiology. Harmon began to learn sign in 1997 while involved with the exhibition entitled "History Through Deaf Eyes" developed by Gallaudet University. Born deaf, Harmon, who previously taught classes in creative writing and English to hearing students, feels liberated at Gallaudet. "Everything is visual," she said. "It's a relief."

Obiedat, from Jordan, became deaf in high school. "I never understood what my teacher at

Yarmouk University said," he recalled, "but I understood what he wrote on the board and I believe that he made of me a good mathematician. So, I feel I can offer many things to my deaf students."

"I went home many evenings with a headache and 'eyeache," says Thomas-Presswood of her first week with NFS. "But by the second week my eyes began to adjust."

Zoltan, a math instructor who is deaf in one ear, appreciates the support offered by New Faculty Signers program and is impressed with the availability of technology.

With the guidance of Charles Giansanti, coordinator of faculty development, the five new faculty members tackled an intensive roster of lectures, along with daily tutoring and instruction in ASL. The program featured presentations by existing faculty who had once been new signers at Gallaudet, instruction in the use of visual aids, and insights on utilizing interpreters.

NFS wrapped up with a final week of New Faculty Orientation from August 16-19 when the five were joined by additional faculty members: Nefitiri Fellows, English; Christopher Heuer, English; Patricia Hulsebosch, education; William Millios, mathematics; and Brian Greenwald and Raymond Merritt, President's Fellows award recipients.

Bookstore installs new, more efficient computer system

By David Tossman he start of the new academic year has been a breeze for Bookstore users, thanks to the facility's new computer system. In the past, at this time of the year, it was not uncommon for students to wait in line for hours to purchase books. This semester the wait is reduced to minutes.

The software, which was

only one cashier. Rock Lewery, a full-time cashier, who has been working at the Bookstore since he was a student, said this is the best year yet, and he gets along much better with the students now. "There have been less student complaints and arguing with the cashiers," said Lewery.

Bookstore Manager Priscilla O' Donnell has heard nothing but compliments about the new system. She said that another advantage of the new software is that now purchasers can pay with a credit card, VR, or cash without ringing everything up two or three times, as in the past. For example, if someone has VR authorization for 400 dollars and their purchase was 425 dollars, they would have to put something back to get under the 400 dollar limit and do the purchase twice. Now they can use the VR authorization and pay the \$25 difference out of pocket.



WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHEN

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

September 7-24–Art Exhibition featuring paintings and sculpture by Claire Bergman, Washburn Arts Center Gallery.

September 18-Men's Soccer vs. Philadelphia Bible College, 4 p.m.; Football vs. Appalachian State Club 1 p.m.

September 19-Volleyball vs.

September 15-Gallaudet Research Institute presents a Priority and Small Grants Research Forum, 12-2:30 p.m., Peikoff Alumni House; Men's Soccer vs. Goucher College, 4 p.m.; Women's Soccer vs. Hood College, 4:30 p.m.

September 16-Gallaudet Research Institute presents a Grant Workshop, 12-1 p.m. and 3-4 p.m., VPAA Conference Room, HMB S415

September 17–Psychology Colloquium Series, "Psychologists' roles and the new genetics" featuring Dr. Suzanne M. Bronheim of the Human Genome Project, 12-1 p.m., **HMB 320W**

Chatham College; women's Soccer vs. Chatham College, 1 p.m.

September 24-Women's Soccer vs. Wells College, 4:30 p.m.

September 25-Men's Soccer vs. UDC, 4 p.m.

September 28-Men's Soccer vs. Salisbury State, 4 p.m.

September 29–Congressional Basketball Classic, 7:30 p.m., Field House

October 1-Graduate School open house

October 1-3-Parents Weekend, for more information, x5505, e-mail sherry.duhon or darlene.prickett.

Community Events: September 25–Deaf Awareness Day, National Aquarium, Baltimore the instructor."

New graduate students

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The evening featured a popular play, Rathskellar, which was a signed extravaganza of dance, comedy, poetry, and storytelling.

Orientation resumed the following day and continued through Saturday, offering students the opportunity to meet with academic advisers in their departments, receive evaluation for their signing skills, to register for classes, and to attend a note taker seminar conducted by Patricia Rahalewicz and Dina Rancourt, note taker coordinators. Also on Saturday, the Graduate Student Association sponsored a bus trip to Rehoboth Beach.

installed last month, has resulted in several improvements. One of the biggest pluses is that everything is scanned, including VR information, which used to be typed by hand.

"Last year I waited in line for almost two hours," said senior Lori Clark, "while this year it only took me 15 minutes!" Clark also appreciates the fact that less paperwork for VR authorization is involved this year due to the improved technology.

The Bookstore has four cashiers working at the same time this year, while last year there would have been three and sometimes two when there was a system breakdown. Ph.D. student Mala Kleinfeld, who waited in line for 15 minutes, said the present system is better, recalling last year when sometimes there was

It will also be easier for O'Donnell to maintain the inventory of books with the new software. Some more good news for the campus is that O'Donnell plans to open the Bookstore on Sundays from 11 G a.m.-3 p.m.