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Funke Sabageh stands in front of boxes of audiology equipment that were donated for her school and clinic in Nigeria by Gallaudet's Audiology Department.

## Audiology Dept. helps Nigerian clinic

An article in the Winter 88-89 issue of *Gallaudet Today* magazine about the efforts of a Gallaudet audiology graduate to start a school and clinic in her native Nigeria, despite the Nigerian government's lack of support, has prompted the University's Audiology Department to contribute used equipment to the fledgling facility.

The effort to bolster the work of the Sabol Education, Audiology, and Research Centre of Ibadan, Nigeria, began after Gallaudet audiologist Bob Windham read the article "Toppling Barriers" by Nancy Moore, editor of *Gallaudet Today*, and secured the Audiology Department's permission to donate its unused equipment.

The Sabol Centre was started in 1986 by Funke Sabageh, who received her master's degree at Gallaudet in 1982, and her husband, Joseph, to help meet the needs of a country where only 10 percent of its estimated one million deaf and 10 million hard of hearing people receive rehabilitative services or education.

Sabageh and a board of advisers started the center in a rented house with the help of a bank loan. They acquired one audiometer and a few loaner hearing aids which the children can wear at school but are not allowed to take home. A pediatrician and an otolaryngologist volunteer their services on a monthly basis.

Windham said that the donated equipment, valued at about \$50,000 when it was purchased 7 to 10 years ago, will enable Sabol to be "a fully operational audiology clinic where they can identify and diagnose hearing problems and test hearing aids."

The donated equipment includes a clinical audiometer, a device that tests the function of the middle ear, four pieces of equipment that analyze the functions of hearing aids, and two loud-

speakers used with testing hearing aids for infants and small children.

Another piece of equipment that measures balance and dizziness problems was given to Sabol this summer by Laura Proger, a Gallaudet audiology graduate who is working for an ear, nose, and throat specialist in Washington, D.C. Sabageh will take this piece back to the clinic next summer after she attends a course to learn how to operate it.

Hearing aids are still sparse at the clinic, Windham said. The Audiology Department has a number of donated hearing aids that are in need of repair, and Windham said that he plans to have them fixed and give them to the clinic.

Sabageh came to Gallaudet early this month to take back some of the equipment with her on the plane. The loudspeakers and a hearing aid test chamber are too large for her to take back and have to be shipped separately.

## D.C. theater group comes to campus

The Kinesis Collaborative, a Washington, D.C., theater group, will perform "Radishes and Flowers: A Wallace Stevens Feast," featuring actress-dancer Mary-Averett Seelye, in Elstad Auditorium on Sept. 16 at 8 p.m.

This original piece, which premiered at the Library of Congress in May, consists of nine poems by the contemporary American poet Wallace Stevens that reflect his familiar themes: man's relationship to reality and nature, sexuality, spirituality, and the human psyche.

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## New academic year begins soon; 650 new students attend orientation

Gallaudet University's brief summer respite between The Deaf Way Conference and Festival and the new academic year ended abruptly as new students arrived at both campuses earlier this month for new student orientation programs.

According to estimates made by the University's Office of Enrollment Services, about 650 new students will begin classes on Sept. 1 at both Gallaudet University and the School of Preparatory Studies (SPS). They include 285 freshmen, 105 graduate students, and five doctoral students on Kendall Green; and 239 new preparatory students and seven students in the Associate of Applied Sciences program at the Northwest Campus.

In addition, about 12 students have come from Sweden, Finland, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and other countries for the SPS English Language Institute, said Michael Wallace, director of Student Life and Housing at SPS and coordinator of its New Student Orientation (NSO) program.

Among the 524 preparatory and freshman students, 109 transferred from other colleges and universities.

Enrollment officials stress that these figures are preliminary and that final tallies will not be made until the end of September.

NSO programs on both Kendall Green and at the Northwest Campus, which continue through Aug. 31, aim to help students adjust to Gallaudet University, the surrounding city, and college life.

Both programs include a parent orientation, academic tests to determine class levels for English and math, academic advising sessions, and registration. NSO also features sessions on dormitory policies, judicial systems,

health information, Gallaudet history, and social and athletic activities.

This year, the University has extended its parent orientation to a full day so it can better answer parents' questions and acquaint family members with programs and services for both students and their families.

For the first time, Gallaudet is also featuring a "Never-Too-Late Club" to help students who are 25 years or older become comfortable in a college environment. "If you're 40 and going to classes with 18- and 20-year-olds, what do you do? How do you survive that?" said Norma Buemi, coordinator of Paraprofessional and Orientation Programs for Student Affairs. The "Never-Too-Late Club" should help, she said.

Other new items in the Kendall Green NSO schedule include an introduction to Gallaudet's computer systems, a film and discussion on dating, a presentation on AIDS, and a mock student court.

The orientation at the Northwest Campus includes speakers from outside organizations such as the Whitman Walker Clinic at a comprehensive health workshop instituted at last fall's NSO. The workshop addresses questions about dating, relationships, and basic health issues and uses skits and role playing to increase students' awareness of date rape and sexual harassment.

NSO has been improving and running more smoothly every year, said Wallace. "I've gotten feedback from several parents that they appreciate being here and that they feel a warmth among the staff toward the students and their families," he said. "I can see that the students are excited to be here, and they're looking forward to being together as a group."



Parents of freshman and transfer students share concerns over coffee at Student Affairs' Parent Orientation, which was extended to a full day this year.



## Announcements

The Career Center invites representatives from campus departments to interview students for jobs at its annual Part-time Job Fair on Sept. 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room. For information or to reserve a table, contact Matt Searls in Ely Center, Room 222, or x5270.

This fall Gallaudet will offer its regular full- and part-time employees free life insurance coverage for the first time. Employees may enroll in the new Metropolitan Life Insurance program or remain with the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FGLI) program during open season from Sept. 5-Oct. 6. Eligible employees will receive a package of forms and instructions the week of Sept. 5. People with questions can call Elaine Vance at x5111.

The library will give the following tours of its resources: Tuesday, Sept. 5, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 6, 11 a.m.; Thursday, Sept. 7, 2 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 11, 3 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 13, 8 a.m.; Thursday, Sept. 14, noon; and Friday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. All tours will meet at the information desk on the middle level of the library. Registration is not required.

The Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) for the D.C. metropolitan area is starting a 10-week "Deaf Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse" support group on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. beginning Sept. 12. Fees for the group will be charged on a sliding scale. A free support group for hearing children of deaf parents, ages 12 and older, will meet every second and fourth Monday of each month from 5-6:30 p.m. beginning on Sept. 11. Early registration is encouraged for each group. For more information or to register, call 881-3700 (V) or 984-5662 (TDD).

Dr. Oliver Sacks will read from his new book *Seeing Voices: A Journey into the World of the Deaf* on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Politics and Prose bookstore at 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. His reading will be interpreted and is free to the public. For more information, call Mary Ann Brownlow or Carla Cohen at 364-1919 (V).



Child Development Center teacher Dawnella Howard leads children in a no-hands jello-eating contest during the recent fair to celebrate the end of CDC's summer program. With Howard are (from left) Heba Toulan, Ayanna and Alayna Howard, and Dina Toulan.

## Fall workshops offered for staff

Gallaudet staff members who want to enhance their work-related skills, in areas ranging from preparing MBOs to communicating on the telephone to dealing with difficult people, can take advantage of a variety of new staff development workshops being offered this fall.

The workshops, planned by Coordinator of Employee Development and Relations Kayt Lewis, have been developed with three groups in mind: office support staff, managers and supervisors, and campus-wide staff.

The first workshop, "Preparing Your MBO Plan," will be offered Sept. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. and will be conducted by Denise Sullivan, Gallaudet's director of Human Resources. It is the only half-day workshop offered; all others will run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"Presentation Skills" and "Assertiveness Training for Supervisors and Managers" will each be held over two continuous days. To attend one of these workshops, participants must register for both days. The "Presentation Skills" workshop will teach participants how to give an effective presentation, whether this is a lecture or other situation in which they must share information with an audience.

The "Office Survival Skills" workshop, designed for new office support staff, is an expanded version of the

half-day workshop offered last year. Subtitled "Getting the Most Efficient Use from Campus Services," the workshop will feature sections presented by individuals from the Accounting Office, Human Resources, Purchasing Department, Transportation, and Physical Plant. Participants will come away with a list of campus people to contact when they have a problem.

"Office Supervision for Support Staff" is geared toward office managers, supervising secretaries, or people who may be promoted to positions supervising support staff.

"Telephone Communication Skills" will provide information about general telephone etiquette and will also include a section on using TDDs and telephone interpreting. Other workshops are listed below in the registration form.

Each of the workshops will be offered again in the spring for people who cannot attend this fall. Lewis is also working on additional workshops to be offered in the spring.

Because of the size of the meeting rooms, most of the workshops will be limited to about 25 people, so those interested in attending are encouraged to register early by sending in the form below. Staff members will be notified with a confirmation card that their registration has been accepted. For more information, call x5263.

## Staff Development Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Campus Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the programs you wish to attend:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing Your MBO Plan (half day)                                | Sept. 14   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Survival Skills  | Sept. 27   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance and Budgeting for the Non-Financial Manager               | Oct. 11    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Skills (2 full days)                                 | Oct. 18-19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supervision Skills and Techniques                                 | Oct. 24    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Supervision for Support Staff                              | Oct. 25    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Business Correspondence                                   | Oct. 31    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing Office Productivity                                    | Nov. 8     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Survival Skills  | Nov. 9     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dealing with Difficult People                                     | Nov. 14    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assertiveness Training for Supervisors and Managers (2 full days) | Nov. 15-16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Communication Skills                                    | Dec. 6     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving and Decision Making                               | Dec. 13    |

Return this form to: Kayt Lewis, Administrative and Community Services, College Hall—Room 4, by Sept. 8, 1989.

## Group to perform

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The "kinesis" style of theater uses dance and gesture to portray the expressiveness of words. It is a total theater event that combines movement, language, lighting, props, and music, said Seelye.

"Radishes and Flowers" is sponsored by Gallaudet's English Department and Kinesis. The Washington Opera is donating its surtitle services (captions projected above the stage), making this Elstad's first subtitled production. Dr. Joseph Grigely, Gallaudet assistant professor of English, will lead a discussion following the performance.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. A free Gallaudet tour will be offered at 6:15 p.m., and a picnic supper is available at 7 p.m. for \$10.

For tickets, send check and stamped, self-addressed envelope to Kinesis, Ltd., 1661 Crescent Place NW, #402, Washington, DC 20009. The Elstad box office will sell tickets beginning at 6 p.m. the day of the performance. For additional information, call 462-5165 (V) or CAP-COM at 966-6095 (V/TDD).

## Classified Ads

**CLASSIFIED ADS** are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. The deadline for submitting advertisements is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Ads received by Friday, Sept. 1, will appear in the Sept. 11 issue. There will be no issue on Sept. 4 due to the Labor Day holiday.

**FREE:** Three 6-mo.-old kittens to good home. Call Mona, x3116.

**FOR SALE:** Solid mahogany colonial-style chest of drawers and writing table, need new varnish, \$300; 3 2-drawer metal file cabinets, \$5 for 3. Call x7163 or 547-1972 (TDD) eves.

**WANTED:** Deaf people who practice or are interested in practicing tae kwon do to meet occasionally, perhaps at World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf in '91; major goal is to participate in the World Games for the Deaf. Contact Jae Wha Vim, N. Risuoltum 16, N-7036 Trondheim, Norway.

**FOUND:** Polaroid photo of cat named Cosmo on sidewalk outside HMB last week. Call 890-3249 (TDD).

**FOR SALE:** Thomasville rural English dining table w/6 chairs, coffee table, twin-size headboard. Call Bill, x5375, or (301) 224-6929 (TDD).

**FOR SALE:** 2 window ACs, good cond., BO. Call Len Kelly, x5206, or 587-7714 (V) after 7 p.m.

**WANTED:** Responsible nonsmoking female to share new 3-BR townhouse in Springfield, Va., must have own trans., \$275/mo. plus 1/3 util. Call Topsy, 697-4505 (TDD) days, Krissy 739-7002 (TDD) days, or 643-0811 (TDD) eves.

**FOR SALE:** Dorm-size refrigerator, \$30; portable W/D, \$200. Call 386-5266 (TDD).


**FOR SALE:** '81 Honda Civic 2-dr. hatchback, silver, AM/FM cassette, 5-speed manual trans., very good cond., \$800/BO. Call Cheryl, x5260.

## Job Openings

**Some of the advertised positions may already be filled.** The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

TEACHER'S AIDE, SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM: KDES  
WORD PROCESSING SPECIALIST: Gallaudet Research Institute  
RECEPTIONIST: KDES  
INSTRUCTOR, BUSINESS EDUCATION: MSSD  
INSTRUCTOR, PERFORMING ARTS: MSSD  
AUDIOLIGIST: MSSD

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