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Volunteers Polly Peikoff and Isadore "Izzy" Zisman chat at a reception held April 11 in Chapel Hall to celebrate the National Information Center on Deafness' 10th anniversary.

NICD staff, volunteers, friends gather to celebrate 10th anniversary

Words of praise and goodwill filled Chapel Hall as the National Information Center on Deafness (NICD) celebrated its 10th anniversary with a reception for its staff members, volunteers, and on- and off-campus colleagues from 3 to 5 p.m. on April 11.

"None of NICD's accomplishments happened overnight," said Director Loraine DiPietro. When DiPietro became NICD's director in 1982, the center had three fact sheets, several reading lists, and about 200 other items that could be used to respond to inquiries. "That was quite a formidable accomplishment for a center that had opened only a year and a half earlier," she said.

Today, NICD has more than 26 fact sheets, 21 resource lists that are updated annually, more than 40 reading lists, and almost 700 other information items in its collection, said DiPietro. It answered 10,100 requests for information in 1989—a 32 percent increase over the previous year.

DiPietro stressed that none of NICD's accomplishments has occurred in a vacuum. People from other areas of the University and from other organizations, plus volunteers, provided expert information, helped write and review publications, solved computer problems, and answered information requests, she said.

President Jordan commended the NICD staff, saying, "The people inside NICD are really a fine example of people doing significantly more with the same number of staff. They're really an excellent model of what Gallaudet can be."

Guest speaker Carol Valdivieso, director of the National Information Center on Children and Youth with Handicaps, stressed the need to take research and make it understandable to

average people. She told the group that NICD's fact sheet is the only one they do not write themselves, "because theirs is so good."

Jack Gannon, special assistant to the president for advocacy and the administrator in charge of NICD, spoke to the group as well. "As a Gallaudet administrator and as a deaf person, I have the highest regard for the work that the NICD does," he said.

Among the invited guests was Rhona Hartman, director of the Higher Education and the Handicapped Resource Center of the American Council on Education, which has worked with NICD from its very beginnings. "We worked with NICD to develop some materials that could be used in mainstream environments, and it has been a marriage made in heaven since," she said.

Other guests at the reception included Jane Mortenson, NICD's first director, and Charlotte Hawkins-Shepard, who helped start the center. David Wolfe, who left his position as NICD's coordinator of information services in 1988, also returned for the anniversary celebration. Wolfe is now director of information collection and exchange for the Peace Corps.

Betsy Cunningham, an attorney with the Maryland State Bar Association who has continued advocacy work for deaf people since working with DiPietro at Gallaudet in the '70s, also returned.

NICD's staff and volunteers were also present. Since 1983, volunteers have given NICD 9,000 hours of service, and between 1986 and 1989 they answered close to one third of the 32,496 requests NICD received. DiPietro described her staff as committed, creative, enthusiastic, bright, resourceful, and hardworking. "You want model workers? They're model workers!" she said.

Small grants awarded for 31 projects

The Gallaudet Research Institute's Small Grant Awards have been approved for the following projects this academic year—a total of \$30,000 to test ideas that may lead to expanded projects and increased funding:

Gabriel Adepoju, Administration and Supervision—An interview and historical study of trends in the development of education of the deaf in Nigeria between 1950 and 1985; Julia Albertine, Home Economics—Effects of different heat treatments, temperatures, and methods of storage prior to reheating on the sensory and physical characteristics of imitation crab; Jerel Barnhart, Supervision and Administration—The transition process of new signing freshmen: an interview study of first semester experiences;

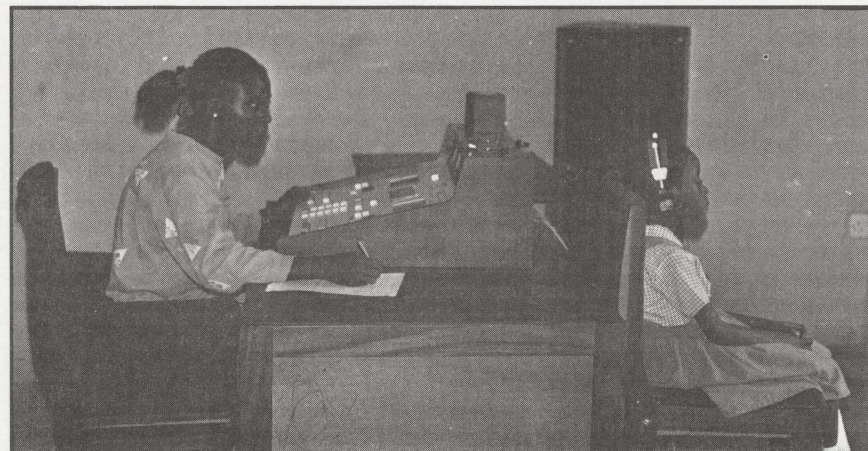
Angela Bednarczyk, KDES—Study of grammar (continuation); Nancy Bloch/Dr. Ronald Sutcliffe, Management Institute—Characteristics of successful deaf school of management people in management and small business enterprise; Tom Bull, KDES—Update CODA research database; Dr. Theresa Chang, Library—Cataloging deafness-related master's theses; Dr. John Christiansen, Sociology and Social Work, Deaf President Now research (continuation);

Dr. Larry Coleman, Communication Arts—Black/deaf storytellers project; Dr. Marita Danek, Counseling—Helping preferences of deaf and hearing college students (continuation); Sy DuBow, Law Center—Combating employment discrimination; Dr. Dennis Galvan, Psychology—The acquisition of ASL in deaf children with differing backgrounds; Judi Gogolen, Mental Health Counseling—Mental health services for deaf adolescents: the needs from the family's point of view; Dr. Joseph Grigely, English—Medium-governed restrictions on iconicity; Lynn Jacobowitz, Communication—Teachers' perceived needs and preferences for ASL instruction: a needs assessment; Kathy Jankowski/Robert Weinstock,

Communication Arts—An examination of public speaking styles used by deaf people in the United States; Dr. Scott Liddell/Dr. Robert E. Johnson, Linguistics and Interpreting—Development of photographic technique for the representation of signs in publications; Dr. Ceil Lucas/Clayton Valli, Linguistics and Interpreting—Language contact in the deaf community: statistical analyses; Dr. Laura Magana-Valladares, Administration and Supervision—A study of brain dominance and leadership style among principals and supervisors of special education;

Dr. James Mahshie/Pradeep Yadav, Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology—Mapping of speech aerodynamics and articulation using regression analysis and neural network strategies; Catherine Moses, Social Work—Survey of independent and hearing impaired elderly people; Frances Parsons, Library—Legacy of deaf Peace Corps volunteers; Carol Patrie/Mary Hughes, Linguistics and Interpreting/Audiology—Student communication assessment;

Janet Pray, Sociology and Social Work—The meaning of hearing loss in the lives of older people; Judith Rosenthal, Experiential Programs Off Campus—Employment and vocational options for deaf people in India; Kathleen Schandl, Administration and Supervision—(Ph.D. dissertation) A study of on-site employer-sponsored child care and selected employee behaviors; Dr. John Schuchman, History—Interview of cast member from "His Busy Hour"; Dr. Anne Spragins, Psychology—Psychoeducational assessment of preschool hearing impaired children; Dr. John Van Cleve, History—Alexander Graham Bell research; Philip Walker, History—Paradox at Dien Bien Phu: Lyndon Johnson and the French surrender; Virginia Wulf, Linguistics and Interpreting—The breakdown of solidarity and support in Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for deaf people.



Funke Sabageh, founder of the Sabol Education, Audiology, and Research Center of Ibadan, Nigeria, performs a test with equipment donated by Gallaudet's Audiology Department.

Announcements

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association will sponsor a dinner theater in "Ole Jim" on Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19, featuring a buffet and a play based on deaf culture entitled "Deaf—Pa, What?" presented by CHALB Productions. The evening begins with cocktails from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner. The play begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets, which are \$25 each, make checks payable to GUAA Host Service, specifying the preferred night for the event, and send them to Mike Kaika at the Alumni House.

The next volunteer day for the Gallaudet community at Miriam's Kitchen, a breakfast program serving homeless people, is Monday, April 30. Carpools will leave from behind West Office Building at 6 a.m., or people can meet at the site, located at the Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H. St. NW, at 6:30 a.m. For more information, contact Barbara White via VAX (BJWHITE) or call x5160.

The final event in the School of Communication's 10th Anniversary celebration will be an awards ceremony and reception, also featuring a performance entitled "American Sign Language Storytelling: An Art to Experience," on Friday, April 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. The event is open to the campus community.

"Deaf Mosaic," which can be seen every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on The Discovery Channel, will feature a program April 29 on life for deaf people in war-torn Beirut.

A tree will be planted in memory of Kathryn Walker between the Washburn Arts and West Office Buildings on April 28 at 1 p.m. Walker worked for Gallaudet as head residence hall adviser for many years, retired, then returned to work for the University's catering service until her death on Oct. 27, 1989. Walker is survived by, among others, her daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Jack Dunn, both Gallaudet employees. The tree will mark the center of a garden for which people can purchase plaques in memory of others. For more information, call Sally Dunn at x5400.



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Sue Loggins (left), congratulated by Custodial Services Manager Eddie Adegbite, and Sandra Shell, congratulated by Physical Plant Director Ed Artis, have both been promoted to Custodial Services supervisors.

New premium plan may be available

Gallaudet employees may elect to have their health and dental insurance premiums paid before taxes, if the Board of Trustees approves the plan next month.

According to Elaine Vance, the University's benefits/employment specialist, through the "Flexible Premium Plan," which could be implemented beginning with the June 3 pay period, employees may choose to have their salaries reduced by the amount they currently pay for health and/or dental insurance premiums. If so, taxes will be based on gross salary minus the insurance premiums. As a result, the employee realizes an increase in his or her net pay.

For example, an employee now earns \$1,000 biweekly and pays \$50 for health insurance and \$20 for dental insurance. The employee pays federal and state taxes based on \$1,000. Under the flexible premium plan, the \$1,000 may be reduced by the insurance premiums and taxes are then

Computed on \$930, resulting in an increase in net take-home pay. (Retirement deductions and later retirement annuities continue to be based on the full gross income.)

Employees who decide to select the plan should know two things: You cannot change your mind during the year unless you have a change in family status. And, if you decide to cancel your health and/or dental insurance, the deductions will still be made until the year is over.

Also, if you normally itemize income tax deductions and claim health and/or dental insurance premiums as part of medical expenses, you will not be able to do so if you elect this benefit. (If medical costs are usually sufficient to claim for tax purposes, you may want to consult your tax adviser before enrolling in the plan.)

The deadline for enrolling in the plan is May 11. For more information, contact Vance at x5111.

Bookstore soliciting opinions

Gallaudet's Bookstore will be undergoing major revamping this summer, and input by the University community is being solicited to help make the new Bookstore best serve the campus' needs.

"This is a very exciting time of change," said Dr. Elaine Costello, the new director of the Bookstore. "Now is the time for the campus' voices to be heard as these changes are being contemplated."

"We want to become more customer service oriented, more responsive to the needs of the campus," Costello added.

The most frequent complaints heard concerning the Bookstore, Costello said,

are its long cash register lines, its limited selection of merchandise, and that items are poorly displayed.

Costello said the lengthy waits in the checkout line should be eliminated once a new computer system, by which the cash registers will be run, is installed this summer. A new service that will be added, she said, is to make catalogues of deafness-related materials available for special orders from a wide variety of publishers.

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to fill in the form below, listing any suggestions and criticisms concerning the Bookstore. Respondents can remain anonymous.

Suggestions for Gallaudet University Bookstore

Write your suggestion below and send to Elaine Costello, MSSD/G-13.*

☐ Student ☐ Faculty ☐ Staff ☐ Other _____

* If you prefer, you may use your own paper instead of this form, or you may send your suggestions via E-Mail to "ercostello."

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, April 27, will appear in the May 7 issue.

FOR SALE: Frost-free refrigerator, 14.3 cu. ft., good cond., almond, BO. Call 249-2196 (TDD) after 7 p.m.

FOR SALE: Pine Factory desk, like new, \$80. Call Rosemary, x5115.

WANTED: Loving deaf mother w/4-yr.-old son seeks children 0-2 yrs. old to care for in her New Carrollton, Md., home Mon.-Fri. Call 577-9331 (V) 6 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

FOR SALE: Whirlpool washer, 3 cycles, 2 speeds; Frigidaire heavy duty large-capacity dryer; both less than yr. old, \$400. Call Linda, x5223 (V), x5226 (TDD) days, or 529-1872 (V) eves.

FOR SALE: '83 Mazda B2000 long bed pickup truck inc. fiberglass cap and 4 new tires, 47K mi., very dependable and runs great, \$1,500 firm. Call Sterling Brown, 423-5506 (V) after 6:30 p.m.

FOR RENT: Spacious mobile home in Fenwick Island, Del., sleeps 6, 2 full baths, AC, W/D, full kitchen, \$60/night. Call Beth and Dwight, x5247 or 805-1177 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Nonsmoking female to share 2-BR apt. in Hyattsville, Md., near shopping, Catholic University, and Metro; must like cats, \$310/mo. plus 1/2 util. (phone, cable, elec.). Call Marlena, 236-7880 (TDD) days, or 779-6459 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Live-in mother's helper to care for 2 children in Woodstream area 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily except Mon. and Tues. (days off). Call Mrs. Hause, 794-8528 (TDD).

WANTED: Nonsmokers for 1 BR, share 2 baths; or master BR w/private bath, w/w carpet, double closet, and sliding door to balcony; in townhouse in Laurel, Md., w/3 baths, 1 shower, dining room w/sliding door to balcony, microwave, DW, W/D, AC, private storage, cable TV w/decoder; convenient to shopping and BW Pkwy, walk to park, 20-min. drive to Kendall Green or NWC; 1 BR avail. April 11, \$250/mo.; master BR avail. mid-May, \$395/mo. Leave message for Hillel Goldberg, x5144; Lilly Benedict, x8-5812; or call 776-5014 (V/TDD) eves.

WANTED: Room or basement apt. to rent in Northern Va. for \$250-\$300/mo. inc. util., would like to move in end of Aug. or beginning of Sept. Leave message for Rachel, 547-0061 (V).

WANTED: 2 nonsmoking professionals or graduate students to share 2-yr.-old townhouse in Silver Spring, Md., 2 private rooms avail. in May/June w/private bath and lake view, free shuttle bus to White Flint Metro, free clubhouse facilities. Call 933-8055 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Professional person to sublet 1-BR apt. in Takoma Park, Md., May 15-Aug. 15, \$490 plus. Call Dianne, x8-5831 or 587-7647 (V/TDD).

FOR SALE: Commodore 128 computer w/disk drive, Magnavox monitor, Okidata printer, word processing software, games, and joystick, \$700/BO; Lifetime Holiday Spa membership, use anywhere you choose, actual price \$2,400, selling for \$1,200/BO. Call Karin, x5197 (TDD) or 604-5965 (TDD) after 7 p.m.

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).

PRINCIPAL: KDES
RESIDENCE EDUCATION ASSISTANT: MSSD Residence Program
NIGHT STUDENT AIDE: MSSD Residence Program