Student Congress Last Meeting

Shawn Friesen
News Reporter

The biweekly meeting of the Student Congress convened for the final time for the fall semester of 1992 on December 2nd at 6:29 p.m. Karl Ewan, the Student Congress Speaker began by giving a speech. Speaker Ewan thanked the Student Congress for a good semester with a lot hard, bad, good times. Ewan wished every one, “Best of luck on the finals and have a wonderful holiday season.” Ewan said that the Kappa Gamma won the Broomball event two weeks ago and got good remarks on how the Broomball event was. The Multicultural motion was passed in an overwhelming 22-3 vote. Ewan was concerned about the protest and how everything got out of control. Karl Ewan encouraged students to check on things first before taking action.

Stephen Hardy, the Student Body Government President, gave his State of SBG Address. According to the Hardy, he thinks that this semester has been a good one with everything on the right track. Hardy said that next spring there will be an event, the fifth annual Deaf President Now (DPN). He wants unity for that event. President Hardy also said that the issue about the wrongful hiring practices in the past Student Congress meetings have been worked out. He said that there will be open interviews for some positions and will make sure everyone gets equality. Soon before the semester is over, Hardy said there will be Volunteer Appreciation Day and Gallaudet 205th birthday.

President Hardy said that they will make some transitions soon for the second semester so it is ready for the new SBG president later. He wanted to start now so it is in order when time comes for the new president. Hardy thanked Ewan for the opportunity to meet with him to work together and with goals for the Student Body. And concluding Hardy’s speech, he wished everyone “Happy Holidays and see you all in 1993.”

Robert Cooper, the Vice President of the SBG, said that soon school will be closed for winter break. Cooper also said that there will be two different interviews for a purchasing and marketing position soon. Cooper mentioned that the SBG will be closed on December 8 because of the President Hollywood’s open house and the 10th because of the Gallaudet 205th birthday, and the 15th and the 16th because of the final week. Cooper also said that

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Molock-Casey Resigns from MCU

Dragan Jakzie
News Reporter

In an opportunity to explore an administrative position, Elaine Molock-Casey resigned as interim coordinator of the Multi-Cultural Unit (MCU), made possible by the offer made by Bowie State University to be a Director of Student Affairs. The resignation is effective Friday, December 4th.

She has been involved with the affairs of the student body for ten years and has earned a Master’s Degree earlier this year. “The opportunity [for promotion] presented itself so I took it,” she said.

“The concerns [of the students] are not unfounded,” she said when asked if her resignation had something to do with the complaints on how the MCU was handled. “The students should have some legitimate answers on how the situation was handled and someone should listen to them.” She also recommended those who continue to work with the international and minority students, saying that having opinions which are not validated when regarding other cultures on campus is wrong, unless they recognize that there is a lot of diversity on campus and an open mind is essential to the compatibility of various cultures.

She will meet with Howard Busby, the dean of Student Affairs, on Friday, December 4th, for an exit interview. Also, she will bring a letter of resignation that will depict some minority-related issues that need to be tended on campus. “He will give me some support for my decision,” she said.

No replacement for the position of interim coordinator of the MCU has been decided.

VAX System Crashes

Neil J. McDevitt Jr.
News Editor

The VAX system took a rather heavy fall on Wednesday night, leaving many with unfinished papers stuck somewhere in the system.

According to Charles Drowdy, a employee at Computer Services, the VAX system’s disks became full at approximately 9pm Wednesday night and that “In turn, will cause the system to halt all processes and logins until it can recover.”

Mr. Drowdy also said that the BITNET traffic and printing traffic contributed to the fiasco. He also stated that it was a normal mistake, adding that “the system cannot decide which [files] to keep or delete to make room. It does need human controls.”

Computer Services said that it was a most regrettable error and said that it was something they would like to avoid.
CORRECTIONS

We incorrectly reported in the issue of November 20, 1992, that Robert Weinstock is the Permanent Parliamentarian of the Student Congress. In actuality, he will continue to serve until a qualified student can take his place. We regret the error.

Also reported in the November 20th issue, in the article headlined "Kappa Gamma Fraternity Re-Activated", we used one of the complainants names without direct permission. We sincerely apologize to that person, and regret any problems it may have caused.

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Student Congress Issues Public Apology

Continued from front page about an update about the dorms being open earlier on January 30th with the Student Affairs. Cooper repeated about what Hardy said about the transitions, and having a good year. One Student Congress representative asked Cooper if there were any paid workers involved with the protests but Cooper said there weren't but were some volunteers involved and also asked their feelings about what has happened. Cooper added that there will be interviews for the Miss Gally pageant chairperson soon. He said that there will be a "Rock Festival" this year, but will have a different name.

Speaker Ewan asked Sean Vining, the Chief of Justice of the SBG, to inaugurate a few new representatives for Class of 1996, Canadian Club, International Club, and Class of 1994. Brian Leffler was approved as new sergeant-at-arms for the Student Congress which was approved by the Student Congress.

Vice-Speaker Linsay Damall said that a having a new system to "clean up" old files, and use the same method that was used a few years ago about having each Student Congress representative sign a contract to promise to go to every Student Congress meeting with 1st, 2nd warning and the 3rd will be cut from the meeting. Damall said that they will use this new system for next semester and asked about a meeting before the Student Congress about motions so it is cleared up before the meeting. Vice Speaker Damall encouraged the Student Congress to keep the times between 4-6 p.m. free for next semester. Derek Braun, representative of Kappa Gamma, spoke about the ROO rules, Ordiance, Operations, about looking at issues and clarify the language in the rules and hope to finish soon, and pass the lottery bill and working so everyone gets equal rights to pick.

In the Student Life Committee's report, Jenny Lin said that Dan Lucero and one other representative had something to say. The representative spoke to Mike Averett about organizations like Bisonettes or Block G about having rooms and was noted that they were under the Athletic Department. Dan Lucero spoke about that students would like things changed about the Benson Hall computer room and said that students want change in hours from the current hours to expand more hours, and staff should enforce more regulations that students can use the priority to use computer first like students with homework than those with recreation purposes. It was also mentioned that staff at the center needs to be more aware of how to use the computer. Lucero said that there was a definite need for more Macintosh computers which there are only 2 now and heard that NCW has more than the Benson Hall Lab. Lucero also added that there was a need to have more printers for back-ups in case the current are out of order.

Jody Kulchinsky, representative of (FOO), Fast Forward Organization, said that there was a problem with the unit fee issue about that it was too small and asked if they should increase the unit fee. He said to come in to see him for concerns and opinions. He also said that the Homecoming Budget hasn't arrived on his desk and Hardy mentioned that it will be there at the end of the semester. He also moved to suspend the DCADC, (District of Columbia Association for the Deaf Citizens) member fee because of a contract that has expired and Kulchinsky didn't feel it was necessary to pay if the contract has expired. The Student Congress discussed about this issue. The motion was passed.

Larry Cohen, representative of Delta Sigma Phi, made a motion regarding MultiCultural issues about having a committee to review actions and Bylaws. The motion passed.

Dan Bruhaker, representative of Graduate Students Association, made motion about the SBG renouncing the sponsor of the Bi-Bi week asked to make an apology to the Student Body because there were no voice interpreters for the event for the Graduates students who just are learning to sign. Rep. Bruhaker said that all students here should receive equal access. The Student Congress had a long discussion about this, in which Raychelle Harris, chairperson of the Bi-Bi event, mentioned that one or two of the speakers for the week didn't want voice interpreters and Harris said she didn't want to cancel the event or something. Harris asked if there were questions or anything that related with money, she asked everyone to refer to Robert Cooper. The Student Congress decided to eliminate the first two parts of Bruhaker's motion and keep the third, which was to make a public apology to the Student Body. The motion was passed.

Before Speaker Ewan adjourned the meeting at 12:00 a.m., several representatives made announcements at the last meeting of the 1992 Fall semester.

Question Of The Week: Do you think Gallaudet really needs a SBG?

Kelli Doherty
Of course, we do need a SBG, because SBG does a lot of things to help students to get involved in activities that raises funds and more. Also, SBG helps encourage the Gallaudet community to be active in the events, parties and more. Without SBG, there will be no action, no events, and no parties.

Bryon Wilson
Absolutely. It gives the students some experiences with the government and helps them to be familiarize with the total concept of how government works. Also, we need leaders to face the clash of issues on the campus and make Gallaudet the best for the deaf students from all over the world.

Lisa Cryer
Well, yes. I do feel we need some kind of check and balance system, which I guess is the purpose behind the SBG. However, I think that perhaps we should have a competent staff that had wider perspectives. The discrimination is really abominable.

Stefan Goldschmidt
The SBG is essential because it is traditional that Gallaudet has an organization like this, where many excellent young students are able to show their leadership and administration skills to the Gallaudet community when they worked in SBG.

Soken Sjamsudin
Yes, because SBG would help solve problems for the different organizations such as International student club, Asian Pacific Association, German club, Fraternities, Sororities and more, if not, Gallaudet will be in a mess.
A Message from President Jordan

A Message from President Jordan

Recently two printed messages have been posted on campus that can only be described as "hate flyers." The writers, who have chosen to remain anonymous, attack individuals who have expressed controversial opinions. It seems that their aim is to suppress any ideas with which they disagree. I agree with Patricia Anderheide, a faculty member in the School of Communication at American University, who has written that "In our polycultural democracy, we desperately need social spaces where we can differ productively and the university is one of them." It should never be necessary to defend the tenets of free speech at a university. Gallaudet is heir to the long, proud university tradition of open inquiry and research. On our campus, we must all strive to ensure that questioning is ever welcome, that diverse views are judged on the basis of merit rather than political acceptability.

Since Edward Miner Gallaudet differed with Alexander Graham Bell, Gallaudet has been at the center of controversial discussion. Some of the conversations have been unique to Gallaudet while others have reflected issues of national concern. Currently, communication, language, and diversity are among the issues we are heatedly debating. I cherish this discourse; thesis and antithesis, contention and question, justification and dispute are the lifeblood for all productive change.

Individuals in our community must never be intimidated for the way they think, for what they believe or for what they say. Each of us has the right, indeed each of us has the obligation to state our beliefs and suppositions no matter how unpopular or unwelcome they may be. Each of us has an equal obligation to thoughtfully consider those ideas no matter how strongly we disagree. If each of us cannot say what we believe without fear of reprisal, if the academy tries to suppress unpopular views rather than weighing them, we will have failed our students, our community and ourselves.

I will continue to insist that Gallaudet be a place where we do in fact "differ productively."

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Bread for the City Drive Ends

SBG Press Release

The SBG is proud to announce that the Class of 1996 has won the Bread for the City drive. They won with 850 points. Second place goes to both male Kappa; Kappa Gamma and Kappa Sigma. Third place goes to Class of 1996. Phi Kappa Zeta contributed to the drive as well. However, we are very disappointed with the low organization participation.

The Bread for the City drive, directed by Yvonne Aronowicz, Director of Activities in the SBG, is for all class organizations and Greeks. It is a non-profit organization located in Northwest D.C. which provides food for the homeless.

Yvonne would like to express her gratitude to Kappa Gamma for transporting the food from the SBG office to the Bread for the City Headquarters.

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Students In Wonderland

Cheryl Bloodworth   Features Columnist

What would life be like if each of us were the opposite sex?
Bruce Becker

Jesus wept.
John. XI. 35

Does anyone in reality know how to love one another instead of preaching hatred?
Bruce Becker

It is some relief to weep;
Ovid

Grief is satisfied and carried off by tears.

If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.
Shakespeare,
Julius Caesar, Act III, Sc. 2

Tears

Tears are summer showers to the soul.
Alfred Austin

Tears are the silent language of grief.
Voltaire,
Philosophical Dictionary

For Beauty’s tears are lovelier than her smile.
Campbell,
Pleasure of Hope

Words that weep and tears that speak.
Cowley,
The Prophet

Anger

Men often make up in wrath what they want in reason.
W.R. Alger

Never a tear bedims the eye; That time and patience will not dry.

Bret Harte,
Lost Galleon

are angry.
Chinese Proverb

Hear’nn has no rage, like love to hatred turn’d, Nor Hells a fury, like a woman scorn’d.
Congreve

Beware the fury of a patient man.
Dryden

Anger is momentary madness, so control your passion or it will control you.
Horace,
Epistles

Apology

No sensible person ever made an apology.
Emerson

Apology is only egotism wrong side out.
Holmes

Don’t You Hate It When...

Lauren Clarke   Features Columnist

-the phone rings, you answer and they hang up.

-you go to the bookstore to buy some yummies and you end up paying a more exorbitant price than you would at a regular store.

-the heaters in your room aren’t calibrated correctly and you end up with either a sauna or a freezer as your room.

-you have a call of nature in the middle of the night and rush to the bathroom and, after relieving yourself, you realize that there is no more toilet paper on hand.

-you are DYING of thirst and the soda machine in your dorm is out and you end up going all over the campus to find a functioning machine WITH soda.

-there is a fire alarm at four a.m. and, after a half-hour of standing outside in freezing weather, you go back inside only to come back outside when a second fire alarm occurs.

By: CAT

"Love Lost"

I cried and cried
all day long
wishing you had never
abandoned me
without
goodbyes and kisses
or the love, the greatest love
you ever gave me
was all gone
so much sorrow and pain
was so
unforgettable
my whole heart sank so intensely
a wounded heart without
a cure to solve it
you gave me hurt
a hurt that twisted
my passion and emotion represented to love
my passions are not there
no, not anymore
because
my love is lost...

By: F.M.
Humdrum Conundrum

Todd Elliott
Features Columnist

[Disclaimer: All Ed's notes in this article are merely literary devices concocted by the author.]

Boy meets girl. Chance encounters. Premeditated moves. Ulterior motives. Slaps. Kisses. (No, not the ones Hershey makes.) Secret Admirers. Cupid flitting to and fro. Hmmm... Sounds like a raunchy novel in the making! Naah. A student's nightmare? (dream?) Close. Quite simply, it's the taboo D-word: Dating. Yep, I always get goosebumps and my brain turns into Jello whenever the dreaded D-word is mentioned, especially if it comes from a fine species we call woman.

Dating. How does it all start? It often starts innocently enough when a boy meets girl in the naive sense, in the school hallway, class, principal's office, ob/gyn outlet, YD clinics, Times Square and 42nd Street, local bar scene and Oval Office. (Now that Clinton is the President-Elect.) Usually the fateful encounter goes like this: (Boy) "Hello. (shrink tone.) My name's Nord. Uh, no, not that. (waving hands.) It's Bert. Sorry. (hanging head with hand.) My mind's gone blank. It's Alphonse, the toad-face, as my buddies call me. You?" (Girl) "Name's Buffy 'Deep Eegopus' Bimbette, as your buddies so affectionately call me. Now, flake off. (brushing finger.)" The boy would be introverted for the rest of his life, and join all of those silly self-support groups such as Nerds Anonymous. (Ed's note: They have an excellent 5,242 step plan for recovery.)

There are a variety of pick-up lines, such as "Wanna go out and check out my Ferrari Testarossa?" or "I'm an accomplished dirtbag drummer for the heavy metal band, Mama's Boys, and could we go back on-stage to do some demos?" and "I'm the man your momma warned you about. Wanna go out to a motel?" Witty rebuttals include: "Suck formaldehyde!" "I have a gun. Either leave the vicinity or your appendages will be blown away." "Sure, let's go to my home first, and try out that cul-de-sac sarcofagus." and the dreaded phrase, "I'm a psychiatrist. You are obviously demented. Let's retreat to my office, and I'll perform a psychoanalysis, and bore you to death."

This silly cat and mouse game goes on until a rare event occurs: a DATE! Both sweeves actually consent to get together, without undue influence, and both are certifiably sane! Usually the press is notified of these events. (Ed's note: Uh-oh. Set up a wedding section, will ya?) The boy would dress up in roughly five seconds, and arrive at her palace. The stern parents would scope him out, grill him on various subjects from Rocky Horror Picture Show to Nietzsche's writings, and tell him to wait for their daughter to finish dressing. The whole process seems to last an eternity, but the girl finally comes out, looking like Tinkerbell, and they both leave the clutches of overprotective parents, much to the relief of the boy.

They'll hop in his Ford Edsel jalopy and drive to the local hot spot in town, Joe's Gressy Fries and Burgers Parlor, and engage in an attempt to know each other in between helpings of french fries and greasy burgers. The whole process goes like this: (Boy) "Well, here we are!" (Girl) "Yeah. Didja hear...?" "I know. Dreadful, eh?" "Yeah. And those people..." "Uh, there's a grease stain on your blouse." "Oh. Thanks. Don't worry about..." (Boy proceeds to grab a toilette and attempts to clean stain vigorously. Girl interprets it as an advance, and slaps him.) "Sorry. I was only trying to...", "I know. You guys are all so alike!" (Muted silence for an eternity until the waiter comes with a check.) "Here, lemme foot the bill," "No, we pay dutch," "Hey, who ordered this guacamole dip?", "I didn't," "Didso!" "Didnot!" (Argument breaks out and the bill is torn into a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle.)

Of course, the intimate conversation was only a prelude to the storm, namely the Big Ballroom/Prom/Dance/Etc. This is what makes or breaks relationships. Anyway, the fine duo arrives, fresh with grease stains and guacamole dip remnants, and they go on to do the bigger: DANCING! Dance, as you know, was invented by some silly cheeseballs at Monty Python shows. The dance goes like this: The boy would flop and flail around, causing multiple bruises, and the girl would retaliate with high heels, kneecaps and fingernail scratching. (Ed's note: Incidentally, this is also where breakdancing was invented.)

Finally, the DATE ends, where both are totally exhausted and both go on back to her home to drop her off. Of course, the boy gets worked up to do the MOVE. The MOVE consists of a feeble, wet and sloppy kiss, and encompasses the entire girl's face. She gets drenched and rewards the boy with the slam of the door, breaking his nose, and making him an introvert for life, attending all of those Dater Rejects Anonymous meetings and writing inflated Personal in major newspapers. (Ed's note: Uh-oh. Scratch that wedding section and replace it with personals.) A vicious cycle, dating, and I'd advise everyone to try it. I even have the broken nose to prove the thrilling fun.

Lisa Ostwalt, FNP
Tick DisEase

A tick is a small brown bug similar to a spider. The size of a tick varies, but they are usually the size of a poppy seed or a seesame seed. Ticks live in wooded areas. They do not jump or fly onto people or animals. They wait on small plants near the ground or on trails or pathways in the woods. When a person or animal brushes against it, the tick will cling to the person or animal. Lyme disease lives in some, but not all, ticks. It is caused by a type of bacteria called a spirochete. This spirochete usually lives in the ticks that cling to deer. Other animals or people can get Lyme disease if they are bitten by an infected tick.

Lyme disease can be hard to diagnose because it has many symptoms. If you are bitten by an infected tick, you may get a blotchy red rash in a few days or a few weeks. You may also get flu-like symptoms (fever, headache, muscle aches, fatigue). Pain in the joints, especially in the knee, may also occur. If untreated, these symptoms may disappear. However, the symptoms may not disappear and could lead to arthritis, nervous system disorders or heart disorders. The symptoms of Lyme disease can vary greatly and many people may not even remember getting a tick bite. However, if Lyme disease is caught early, it can be easily treated with antibiotics.

To help prevent ticks from biting you when you are in a wooded area:

1. Tuck pant legs inside socks or boots.
2. Use insect repellent on pant, socks, and shoes, but DO NOT apply it directly on the skin.
3. Wear light colored clothing (white, yellow) so that you can see ticks more easily.
4. Check yourself and your pets often for ticks.
5. If you find a tick attached to your skin, it must be removed immediately. It is best to come to Student Health Services to have ticks removed. If you have to remove a tick yourself...

1. Use tweezers to grab the tick.
2. Grab the tick as close to the skin as possible.
3. Pull steadily and firmly.
4. Be sure the entire tick is removed.
5. Wash hands and area of bite immediately to help prevent infection.
The SandBox
Dave Evans
Features Columnist

When I was but a little tadpole, just out of preschool, I wondered one day why boys had a tinny thing here, why girls had that there, and what did they do with it? I was quickly and promptly handed a book titled, "How Was I Born?" with lots of nice drawings and pictures of the mommy egg and the daddy sperm and how the nice mommy egg and daddy sperm were going to meet and make a wonderful little brat come into the big mommy and big daddy's lives.

Today, I'm a mature adult at an university, an adult who supposed knows enough about the differences to be able to tell the story of the birds and the bees (or at best, the stork) to future generations. Yet, for a while now, I've suspected that there was a lot more to human relations than just lying in bed next to each other being the "mommy" and "daddy" (something I did with the neighbor girl at a tender age). I've always suspected there's a difference between men and women, and I've just come across a couple of examples:

"I am very fed up with the way women are being treated nowadays. They are thought of as punching bags, sex objects, and emotional garbage disposals."

That's all very good, and fine. What about another perspective?

"I'm a man, and I don't understand women. Women are prettier, but they are more trouble. Women are controversial when it comes to their personalities."

Guess which one is the male writer, and which is the female? Being a man myself, I must confess that I don't quite understand women. But then, most women in my life never expected me to. At the same time, I've had women come up to me and say they don't understand me. Well, sometimes I don't understand them myself. I'm not exactly thrilled about conversations that start, continue and end with cars. I don't understand completely this thing called machoism. What's so exciting about being able to withstand pain? Ernest Hemingway was the personification of macho but he eventually killed himself. Obviously there are some kinds of pain where being macho isn't going to do you any good, whether you're Hemingway or not. Not to mention that I try not to run around bragging about how many hiccups I've accumulated so far this year.

(try)

Then again, women aren't perfect either. I've always been irritated by the fact that most women I know must analyze each and every thing I say or do. Something I've often pondered: Why is it that, regardless of how many "sensitive" spots a woman has, one of them is always her neck? Why do so many women insist on a "sensitive, caring, understanding" man, but end up going out with self-centered little boys? Why do women insist on knowing exactly how you're feeling each and every moment? Why do men insist on not telling anyone how they feel?

Of course, some of these statements are generalizations. Some are not. There are numerous stereotypes, and there are infinite mysteries and truths. Someday I hope to marry and settle down. Most of us would like to, and do. I may never understand my wife completely, and she may not understand me. But maybe, if we communicate and share, we can try.

Let's Talk...
Dr. Alan L. Marcus
Counseling Center
Let's Get Along

The ability to get along with others is a talent that requires interpersonal skills. For some people, it is easy to get along with almost anybody. For others, it is a skill that must be learned. Regardless of which group you are in, being able to communicate effectively will help you get the responses you want. In turn, you will find yourself getting along more effectively in all types of relationships.

Communicating effectively means being able to express your feelings, present yourself well, giving and receiving feedback, saying "no" when necessary and being able to resolve problems as a group.

In order to express yourself well, you will need to think carefully about what you want to say while keeping in mind the background of the person you are talking to. Always try to be specific, presenting one idea at a time in a pleasant yet confident manner.

While expressing yourself clearly is essential for good communication, being able to listen well is equally important. This might seem obvious but many of us don't realize that we are not really listening as well as we could. When listening, we need to give our undivided attention, show that we are interested, and avoid rushing, interrupting, or finishing sentences for the person you are listening to.

Receiving and giving feedback is another essential part of communication. Most of us love receiving positive feedback. This kind is usually pretty easy to listen to. It's the "negative" feedback that usually makes us uncomfortable. When you disagree with someone, be sure that you explain why you disagree and that it is not an attack on them personally.

Conflicts are best handled when the people involved work together to resolve it. This involves addressing the problem, generating solutions, evaluating the solutions, deciding on one, and putting it into action. In the process, each person expresses himself/herself clearly, does not bring up other conflicts or previous problems and remains open to compromise.

Each one of us wants to be heard, respected, and appreciated by others. If we can follow some basic guidelines to communicating effectively, we will all get along better.

Hearing-Impaired? NOT!!

Special Feature Story
Contributed by Peter Skarp
Crystal Demmon, and Cathy Valcourt

Are you hearing-impaired? We don't think so. We feel that you are deaf. Period. And, with this term, we are including everyone - hard of hearing, moderately deaf, severely deaf, profoundly deaf, et cetera. Why do we want only the word "deaf" to describe us? Because it is a means of unifying ourselves. Instead of being separated into individual groups, we come together as one body, enabling us to grow stronger in society. And why do we oppose one of the most commonly used terms "hearing-impaired"? Let us explain.

Forages, we have been called such names as "deaf, deaf and dumb, deaf and dumb, and, yes, hearing-impaired." Now if these terms are used from one deaf person to another, they are usually not taken offensively. But coming from a hearing person, they are downright insulting! Let's think about exactly what "impaired" means.

Take, for example, according to Webster's Third New International Dictionary (1981), "impaired" means 1. To make worse; diminish in quantity, value, excellence, or strength. 2. To make bodily damage, lessen. Does this mean that people who are so-called hearing-impaired have diminished in value, essence, or strength? Calling a deaf person hearing-impaired is a way of oppressing him/her in society. Using a word that makes the deaf look feeble or less powerful destroys the social meaning of controlling us. We know that we can do anything that any hearing person can do, except hear of course. But, if we use words that sound negative or allow others to label us with words that sound negative, we are making it harder on ourselves. We don't want something labeling us that means "sick, weak, or not able to do something." Think about how much support we would have if we had demanded "Hearing-impaired President Now!!" Sounds silly, doesn't it?

Deafness has often been described as a handicap but it is not. It is a culture. It is what makes us unique from those around us. We have to do things a little bit different from the rest. We did enjoy it that way. We see things that others don't. We are extremely visual. We listen with our eyes. We notice other things happening around us because we have to look harder than others impaired. We ARE NOT!

And so, if anyone as you, "Are you hearing impaired?", you can reply, "No, I am Deaf". And be proud of it!
SBG Hypocritical?

Neil McDevitt
News Editor

Well, Bi-Bi week has passed, and I am sorely disappointed in what I see.

Almost everyday, I received E-mails from SBG touting its new Bi-Bi week; and almost all of them said the exact same thing besides the schedule:

"No Voice Interpreters will be provided. If you bring your own, we will ask that person to leave."

Is the SBG _THAT_ hypocritical?

In an age of political correctness, and heightened awareness for minorities on campus and worldwide, we focus on those who are oppressed and work with them in ways never done before. Gallaudet proclaims itself as a "totally accessible environment." I see nothing accessible about the Bi-Bi week workshops.

Oh, sure, Bi-Bi Week Chairperson Raychelle Harris said at the Student Congress meeting that some speakers refused to come if there were voice interpreters present. Hadn't President Hardy told us at his election campaign that he would be very, very assertive and would accommodate the various cultures on campus? I count that as one broken promise.

Gee, now the spin doctors are really jumping now, aren't they? I suppose they'll say that this is a University for the Deaf and so on and so forth, that I'll probably get more hate mail from people than David Duke does in a day; but where do we draw the line?

If equality means excluding others from our campus activities, then are we not any worse than our hearing oppressors? Perhaps we should just kick out every hearing person on campus and just go on, in our "Deaf" World.

C'mon, get some sense, SBG! Let EVERYONE, I mean, blind, hearing, black, hispanic, white, green, etc. participate!

Letter To The Editor

In last week's Letters to the Editor, about the confusion between the MSA and the MCD, I mentioned that there was a Minority Student Affairs Department. I got a letter from Dr. Busby last week saying that I erred in saying that there was a department, but however there was a Minority Student Affairs Specialist named Leah Cox with several of her Student Assistants.

I apologize for any further confusion.

Thanks,

Robert Koch
Special Assistant to the President

A Concerned Note...

Dear Editor:

I need your help, and maybe putting this letter in your newspaper will do the trick.

This concerns the dozen or so people from Gallaudet who ride the 4:25 p.m. MARC Brunswick train and how they seem to be running over the rights of others. The group ranges in age from early 20's to 60's so I cannot say if they are students, staff, or employees.

Each night is the same. For some reason they believe it is a party and they are entitled to stand in the aisles, stand in their seats, lean over the backs of seats so that anyone behind them is sprayed with spittle as they mouth words to friends in the back, wave their hand in peoples' faces while attempting to catch the attention of their friends, sit on the arm rests so their feet and arms are in other riders' space, throw magazines and various pieces of paper around and generally behave like poorly behaved children.

The conductors ignore it and as I was told because they "are handicapped and I cannot talk to them."

The other evening I observed someone draped over the back of the seat reading a newspaper which was about two inches from the face of the passenger behind. Despite the obvious displeasure of the person who was being intruded upon, the individual kept turning pages and mouthing sounds, very loudly, to someone two rows down.

How about they simply sit down like the rest of us. I am not able to imagine the unpleasantness of the handicap, but give us a break!! Confine your festivities to the front rows - quietly, or just shut up and read a book.

I am not signing this - no pun intended - because it could cause me more grief and it makes no difference. I hope you understand. Don't think I am alone, because I have heard many people complain to each other. It is even difficult to discipline children passengers without excusing the behavior on the basis of handicap and I don't think you want to be thought of that way.

Sincerely,
Anonymous (I bought a ticket too)
IM Soccer and Volleyball Updates

Billy Koch
Sports Editor

The Mean Jackals and N.U.T.S. continued to dominate the men's indoor soccer program, both leading the way with 4-1 records, while the women's A.D.I.D.A.S. lead over the Hooters, with a 2-0 record. As for volleyball, in the women's Western Division, the Rookies are dominating the nine team division with a 5-0 record, and in the Eastern Division, Lil' Girls leads undefeated with a 5-0 record. For the men's division, The Balanced Men are standing strong with a 5-1 record. The play-offs for men's indoor soccer will be held on December 13th all day long, with the championship on December 16th. More info will be posted at a later date.

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IM Women's Soccer in Action

Bison Athletes Honored

Press Release
Karen Gilbert and Brandy Otto were both selected to the All-South Region women's volleyball team. The dynamic duo, two of only 13 honorees, led the Bison to a number-three ranking in the final AVCA South Region poll, one place shy of qualifying for the 1992 NCAA-III National.

Head volleyball coach Peg Worthington is the cover coach for the AVCA's December technical journal, Coaching Volleyball. The 21-year Gallaudet University mentor guided the 1992 Bison to a 33-13 record, a 20-match turnaround from the previous season. Gallaudet amassed five grudge match victories and a win over NCAA-III National qualifier Upsala.

Tom Wells was honored as the 1992 Bison soccer squad's Most Valuable Player at his team's postseason banquet. Wells paced the 4-15-1 Bison in goals (seven), assists (three), and points (17).

John Klaver received the Most Improved Player award. For 1992, Klaver started 17 of 18 games as goalie, tallying 135 saves and both Bison shutouts!

Bison Lose Second Game

Jason Welland
Sports Reporter

Despite a superbly played sixteen minutes of the first half, the Gallaudet Bison men's basketball team showed that they still have a way to go after dropping a contest to Wesley College, 78-59, on Monday night. The Bison faced a difficult match against the Wolverines 6'9" swingman and his backup, who stood 6'8". The Bison now stand at 0-2 while Wesley improves to 2-1.

In the opening half, the Wolverines jumped to a quick 8-2 lead. Turnovers allowed the Wolves to control the game in the early going. However, the Bison came back on a trey from point guard Stefan Bergan and a pair of field goals from Americo Pedersen. With 9:33 left in the half, the score was just 16-10. Wesley, however, refused to open the door as they went on a 23-7 run in the last four minutes before halftime to take a 39-17 lead. Height was a major factor, as the Wolverines controlled the boards in their late run. The Bison had just 11 rebounds compared to 19 for Wesley.

The second half opened with a quick attack by the Blue and Gold. Wesley, however, was well prepared and pushed their lead to 25 with just 11:56 remaining in the game. Bison coach Jimmy DeStefano then put the substitutes in the game to give them valuable playing time. Rick Kaufman was impressive in matching up against Wesley's big man. Freshman starter Jeff Ploerdel led all scorers in the second half with 14 points, including four treys. Another freshman, Joseph Kutela, hit good on two shots from the three-point land. Despite the effort, the Bison were unable to overcome the deficit as the Wolverines eventually won by the final score of 78-59.

Jeff Ploerdel led the Bison attack with 20 points (4-6 from the three-pt. land), while fellow freshman Pedersen scored 10, including 4 of 6 from the charity line. Kutela and Junior Troy

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Sports Forum

Billy Koch
Sports Editor

Abhhhhhh!!! I miss the smell and the taste of a cooking turkey. With winter being right around the corner, I am now back at good ole Gally, just like the rest.

With two weeks left to go, Gallaudet sports have been fairly quiet, with men's and women's basketball just starting their seasons, along with wrestling and swimming. But the question remains for the winter sports, "Will Gallaudet dominate the winter sports OR NOT?" The biggest worry is that the winter sports will follow with the same record as Gallaudet football. Or can they follow along with the winning tradition of the women's volleyball team?

Winning and losing can be very influential, and a team can be either motivated or feel uncompetitive. Most of all, what can motivate a team is the fan support. No fan support means no MOTIVATION. The reason for this is that they will feel that they are playing for no one and feel that no one supports them. Remember, Gallaudet sports need your support regardless of whether they are winning or losing. So be there for them!!

The competition in the intramural programs continues to build up around the volleyball and soccer programs. The championship match for men's and women's volleyball and soccer will be held on December 16th. Show some support for the intramural sports! The intramural department works its buns off for you students, for your own pleasure. So why don't you show some support and give them a hand?

I can see that this year's intramural program is more successful than last year, but the support rating has seemed to decline. Yance, a wonderful person if you get to know him, along with his staff, dedicate long, hard hours for the students at Gallaudet. They sacrifice their time for the students and they can always use a hand or an idea. I wish to see the intramural program's success increase. I believe it is very important to Gallaudet that we have a successful program. So be thankful for what the intramural program has to offer you and take advantage of it. It takes so little of your time to help out.

Let's keep showing support for GALLAULT SPORTS, whether it is intramural or varsity sports. So 'til then, have a great week!

Women Bison Split at Randolph-Macon Towrney

Byron Wilson
Sports Reporter

The Gallaudet women's basketball team started their 1992-1993 season playing in the Randolph-Macon Tip-Off Doubleheader in Ashland, Virginia. The doubleheader included Randolph-Macon College, Meredith College and Shenandoah University, along with Gallaudet University.

Gallaudet played the host team, Randolph-Macon. The Bison raced to a 47-30 lead at halftime. Senior Corina Gutierrez scored 12 points in the 1st half. Gallaudet was in control of the game until Randolph-Macon started a late rally. Gallaudet's biggest lead was at 69-44 with 8:48 to play. Then, when it was 72-62 with 6:50 left, Randolph-Macon started a 25-12 run. The Yellow Jackets narrowed the lead to 79-71 with 2:56 to go, but sophomore Sherry Bradley killed their hopes by nailing a three-pointer, building a 82-71 lead at 2:30.

Thereafter, Gallaudet won its opening game of the season, 84-77. Corina Gutierrez led the way with 18 points and Linda Hartzog followed with 14 points. One negative point of the game, though, was that Gallaudet committed 33 turnovers to the opposition's 16.

After winning their first game of the season, the Bison faced Shenandoah in an afternoon game on Saturday, November 21. The starting five were Linda Hartzog, Sherry Bradley, Corina Gutierrez, Dawn Talmage, and Nona Southard.

The game started off well for Gallaudet, as Delinda Brite scored 8 points in a 9-4 run to help the Bisons take a 20-13 lead with 11 minutes to go in the 1st half. Then Shenandoah came back to trail 25-24 with 6:24 left in the first half. Gallaudet's Brite scored to make it 27-24, but a Shenandoah player answered with a 3-pointer to even the game at 27 with 5:15 left in the 1st half. Then Letty Perez was fouled and made both free throws to give Gallaudet a lead of 29-27 with 2:57 to play. It was Gallaudet's last lead through-out the entire game.

Thereafter, Shenandoah went on a 11-6 run to take a 38-34 lead into the locker room at halftime. The Bison shot 31.4% and made only 10 out of 20 free throws in the 1st half. Sherry Bradley had 10 points in the 1st half for Gallaudet.

The 2nd half was horrific for the Gallaudet players because they were not mentally or physically ready to play. The lead ballooned to 21 points, 69-48, for Shenandoah as the Bison was unable to find the basket with 4:31 to play. Then Gallaudet went on a 19-2 tear which was spurted by Letty Perez. Gallaudet had not scored for 7 minutes until Letty Perez scored on a 10 foot jumper with 4:20 left to make the score 66-56. Delinda Brite scored 4 consecutive points and Dawn Talmage made a layup to make it 69-66, then Corina Gutierrez fouled out with 2:09 to play. But the Bison didn't give up. Linda Hartzog scored after an offensive rebound and Perez made a steal and passed the ball to Dawn who made an easy layup to make it 69-68 with 1:34 left. Gallaudet started on their pressure defense around that time, which was a factor in Gallaudet's late rally.

Shenandoah finally scored after more than 3 minutes with a free throw for a 70-68 lead with 1:07 to play.

Bradley made a 3-point shot with just under a minute left to make it a 70-73 game, then Shenandoah turned the ball over.

Brito scored on a turn-around jumper with 36 seconds left to make it 70-76. Shenandoah made one out of two free throws to make it 71-76 with 20 seconds to go. Then Hartzog missed a 3-point attempt, but Perez rebounded it and scored to pull the Bison within 4 points with 9 seconds left.

The time finally ran out, and therefore the rally was executed too late. The final score was 71-67. Senior Corina Gutierrez was named to the All-Tournament Team in the Randolph-Macon Tip-Off Doubleheader.

Bison Lose Again

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Verner each scored 9 apiece and sophomore Bergen hit one try. Kaufman and Rick Macomber had 2 points each as well.

Ploedler also led in boards with six while Chris Hamilton, Pedersen, Randall Bosian, Curtis Coggins, and Kuska all had three rebounds apiece.

The squad as a whole hit 22 of 54 shots for 42%. From the three-point land, they hit 7 of 14 while also making 8-13 from the free throw stripe.

"Coach DeStefano stated, "We played better than the first game. We played a great first sixteen minutes, but fell apart the last four."

Next up for the Bison is Haverford on Wednesday. The Blue and Gold host the Gallaudet Holiday Tournament on Friday, Dec. 4th and Saturday, Dec. 5th.

IM Basketball Update

Billy Koch
Sports Editor

The intramural program will start handing out papers for IM Basketball on January 24th. The deadline for the teams is on January 31st at 6:00 p.m. The first coaches' meeting will be on February 1st. For more information, please contact Mike Yance or David Olson at the intramural office in Hughes Gym.

1992-93 Gallaudet Cheerleading Squad
Sister Meena Mann,

Congratulations and Good Luck
For Being a Snowball Princess.

With lots of love,

Delta Epsilon

The Brothers of the Mu-Iota Chapter of Kappa Sigma
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