Communication Day: Signs of Change

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NEWS REPORTER

Last Tuesday, April 17, the President’s office hosted Communications Day, “Signs of Change”. All the departments on campus, as well as MSSD, and NWC participated. Communications Day opened with a breakfast of donuts, milk, and orange juice provided by the Student Body Government.

Throughout the day, there were three different panels. One of these panels was “Interpreting: Issues and Concerns”. Since Gallaudet requires the use of interpreters so much, “there are difficult situations and decisions that need to be made related to interpreting on campus.” This panel was an “opportunity to learn about the world of freelance interpreters at Gallaudet and the types of situations and ethical dilemmas with which they deal.” The second panel was “Microcosm: Bilingual/Multicultural Awareness”. The “Microcosm” was made up of 24 MSSD faculty and staff members, and was composed of men and women who represent the population of MSSD. There were deaf, hearing, black, white, and Hispanic members in this group. “This group has been working together for more than one year on racial and cultural issues which are of concern to all at MSSD and Gallaudet.”

One of several “Communication Day” workshops being presented in MSSD Auditorium.

... staff members on campus. This panel brought up the issue of whether or not the signing skills and evaluation process of faculty, staff, and students is acceptable. They presented factual information, and answered questions related to the competency and evaluations on campus.

All these panels had discussion group afterwards. The Overview panel discussions
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“I Learned How to Party in SBG”

Jerry Kapsner
NEWS REPORTER

The above headline is quoted from a disgruntled SBG worker who expressed his feelings about the way the SBG has been operated this past year. This worker cited things like lack of motivation among the workers, missing communication, and the excess of vacant positions in the SBG, among other complaints.

This person and Lisa Gonzales, ex-Director of Development, related that when they started out at the beginning of last fall, they were very enthusiastic and full of ideas on how to run the SBG. Gonzales was quoted as saying that she “had a lot of ideas that I thought would generate a lot of money.”

“Throughout the year,” she continued, “[I] talked with Jeff [Bravin] and Terry [Widling] about ideas [on] how to spend money” by donations to the Homecoming event and installments on new wheelchair lifts in the HMB, but when the SBG budget problems arose, the money that she raised, which was intended to go to outside projects such as the ones mentioned before, instead went to SBG funds to take care of SBG inside expenses such as the Rock Festival and salaries.

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Provost Candidates Narrowed Down to Two

John Paul Phillips
NEWS REPORTER

It was announced on April 12th that the Provost Search Committee had reduced the number of finalists from five to two, both deaf leaders: Dr. Harvey J. Corson, Superintendent of Louisiana School for the Deaf in Baton Rouge, and Dr. T. Alan Pearsall, Associate Dean of NTID and Division Director of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York. President I. King Jordan will make the final decision between these two finalists, perhaps by next week.

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were split up to cover University faculty, pre-college faculty, staff, graduate students, undergraduate students, and MSSD students. The other two panel groups were also separated, but only by different rooms. The discussion groups were opened up and aired their opinions. At some points, the discussions became heated, while the emotions rose, but this was an opportunity to bring issues out into the open. Many new controversial ideas were presented, like Bernard Bragg’s suggestion to put all sign languages used in America under American Sign Language, regardless of what the sign language has been named.

The entertaining part of the day was the Learning Fair. Participants got a chance to experience Visual/Gestural Communication (VGC), Basics of ASL (ASLA), A Basic Sign Language class (BSC), Comparative Sign Language (CSL), and Work with Interpreters (TERPS). Each of these small classes covered the basics of each field. Among many of these classes the audience was asked to participate. In the VGC class, Pat Richay introduced the class in visual gestures. She did not use any sign language throughout the class. Richay asked the audience to participate and use only gestures also. J. King Jordan was found in the ASL class with a companion, apparently enjoying himself at one time during the day. He exclaimed, “The way went better than I expected.” When asked why the President’s office decided to host Communication Day, he answered, “Communication Day was set up to have people to begin to ask questions about what we can do as a community.”

During the ASL presentation Will Madson gave the basics of ASL. He explained different ASL sentences in his first presentation, and for his second, he gave a mini-course in grammatical principles. He feels that there is still some confusion about ASL, and he is not sure if people really understand what we want from ASL, and that we should make it clear what we want to change. He said that it is important that we still talk about ASL, because one day cannot bring all the results we want.

At the CSL presentation, the only one during the day, there were five panelists, each from different countries. They showed the diversity in sign language, by signing in their own language a phrase, or object that the audience asked them to sign. This presentation incited a lot of audience participation. Members of this panel were Stefan Goldschmidt from Germany, Pemilde Glad from Denmark, Cheryl Lundquist who is fluent in Swedish Sign Language and lived in Sweden for several years, Keiko Tanuma from Japan, and Moira Peters from Australia. The host for this presentation was Brenda Mitchiner, a faculty member.

At the center of the campus, the Hughes Gym, were several TV’s with videos of different modes of communication. There were examples of conceptually correct, and incorrect signing, ASL compared to SimCom, and different types of ASL.

Yerker Anderson, a sociology professor, commented, “This is all a good forum for discussion. It is important that the students, faculty and staff get together. This has never happened before and it’s important that everyone had a chance to give a different perspective.” Student Norma Bowers said, “I learned something. I never really understood the difference between SimCom and ASL until I saw it on video at the Conceptuality Demonstration. Communication Day was good, but what do they want us to improve? Teach us, yes, but what do they want us to do now?” An unidentified faculty member remarked, “This whole day is bullshit. They are not getting anything done.” Another student looked around and said, “Where are the other students?” Dale Ford, a guidance counselor at MSSD mentioned, “Many people felt that on Communication Day the deaf people would take over and express their thoughts so strongly that the hearing people would end up feeling inferior. It was not that way, the atmosphere was very relaxing, and the purpose was not to oppress anyone, but to help. There was no pressure or threats.”

Ellie Korres of the Technical Assessment Program at the Gallaudet Research Institute feels that she started the day not knowing what to expect, and that there were no specifics. She really enjoyed the morning discussion that all the departments were required to have, but felt that there were too many distractions, and too many people in one place at a time that not enough was accomplished, however, the discussion groups after the panels had fewer people. It was easier to concentrate and learn. Jon Kovacs, the incoming Vice President of the Student Body Government said, “Today was good, but many people still do not understand what ASL really means. There’s not much awareness of ASL, and SimCom, etc. I hope today will be effective and improve the faculty evaluations, I hope a solution will be found.” Deborah Sonnensahl, an art history professor.

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Harvey Corson and T. Alan Hurwitz Selected as Candidates for the Provost

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The search started last summer on July 21th when President Jordan announced the selections for the Provost Search Committee with Dr. Jack R. Gannon as the Chair. The committee consisted of ten members: Dr. Gannon, Ms. Nancy Bloch, Mr. Hans Baumber, Dr. Barbara Bodner-Johnson, Ms. Susan Murray, Dr. Njeri Nuru, Ms. Sarah Raymond, Dr. Bruce White, and Mr. Terrence Wilding. Dr. Howard Busby was named to the committee, but resigned in order to become a candidate for the vacant position. The first step of the committee was to retain a consulting firm, Educational Management Network, and set up a step-by-step process starting with an assessment of the position’s requirements and needs related to the University by interviewing representatives from a cross-section of the campus. A list of criteria was designed in November by the firm to send out in the announcement of the vacant position and the search.

The search started and the list of candidates grew up to over 100 applicants, and after narrowing the number down a bit, the committee conducted off-campus interviews in order to preserve the confidentiality of the applicants. Those interviews took place in January, and the committee then announced in March that five finalists, all deaf, had been chosen for final interviews. Those five finalists, other than Dr. Corson and Dr. Hurwitz, included Dr. Busby, Dr. Roslyn Rosen, and Dr. Larry G. Stewart and were interviewed by representatives from seven groups on campus: Academic Affairs Management Team, Pre-College Faculty/Staff, President’s Counsel, President’s Council on

SBG workers as “rubber stamp” administrators, approving requests for money without really considering where the money was to be found, such as $30,000 for the renovation of the SBG office that was overturned by the Student Congress just before Christmas. $25,000 for the Rock Festival bands and increases in salaries for Tower Clock, the Buff and Blue, and the SBG itself, which amounted to $100,000 for one year.

Concerning the renovation fund, Gonzales revealed that the day after the bill on this fund had been turned down by the Student Congress, she approached Bravin as

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When asked about the cause of the SBG budget problems, Gonzales said the money “was flowing like water”, there was no “dam attempt to budget it. At the beginning of last semester, according to her, a cashflow and limit on each department budget was set up, but by Christmas, all of the departments were over budget and no one took care of it, “not even the Business Manager.”

There are apparently no checks and balances concerning the management of the money. Only the Business Manager has the real authority to write a check for any reason.

It was found that the SBG President and Vice-President had a reputation among the
VAX Moderators Overstepping?

Kubby Rashid
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Your note has been deleted....

This has never seemed to bother anyone before, but lately, student complaints about moderator high-handedness have been increasing. Moderators are the students who regulate the public discussion conferences on the VAX/VMS computer system, of which Whatsup2 is the most famous. Whatsup2 was established to encourage the discussion of ideas, opinions and information among Gallaudet University students. Most students using the Whatsup2 Conference live in fear of one day getting the message from above from a moderator. Moderators have a sort of mystique — they can delete any note they want, seemingly at will, and get away with it.

The first person interviewed was Rob Voreck, a moderator for Whatsup2. Voreck defines a moderator as someone who makes sure notes entered in Whatsup2 or any other public conference do not cross the line of decency. When asked what his definition of decency was, he said it was pretty broad. For instance, swear words such as "hell" and "dammit" are acceptable, while words that are meant to insult others are not. He leaves it up to the individual VAXers to decide if what they are saying will insult another person or not. If he finds it insulting, then he will delete it, even though he has a hard time creating what a swear word is.

Voreck feels that if not for the moderators, a lot of physical fights would have broken out on Gallaudet by now, as tempers tend to get heated quickly on the public conferences. He cited examples of people inviting him to their campus because he had deleted their notes.

A lot of students contend that moderators are hypochrional because they were some of the most vocal and dastardly vaxers during the infamous Whatsup99 of last fall. Voreck agrees with this. He said he sometimes feels the urge to swear, but being a moderator helps him control himself and others. He concluded by hoping that VAXers would show more maturity in their choice of words, so that they would get less notes deleted.

Dan Swartz, the moderator whom most students feel was responsible for making " moderator" a synonym of "deleter", agrees with this. He feels that many students using the public notes conference are not mature enough and constantly feel the urge to test the limits to see how far they can go. For instance, students are constantly using words like "shit", "F###", etc just to see how much they can say before being deleted. His own policy is, if you can immediately see what the word means and it is obviously a swear word, then it is deleted, period.

Election Week Taskforce Comes Up With Solutions

Todd Ells act
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Election Week Taskforce has convened and came up with a list of 14 recommendations. Chairperson Joel Mankowski said that the recommendations will be put up for inclusion in the bylaws in the next Student Congress meeting and if approved, will be put in effect for next year's Election Week and thereafter. They are:

1. Added consequences to the bylaws, when pertaining to actions.
2. A 100 feet radius surrounding the polling place where there will be no campaigning permitted.
3. A fining system based on the percentage of money allocated to each candidate by the SBG.
4. No posters or advertising media allowed in the 24 hours before the undergraduate election day.
5. Fines must be paid 24 hours before the undergraduate election day.
6. A day where the Election Week chairperson formally introduces candidates and signs agreements in the presence of the attending student body.
7. The University Center will maintain responsibility of stamping permission on advertising media, freeing the Election Week chairperson from the responsibility.
8. Petitions for candidacy must be signed with the student body's full names.
9. Approve the format (Monday - Debate Night, Tuesday - Bull Session, etc.) as a permanent format for the subsequent Election Weeks.
10. Announce the voting/balloting 48 hours before election day.
11. Candidates are required to remove their advertising after Election Week is over.
12. Four representatives from the Student Congress, four from the students at large, the chairperson, the assistant chairperson, the business manager, and a secretary will compose an Election Week committee of 12 people.
13. The Student Congress Speaker and Vice-Speaker will interview, along with the Screening Committee, prospective candidates for the position of Election Week chairperson.
14. Fundraising by each candidate is allowed to the extent permitted by the University Center and Inter-Organizational Council.

Plan to attend the Gallaudet University Awards Day ceremony, "Recognizing the Community of Excellence." This presentation of awards to worthy students will be held on April 26 at 4:00 p.m. in Chapel Hall. Over 100 outstanding members of the Gallaudet University community will receive awards. President I. King Jordan will open the ceremony with introductory remarks. Don't miss it! A reception will follow the awards.

Security Awareness

- Familiarize yourself with your dormitory setting and your surroundings. If your suspicions are aroused by any stranger(s) hanging around, note his/her description and call your campus police- 6444 or 5444 TDD/5555 voice.
- If you catch an intruder trying to break in, do not challenge him or block his escape route. Make as much noise as possible. IF it is at night, turn on all available lights.
- If a stranger comes or knocks on your door, do not open the door and don't let him/her in your room. Do not allow anyone who is not known or expected to enter your dormitory room no matter how official their credentials or uniforms may appear. Make sure that their business is legitimate.
Fight for Closed-Captioning Continues

Dave Evans
News Reporter

May 1989 was a momentous month in Andrea Shettle's life. For it was at that time that she read an article in The Endeavor about a man named Stuart Gopen. Gopen was being courted by video producers, who were trying to urge him to close-caption their videos. The article inspired Ms. Shettle to write to Gopen, whom she had met and become close friends with when he was a student at American University. She wrote to him in the fall of 1989, and he immediately circulated a petition among the students and encouraged a letter-writing campaign.

In addition to Gopen and Shettle, Galaudet graduate Jamie Lowy, now a graduate student at American University, is also involved in the struggle. The three have been actively involved in contacting various companies and organizations. Among the groups they have petitioned and approached are the Mass Communication for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, the NAD, the Broadcasters' Association, and many more groups as well. Their progress has been well established, and continued onwards. By August 30, 1989, they had collected 1,742 signatures. Only two months later, this figure jumped to 5,334 signatures, and by the beginning of December, the numbers had climbed to 7,446. The response was heartening.

As more and more people became aware of the trio's efforts, they were encouraged to broaden their support. They contacted NCI, NAD, The Silent News, President and Mrs. Bush (her efforts against illiteracy tie in with studies suggesting that captions teach foreigners, children and illiterates to read and recognize English), and Marlene Martin, among others. Their work began to pay off. By March 1, 1990, 15,685 signatures had been affixed to the petition.

At the present, 18,490 signatures have been collected from people all over the nation, and the numbers continue to swell daily. Yet more support is encouraged, and Shettle encourages people in Canada to sign the petition and write letters. In addition, hearing friends, family and neighbors are also welcomed to sign petitions, write letters, and assist in gaining captioned videos.

The group hopes that with publicity in Variety and other movie magazines, support will be generated within the film community.

As of the moment, however, Gopen, Lowy, and Shettle have targeted Senate Bill 74 for the major focus for now. SB74 is, if passed, states that as of October 1, 1992, all television sets 13" and wider are required to have a caption microchip inside the set, enabling captions to appear. This advance will boost the captioning of many more shows and films, and will not require such accessories as a decoder, and will not increase the cost of a set. In addition, it will increase business in many places, and will make businesses more accessible for deaf people. Hotels, bars, etc. will be able to have televisions with the caption chip inside. However, there is a need for students and alumni everywhere to support this bill, to make your voice heard. More support is needed for the bill. By writing now, you may very well be able to sway opinion in Congress and elsewhere as to the importance of this bill.

The bill, introduced by Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa and co-sponsored by Senators Simon (D-HI) and Inouye (D-Hawaii), still needs supporters who can voice their desire for decoder chips. The address for Senator Harkin is:

RCA/Columbia: Used to caption almost everything, now they caption roughly 50% of their titles, and have not captioned any of their "classics".

Republic Pictures: They caption NOTHING. They have not responded to the letters and petitions.

MGM/UA: Rarely caption films, especially not the older ones.

International Video Entertainment: They caption almost nothing. They also control F.H.E., which does no captioning (this is the company that turns out "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles").

New World: Does some captioning, but not much.

Vestron: Few videos are captioned.

Congress Video: NOTHING captioned.

There are many other companies, 51 in all, that Shettle, Lowy, and Gopen have information and addresses for. Start today and get involved!

To remind you, here is Senator Harkin's address again:
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Communication Day: Signs of Change or Another McDonald's Lunch?

Guest Editorial by Rachele Whiteley

April 17th was no ordinary school day. There was no school to begin with. Academic Advising was closed. Teachers could not be reached in their offices. Those working at the Office of Records Management were not able to serve students. HMB was practically bare. You get the picture.

Registration began on Monday and will continue until next week. One whole day was lost in this registering process. One single day created problems; teachers having to reschedule their syllabus, students having to reschedule their appointments or studying extra before and after Tuesday to make up for the loss of one productive school day.

April 17th was Communication Day or “Signs of Change.” It was a day to address issues related to communication. Sure, we all were notified one month ahead of time, but “Signs of Change” suffered from inadequate publicity. There were announcements on the VAX, a few flyers, and a few buttons publicizing this day. Not everyone uses the VAX and not everyone cares to scrutinize every button they see on campus. The flyers distributed were done very late Monday night under each dormitory door when most of the campus was sleeping. Students got up and saw these flyers and decided to miss out on the day and catch up on homework, projects, tests, and reading. Such work may have been intensified because one day of classes was cancelled. Students may have decided to attend the day only to find out it was like a “circuit.” It was not serious enough and it most certainly did not answer any questions. Rather, it may have identified issues and developed ways of solving them. It is likely that issues were identified, but were ways of solving them brought up? If so, were they constructive?

The flyers that were distributed late that Monday night contained a schedule of events and described each activity. Those flyers were somewhat unclear at first. One had to reread over and over.

Interest certainly wanes right there. One line in the flyer said, “These are all self-paced exhibits so come and grab some fresh popcorn and learn as you go!” Nice, but communication on the Gallaudet campus is not to be taken lightly.

It appears that this day may have been created to identify issues and see what others think, but it was done in too short a time. It was done at a time of approaching final exams, final projects, tests, and the like. It was as if the day was created to temporarily cool down those people who are forever raging over the communication issue. “Let’s make some kind of ‘Communication Day’, cancel classes and get everyone involved, feed them and entertain them; anything to cool them down for now!” That is the kind of impression many people got.

It is like when one is hungry and sees a McDonald’s and a Sizzler Steak House right by it. If that person just wants a fast bite to get immediate satisfaction, that person goes to McDonald’s, but eventually always wishes he/she had eaten prime rib, salad, and a baked potato. Such food gives lasting satisfaction. We all went to McDonald’s on Communication Day. We are going to start getting hungry sooner than if we had gone to Sizzler! Our questions have not been answered or solved!

Letters to The Editor

Greek Council Is Working on its own Hazing Policy

To whom it may concern:

I would like to let you, the community, know that the Greek Council has formed a Task Force team to work on a hazing policy. As stated in Mr. Marvin Miller’s article last week, we feel we should come up with something like a definition. The Task Force has been working on hazing policy for about one month. We have also heard opinions from Athletic Director Ron Stern and Committee C Chairman Dr. Edward Wilk.

The Greek Council hopes that we will come up with something very soon so everyone on the Gallaudet campus will feel safer.

Many thanks for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Joey Baer, Task Force Moderator

Lack of Pay Phone TDDs Is Being Rectified ...

April 10, 1990

Mr. David Tossman
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Dear Mr. Tossman:

I read your recent column about the pay telephones on campus, “Toasted Salad”, in the March 30th issue of the Buff & Blue with interest. As the Coordinator of Telecommunications Services at the University I must state I concur completely with your assessment of the public telephones here on campus; they are not accessible to a large portion of this community. Please allow me to explain to you why we are moving forward to rectify the situation.

I recently completed a report on Public Telephone/TDD Accessibility for the Kendall Green campus in order to obtain the necessary funding for the project. Funding was approved and we intend to fit each and every public telephone on this campus with a TDD at the earliest possible time. Briefly, the report addresses information that I had compiled regarding the feasibility of using the two different types of available TDD instruments- portable TDD units and the Pay Phone TDD by Utracite. As you know, both of these units are currently being used side by side in the main lobby of the Ely Center. It has been determined that portable TDD units are not durable enough to stand up to the traffic in areas that have high usage and in areas that are open 24 hours a day. Based on this information, and the successful operation of the Pay Phone TDD by Utracite, approximately 35 Pay Phone TDD units will be placed throughout the campus. The balance of the public telephones, approximately 25, will be equipped with a portable TDD.

We will begin a “phased” installation at the earliest possible time. By “phased” I mean we will install the units as they are shipped to us. The manufacturer of the Pay Phone TDD will not be able to complete our order at one time. They will be able to ship us some quantity of product periodically based on production schedules. Installation will be to the most heavily used public telephones first. Students will find a number of TDD units installed and working in dormitories upon their return this coming fall.

The sentiments you put forth are shared by this administration and public telephones on this campus shall be made usable by the entire community. Please contact me at 651-5777 if you have any questions regarding how we intend to move forward on this project.

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Jorgensen (signed)
Coordinator, Telecommunications Services
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Any questions? See page 15 for details.

A Few Conjugations

By Christopher Shea, Writing Contributor

I am resolute.
You are stubborn.
He is a pig-headed fool.

I am thrifty.
You are cheap.
He is a regular Scrooge.

I am cautious.
You are cowardly.
He is a gutless wonder.

I use ASL.
You use PSE.
He can’t sign to save his life.
 Aren't You Glad Zinner is Over There and Not Here? 

Rob Voreck  
Features Columnist 

(Note: The following are quotes from readers of an unidentified newspaper in Idaho, where Dr. Zinner is currently president of the University of Idaho.) 

Queen Liz: 
Queen Zinner asked for and received the highest wages and benefits of any and all presidents of the University of Idaho, and she has just received another $51,000 for her personal staff. But she still wants another $30,000 for a house manager. 

I'm sure she knew what was involved when she took the job. If she can't handle it, then replace her. 

The Boise School District is building two new grade schools that will be overcrowded the day they open. If we were a parent, and had children in either of these two schools, I would be damn mad to think my children could still be bused out of my attendance area. 

Queen Zinner's $81,000 would put enough classrooms in these schools so my children could have the best education they can get. The parents should take lessons from Queen Zinner on how to screw the Idaho Board of Education. Then they wouldn't have to pass the bond issue. 

-Mary Kate Rice, Garden City 

Main Floor, Please 

Glenn Devlin  
Features Columnist 

They say what goes up must come down. Old timers seem to forget about all that in today's time of technology and other stuff. Yet has anyone ever thought about what goes down—ever comes back? Such was the case in the history of Hardy Timmins, a student who lived in the oldest dorm on the campus. 

The oldest dorm, Bradywine Hall, was built in 1907. An elevator was installed during the last 20's to make it more accessible to the upper floors. Sometime during the 70's the administration moved to have the building torn down, but the alumnae caused a ruckus and the matter was dropped. 

"That building is the history of the United States," they declared. "Tear it down, and you will tear down the future generations." 

In 1962, Hardy Timmins went down the elevator shaft during the dead of night. An adventurous boy looking for a ticket to be missed, but he paid dearly. He was found dead at the bottom of the shaft, crushed to death when the elevator started its downward trip. Students shuddered whenever they heard about Hardy Timmins. They told stories thus twisting around the original on how exactly he died. Some students swore that they could hear Hardy Timmins screaming in agony. 

Some said that Hardy would come back one day. Other just scoffed at the idea. But the stories piled higher and higher. They got more intense until the legend entered the fabric insanity of a person's mind. 

Jerry Watson met Hardy in the elevator shaft on October 12, 1990. A student of engineering with only one year left to go, he entered the shaft and changed the course of his own future. 

Making sure that the elevator was on the top floor, and with his peers egging him on, he pried open the doors and dropped down into the shaft. A mere 10 feet drop. A flash-light was also dropped down. 

Wet damp brick walls dripping with slime. Cables shaking here and there, rats scurrying from place to place with high pitched sounds, and Hardy sitting on a stool with a wide grin that stretched back over his partially naked skull. 

"Hello," said Hardy. 

Jerry froze. He couldn't move. Who was this screwed up tatterdemalion looking geek? A freshman down here for kicks? 

"I'm Hardy Timmins," said the smiling figure. "Are you down here like I was for fun? For fun? Ah, I was like you — peer pressure — to become one of the crowd." 

Jerry took a step back. "You're dead." His voice quavered on the edge of releasing a scream. 

"I'm dead, yes," Hardy replied matter of factly. "But now I'm free. You're the first person to ever come down here since 1962. I've been waiting along time, my friend." 

A hollow voice floated from upwards. Hardy smiled and looked up. 

"Jerry, get up here! It's coming down!" An ominous rumble began to fill the shaft. A dark shape came out of the upper darkness. Jerry screamed. 

"Stop! Just stop the thing!" 

"Amen," Jerry yelled. 

The first floor elevator banged shut and the darkness enveloped Jerry. 

"I thought you'd set me free," Hardy whimpered, "You promised." 

"Ah, my friend," replied a deeper voice, "what goes up must come down." 

The dead soul of Jerry went as the deeper voice faded down and further away.

Apathy at its Best? 

The Buff and Blue Art Graphics Department  
Graphic Designed by Marilyn Y. Miller 

Do you think the Communication Day was served an important purpose? 

Yes 49 No 14 Undecided 21 None 12 Exams? 79 3 or More 21
On the Screen

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "The Gods Must Be Crazy - II" Reviewed...

Peter Schultz

Features Columnist

I can't believe I did it! I actually went to see "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles". I went to see this movie because of recommendations from many Gallaudet students. This movie was directed by Steven Barron and stars four turtles with strange names: Raphael, Leonardo, Michaelangelo and Donatello. What kind of group could this be? An Italian Turtle Mafia! This motion picture is about a group of turtles who try to stop crime in the city. Definitely, hard-shell! The crime of concern deals with a secret club, patronized by a group of kids playing "follow the leader." Their leader: "The Foot." Foot's adolescent mob kidnaps Splinter, a giant rat who is the Master of the Turtles. The four Turtles attempt to rescue Splinter, using the help of April O' Day, a reporter (Judith Hoag), and Casey Jones, a friendly neighborhood weirdo (Elia Kootas). The final question: Will Splinter be saved, or will he & the Turtles become breakfast cereal?

This movie has plenty of cute special effects. Despite that, it still seems like a full-length commercial to boost sales in stores. The Turtles act like real bad "dudes." Their language consists of heavy vocabulary words, like "awesome," "excellent," "hey dude," etc. Typical terms from graduates of the Bill and Ted School for Speech Therapy.

This movie has more action than "Batman" and better food - pizza, dadies. However, the storyline is a little dumb. Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets, designed the Turtles for the screen and has done a super job. The most disturbing thing about this movie was the theater full of kids especially those in front of me who kept jumping up and down and screaming at the characters. May I suggest, if you can tolerate it, sitting in the front row. My rating for this "5"-average.

The second movie I reviewed on the same day was "The Gods Must Be Crazy - II", created & written & directed by Jamie Uys. This is a totally wacko movie about a man named Xixo (Ntxan), who tries to find his two sons, Erinos and Nadies. These two children were stuck in the water tank of a speeding truck, driven by two ivory seekers. Meanwhile, in the desert, a plane crashes, forcing an American lawyer (Lean Forqua) and a geologist (Hans Strydom) to find their way home. Needless to say, these two have a very bizarre trip. Why? Well, almost identically to the first movie, this pair of direction-seekers is chased by many different animals in humorous and various ways.

My guess is that you will find this second "Crazy Gods" very similar to the first one, weird but funny. Unfortunately, most of the effects in this movie seem fake. Besides the obvious unrealistic scenes, this movie is basically corny. Any number of goofy events happen in this picture. They were so stupid I laughed. So, although this movie lacks any originality, I still like it and give it a 5 1/2.

Tossed Salad

David Tossman

Features Columnist

The Department of Safety & Security here at Gallaudet University is an example of racism in the 1960's and before, where a large number of white policemen worked in mostly black neighborhoods. The Department of Safety and Security is a mostly or fully hearing staff arresting, punishing, questioning, fining and what have you over a mostly deaf campus.

The Chief of DOSS is hearing, as well as the investigators, the person who works the front desk handling traffic complaints, the guard in the gate house, and the security people who drive around giving parking tickets, speeding tickets and et cetera to mostly deaf students.

It is plain stupid that DOSS has to give tickets to visitors who park on the white-painted curbs in visitor parking when they know those people will just sign the back of the parking ticket and mail it to DOSS. DOSS is trying to take advantage of visitors, who are unaware of campus parking rules by giving them 25 dollar tickets, hoping the visitor doesn't know better than not to pay the fine.

And there is an obvious bias involved when DOSS tickets cars at the meters between Eldad Auditorium and Field House but not the black Bonneville SLE that is usually parked at the last meter without a parking permit and with an expired meter.

The signing skills of the most of the members of DOSS are inadequate and not up to the signing abilities of most Gallaudet students who use ASL, PSE, SEE, or Signed English. There should be more deaf security.

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Thomas Krohn

Features Writer

Earth Day 1990

There will be a second Earth Day event on this coming Sunday, April 22nd, all over 140 countries. There will be 40 million to 50 million participants in the USA alone. The first Earth Day event was held 20 years ago on the same date, April 22nd. It brought thousands of people into existing environmental groups where there were speeches, dancing, and music. It marked the launching of the modern environmental movement and a whole string of particular achievements - the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the defeat of seven of the "Dirty Dozen" members of Congress, and so on. Denis Hayes, founder of Earth Day, said that coming event is simply an opportunity for people throughout the world to stand together to express the depth of their concern about the issues that we face and the utter lack of leadership we've seen from elected officials and corporate policy-makers. The rationale for this second event is that the environmental movement, even after 20 years of legislative victories and substantial growth, remains too small to succeed in some of the huge battles looming ahead. Why now? Since, Hayes said, the timing is right and there are moments in history when things are possible and moments when they are not. The agenda that he hopes will flow out of the second Earth Day will put some muscle on the concept of the 90's as the "Green Decade." The major focus for this is to reach out to the communities and moving environmental thinking into schools and colleges. How can the environmentalists get churches, minority groups, or even the business community involved? Hayes means to try and contact all these groups. The idea is to pull as many

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Kendall School

Robert Johnson & Jevon Whetter

GOOD MORNING AND A BUNNY!

HALLAH WHY NOT STAY FOR ANOTHER BABY YEAR?

HEY MAD MAN, I THINK YOU HAD TO TAKE FINAL EXAM.

HEEHEEEE!

YOu CAN'T GET ME!

HERE I AM IN THE CAMBRIDGE IN A LIVE BOX!

HERE I AM IN THE CAMBRIDGE IN A LIVE BOX!

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

THEY TELL ME I'M A PROOF READER!
diverse groups as possible into local coalitions, then those local groups decide what they want to do in their communities. Hayes said that he figures that we’ve got about a decade to avoid some of the horrible and irreversible threshold phenomena that will leave the world a vastly poorer and less sustainable planet. He is right about this, we need to get pretty aggressive. Many “solutions” from past years are now causing more trouble than the problems they were aimed at. For instance, there is an effort by the nuclear industry to push nuclear power as the answer to global warming caused by oil-based energy. Mr. Hayes’ wish for this Sunday is to create a citizen’s army of informed, concerned people to be willing to take the necessary political steps, and make the necessary changes in their habits and behaviors to bring the substantial environmental improvement and a situation where people become more introspective about themselves, and think more carefully about purpose and meaning in life. For instance there is a sort of mindless rush that has become part of modern industrial civilization, an enormously acquisitive preoccupation with more and more and more. Today, Hayes often finds that “more” is a self-defeating concept and he hopes that people will begin to question the meaning of our “purpose” and come up with more satisfying answers than we’ve received thus far in this “yuppy” era.

So in conclusion, if you really love the Earth, you should take a long hard look at yourself and your habits. You’ll have to live in the future— it’s in your best interests to make it as pleasant a place as possible.

instead of getting the $5, you end up being a sucker because the bank is closed, DUMBO! You decide to go to the post office to check for your mail. Sighing... you’re depressed, you tear up junk mail, scatter them in the hallways, and zoom out of Ely Center in disgust. Time calls for a Fast Forward Meeting in Studio B, and you’re hoping things will turn out great. You walk to that door and read, “MEETING IS CANCELLED. SORRY!” AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGGGGHHHHHHHHH!!!

To hell with the whole thing, [bleep] the world, you walk in the rain in dismay to the Abbey for a chicken sandwich. You’re not surprised to hear Ralph Fernandez telling you that the Abbey’s temporarily out of chicken sandwiches.

Raving and pissed off, you dilly-dally to your dorm to get to sleep. The SRA tells you to stay out of Carlin Hall because of a fire alarm.

A few seconds later, some students who stare at you in Cleve Hall first floor lounge ponder why you are sitting on the stairs in the rain, crying.

The public at large should be concerned with someone that makes over $100,000 in taxpayer money. She should thank her lucky stars she found a State Board of Education that would agree to pay that kind of money.

Now Ms. Zinser is requesting another $30,000 for a house manager and personal secretary. All I can say is, keep it at Elizabeth. The Board of Education is more concerned with not getting hit with a discrimination suit than it is with getting the most for our money. So you will never be able to kill the goose that lays the golden egg in this state.

Steve Howard, Boise

Scraping By

It seems that Elizabeth Zinser just can’t buy her annual six-figure salary. Poor girl needs more. This is very touching and makes me appreciate even more how our governor and two other university presidents manage to scrape by on even less.

Elizabeth baby, I’d like to help. How about a one-way ticket out of the state? I’ll buy.

-Pete Call, Boise

(Note: Sure, go buy her a ticket. Just make sure it’s not for D.C. We don’t want her here either.)
SBG: The Inside Story

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to this matter. He assured her that she would only have to raise enough money to cover part of the expenses, but he was "very vague about it." It seemed he had gone ahead and tried to get the project through without consulting her. She did not enjoy working with him on that, she remarked. The $30,000 renovation was too expensive, she stated. Ways could be found to reduce the cost, such as obtaining free paint from the Physical Plant Department.

The confidential SBG worker said that at the beginning, he/she was "inspired" by Wilding and Bravin's campaign last semester, but as this worker went through the '89-90 SBG year, nothing was learned from the experience. No benefits or new leadership skills were derived from this experience.

"Every day, I go into the SBG office and talk, face to face," the worker said. "Some workers worked hard," this person admitted, "but most of us just played around. It's very sad for me to see everything like this go into all this crap." Long-term goals and objectives were also cited in the workers' frustrations with Wilding and Bravin. According to two sources, a list of objectives was to be given to Bravin from each department every two weeks to be read by-fillet, signed, and returned. They were never returned.

In January after a lot of workers reigned, the remaining workers expressed their feelings to Wilding and Bravin in a rap session, and they said they would do something about it. "For the first week, everything looked nice" but that was full of crap," one source said. Everything went downhill after that.

Gonzales said nobody noticed if she was a half-hour late for work. According to her, people would show up in the office from 3 to 3:30 and "by 4:30, everybody is gone," so 3:30 to 4:30 were the "technical working hours" and 4:30 to 5 was the "bye-bye" period. Sharon Zahlke, Director of Academic Affairs, felt the problem was not the people in the SBG, but the system itself. "We need to learn the purpose of the SBG and each position," she said. She opined that the workers are too busy competing with each other and not serving the student body. They "should all cooperate and help each other more than criticize each other," she quoted. Gonzales said, "My credit goes to the workers, they did a good job...they lasted longer than anybody would have under Jeff and Terry's administration. They have to stand behind Jeff and Terry through mud whether they liked it or not."

VAX...
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agreed that the moderators were basically doing a good job, though with some reservations.

Bill Cleary, whose name has been showing up a lot lately in Notes in confrontation with some moderators, agreed that the moderators were necessary for a conference like Whatsp2. However, he felt that some moderators were abusing their powers by overediting and also removing any notes which do not agree with what they (the moderators) believe. He believes that some forbidden words should be permitted to let students express themselves as fully as possible. According to him, some of the words now banned from Whatsp2 are allowed on national TV during prime time hours when kids are certainly watching. Keeping these words off Whatsp2 because of MSSD and KDES students will not prevent them from learning the words elsewhere.

James Feldmann agrees with this and in addition feels that personal attacks should be banned completely. He has had several of his notes deleted in the past, but he doesn't hold any rancor against the moderators for this...he understands they are only doing their jobs.

Marvin Miller, another student who recently had his note deleted because of one profane word, was not so forgiving. He felt it was ridiculous for college students to be reprimanded for swearing. A means could be found to prevent KDES and MSSD students from getting on the notes, or two different conferences could be established, as mentioned earlier.

Kim MingO, another student VAXor, says she sometimes feels confused about when a moderator is being a moderator, and when he/she is being a student. He feels that so as not to confuse students, moderators should not be allowed to voice personal opinions on public conferences. This would reduce the charges of favoritism and egoism against moderators. But, she agrees, they are doing well.

A student who asked not to be named recently lost his VAX account.

This student feels that it's a fair process, but still too strict at times. For example, on one of his notes that was deleted, he was only imitating himself, no one else, and therefore he should not have been treated so harshly. He feels that moderators "need to be more flexible, and not let their feelings of authority get to their heads."

At present, the situation in VAX Notes is confusing. There are no set guidelines - moderators decide pretty much what goes and what stays. However, they do follow the procedure that a student is given three chances. For a first time offense, the student is simply warned and told which words are not acceptable. The second time, a stronger letter is sent, as well as warnings of what would happen if the behavior is kept up. Third time or more repeat offenders could get their VAX accounts suspended. Dan Swartz told me he does not see this changing much in future, but he hastens to add a suggestion that should help most students - "before you say anything in public notes, think if you could stand before King Jordan and say that. If you can, go ahead. (After all, King could be reading these notes...)

Voreck, Swartz, Rice and Layton combined moderating hit list (if you can avoid these, they should pretty well stear clear of trouble)

- Swear words
- Bitch, asshole, shit, piss off, etc
- Insulting language
- Language inciting harm to others, eg rape, physical abuse
- Slander
- Sex words
- "dammit", "hell", etc (if anyone complains about this)

The Empowerment Conference

Daisy Wooten
Contributing Writer

Hello, Everyone.

The SBG chose me and Mainer Drake as the representatives to go to the Black Deaf Person & Empowerment Conference in the Bronx in New York City. So now I have a lot of wonderful news to share with you all.

Going to New York as one of the representatives was a rich experience for me. I learned so much at the conference. Listening to everyone express their opinions about education systems, politics, and economics without being opposed, I gained more confidence in myself. The conference really blew my mind.

The conference, unfortunately, had too many workshops at the same time. Therefore, Mainer and I split up and went to different workshops. We both shared what we learned and were very proud of each other.

Mainer was on the panel for leadership. Words can't express how proud I was of her. There were a few others on the panel - Al Coturnh, Lindsay Dunn, Sheryl Emery, Jack Burns and many more. These people did a good job on the panel.

There was another workshop called "Cousin Hattie's Sister People", with Sheryl Emery, a guest speaker who graduated from Gallaudet. She wasn't even her M.A. degree from New York University. She gave a wonderful speech about identity, shaped to improve the self esteem and image of the Black Deaf community.

Larry Coleman, a communication arts professor from Gallaudet University, also inspired everyone when he spoke on how to deal with psychological wounds in the stories that can be empowered.

A few while professionals also attended the conference. This was something I was very proud of. They told me they were glad they came. People included Mary Lott, Dave Steackle and a few others.

Now, I would like to thank the SBG for their support for me and Mainer. It really benefited me a lot and I wish that more students could go because this was the best conference I have ever been to in my whole life.

Mainer Drake
Contributing Writer

I would like to share with the Gallaudet students and faculty the details of my fantastic trip to New York City on April 5-7. I greatly appreciated that the SBG chose two black representatives for the Black Deaf Empowerment Conference. I was one of them.

It was an exciting experience to meet a lot of Black deaf professionals. It made me feel stronger and kept my chin up. However, it was very interesting that there were a few white professionals attending the conference. They learned about themselves and learned about Black deaf professional issues and needs. I hope that it educated them and will improve relationships between different races. It disappointed me that there were not very many black deaf students there. I feel that they could benefit from this conference and understand what is all about, so if they have a second convention, I encourage all to attend. It is very important for them to be aware of it. My goal is to help the SBG meet Black students' needs. Also, I am an officer of the Ascending Awards Association. I will be checking on you to see how we could have good relations between Black and white students at Gallaudet. It is time for us to get together and be open with each other. Again, my thanks to the Student Body and the SBG. I hope we will continue to send student representatives to future conferences. Daisy Wooten did a good job.

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Gallaudet Track

Men's Track Captures Second at Bison Invitational
Darrel Drake
Sports Editor

Senior Richard Jacobs and freshman Ed Hagwood led the team to an impressive second place at the second annual Bison Invitational with 92 points. Catholic University won the invitational by only two points over the Bison.

Jacobs had an excellent day as he finished third in the shot put (43.03), first in the high jump (5'10”), second in the javelin (179.1), and sixth in the discus (38.72). Hagwood also performed well as he was fifth in the 100 meter (11.79), second in the 200 meter run (22.64), third in the long jump (20'6”), sixth in the high jump (5'6”) and fifth in the triple jump (40'2”). Wayne Langbein was fourth at shot put (12.96), and first in the discus (45.32).

Gallaudet raced to second place in the 400 meter relay (45.26). Congratulations to the team for performing their best for the second place finish.

Women's Track Finishes Fourth
Darrel Drake
Sports Editor

Marvise Pack and Audrey Hill led the Gallaudet women's track team to a fourth place finish last Saturday at the Bison Invitational with 38 points.

Hill was fifth at the shot put (5'30), seventh in the javelin (42.6), and fifth in the discus (13.51). She really performed well that day. Freshman star Pack captained first in both the 100 meter and 200 meter runs. Her time for the 100 meter was 13.36 and in the 200 meter, she was 26.7. According to Coach Taylor, Pack has the potential to qualify for the NCAA as a freshman, which is very impressive.

Congratulations to Hill and Pack for their contributions to the fourth place team finish. The others also gave a great deal of effort.

IM Men's Softball

Derek Stradford
Intramural Staff

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The PLAYOFFS will begin next week!

Softball Drops to 2-8
Darrel Drake
Sports Editor

Gallaudet’s softball team lost three games by a total of 43 runs to extend their losing streak to six games. Hunter College crushed the Bison 17 to 3 last Friday in a single game. Poor hitting and errors were factors of this terrible defeat. But Beverly Fletcher had a good day as she went 2 for 2 at bat and stole a base. Traci Price also was one for three at bat and had one RBI.

The Bison were destroyed again by Mary Washington in two games last Saturday, 2 - 11 and 0-21. Errors were a factor in this game too as the team committed six errors in the first game of the doubleheader. Poor hitting also contributed to the loss as Gallaudet was 5 for 27, which is very low compared to other games. But Michelle Malcolm did hit a fourth inning homerun and Tonja Smith scored another run. The team was held to only two hits in the second game.

In the two day period, Gallaudet committed 15 errors, walked seven batters, and produced only 12 hits and five runs out of 65 attempts at bat. Hope the bad luck will run out by the next game.

Bison Edge St. Mary's 4-3, for Season's First Victory in Baseball
Darrel Drake
Sports Editor

Gallaudet’s baseball team snapped their 12 game losing streak by winning past St. Mary’s last week. Jimmy Segala was a hero in this game as he allowed only seven hits and two earned runs in 9 innings.

The Bison had to rally to overcome a two run deficit in the sixth, seventh, and eighth innings. Joey Gurganus went 2 for 4 at bat in this victory. John Cleary hit the game winning RBI in the bottom of the eighth inning. Gallaudet at team stole four bases on four attempts. Brian Fruits was able to stop St. Mary’s attempts to steal bases three out of four times.

It was great for the Bison to break their losing streak. Hope this victory, along with the lately pleasant weather, will help enhance their luck for the rest of the games, as the season is running out.

Lady Nettlers Record First Victory
Darrel Drake
Sports Editor

The women’s tennis team recently recorded a road victory over Villa Julie 7 to 1. Their current record is 1 win and 4 losses.

Susie Feldman and Mary Mae Franco, number one and two singles, won by default. Heather Hamilton also won by default for the Bison. Melissa Scott recorded a 8 - 5 decision over her opponent and Wendy Stanley played a shut out victory of 6 - 0 over Villa Julia. In the doubles matches, Gallaudet won all by default.

Congratulations to the players for winning their first victory of the season. Hope the winning streak will continue as there are only two matches left before the CCAC Tournament.

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- Top Quality won by forfeit over Delta Epsilon
- The PLAYOFFS will begin next week.