GALLAUDET BIDS FAREWELL TO THE SIMMONS/DRAGANAC TEAM

by Elise Kiholm
Associate News Editor

Next week, the last week of school at Gallaudet, will see the end of the era of a successful SBG administration team, David Simmons, President, and Melissa Draganac, Vice President.

Originally the team consisted of David Simmons and Dina Raevsky, then during first semester, Raevsky resigned, with Melissa Draganac taking over as Vice President. This type of situation can easily ruin the whole year for the SBG, but the SBG managed to have a successful year.

What could have been another hindrance to the success of SBG was its policy of volunteerism, "We suffered at first, but thanks to the devotion of our cabinet members, we persevered," said Simmons, "I hope that the new administration will continue this philosophy. Of course, this being the first year of the volunteer policy, we're bound to suffer, but in future years SBG will stabilize.

The accomplishments of the 1996-1997 SBG team are tremendous. Many changes have been made on campus. Among these are the Smart Card access system, new cable channels, the Best Attendance on Campus program (BAC), a new curriculum, and now there is the SBG TV News.

Much of those took a long struggle to accomplish; the cable took eight months, the Smart Card system took a surprisingly short four months, and everything else required much time and commitment from the SBG to accomplish.

Much of this is the result of an improved relationship and communication between the administration and SBG. Better relations were set up not only with the administration but also with students and the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). The Student Affairs department has better one-on-one communication with students.

For the last six years, the SBG and NAD have not been getting along, due to the SBG's borrowing approximately $4,000 from NAD six years ago, which has never been repaid. Recently, goodwill has been established, and SBG will soon begin using some of the unit fees to order a campus-wide subscription of NAD's newspaper, the Broadcast, and every Gallaudet student will automatically be a member of NAD.

The BAC, an important program here at Gallaudet, is established for students who are visually/physically impaired or have a learning disability. The program is working on providing better access on campus.

The new curriculum is a result which has been awaited for four years. Simmons said, "After years of paper-pushing, the administration is finally becoming more accepting of change. There's still a long way to go, though."

Other accomplishments include a successful RIT/Gally weekend, a Spring Bash, "which was nice—something free for students to do," said Draganac. The Social/Cultural Affairs has been working on developing a Big Brother/Big Sister program. The guidelines are currently being set up, although when it will go into effect is still in question.

Recently, the Deaf Issues Department hosted the ASL Celebration Night, which was successful. The highlight of the evening was the Laurent Clerc fingerprint memorial, the frame of which took two months to make.

Both Simmons and Draganac extend worlds of thanks to their Cabinet members, to whom they are eternally grateful. "We really worked as a team. If one person needed help, and the other was done with his/her job, s/he'd jump in and help out. Nobody said, "my job's done now, I'm outta here."

We were like a boat pulling a huge load behind us, and we worked hard together to keep the boat going," said Draganac, "I know that potential lies in every student, everyone has skills inside of them, and I know they will find their skills and put them to use, soon."

I am proud to say we have achieved a lot, although we still have a long way to go. I'm not satisfied. The SBG needs more work, more expansion. I'm confident that the SBG will continue to grow," said Simmons.

When asked what his plans are for next year, he replied, "I will focus on school, work, and getting ready for my wedding."

Draganac said that she will miss working for SBG next year, "I especially enjoyed doing the School Out—especially the ones with hot issues; Apathy and Non-Recognized Organizations (brother/sisterhoods)." She also plans to focus on school next year, and will be working in a play this fall. "And I will graduate with a Bachelor's this fall!"

Gallaudet Hosts High School Bowl

CSD-Riverside wins first place

Dina Raevsky
Metro News Editor

Gallaudet University hosted its National High School academic Bowl all day Friday, April 25th at the Gallaudet University Kelley Conference Center. Several rounds of competition, with California School for the Deaf, Riverside, coming out as the winner, were followed by a banquet.

Deaf and hard of hearing high school students from five regions of the country competed in the National High School Academic Bowl. The regional winners participating in the Academic Bowl were: California School for the Deaf, Riverside (West Region), Illinois School for the Deaf (Midwest Region), Model Secondary School for the Deaf (Mid-Atlantic Region), Newton North High School (Mass.) (Northeast Region), and North Carolina School for the Deaf (Southeast Region).

Each match consisted of three rounds, each of which were formatted differently. The first round was in a "Jeopardy" style, with each student having to answer the questions. A light flashed in front of the first person to press a button, and that person had to write down his/her answer, which would then be shown to the audience and judges.

In the second round, each competitor was given ten questions on a sheet of paper, and they had three minutes to answer all the questions. Each individual's score was added together for the team score. In the third round, the teams were given lists where they had to match the appropriate answers, e.g., authors with a book which they wrote. An evidence of technological advancement was the usage of PowerPoint software to project the questions and the actual answers.

All five teams received an all expenses paid trip for three days and four nights to the competition, including transportation, lodging, and...
New Cabinet Approved for '97-'98

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Bahan Shares his Experience with International Students

Annenieke Van Kampen Special to the Buff and Blue

Dr. Ben Bahan, Chair of the Deaf Studies Department, attended the social hour at the International Community, Carlin Hall, first floor, last Thursday, April 24. He shared his experiences abroad with the international students, some of whom appeared to be familiar with him because he has traveled to several countries such as Greece and Japan to meet Deaf people and to give presentations there.

Dr. Bahan's reason for coming was to get to international students more and also he was interested to learn about Deaf culture in different countries. He said that he would like to find how Deaf culture in different countries are similar to one another, so what better way to learn about that than by socializing with international students on this evening.

In the beginning of the social hour, Bahan shared some of his background and why he choose Deaf Studies and ASL as his major. When he attended Gallaudet, he majored in biology because his biology teacher was interesting and he could understand him very well. During his time at Gallaudet, Bahan accidentally broke his middle finger, so one of his hands were wrapped and thus he had to sign using only one hand. He became fascinated with signing using only one hand, so that he considered the possibility of studying ASL as his major. So, this accident led to another thing. He advised if that accidents happened to someone, then positive things would happen to that someone later on.

Fujie Horii, an English Language Institute (ELI) student from Japan, asked how Dr. Bahan created his story in ASL about the "bird." [This story is about a young bird who had a straight beak, while everyone else in his family had hooked beaks, so the young bird was not normal.] Bahan answered that he is sad that more and more hearing parents are putting cochlear implants in their deaf children. Also, he had some experience standing between the Deaf and hearing worlds. He created the story based on these experiences.

One student from Germany asked Bahan about the difference in how Deaf and hearing people relate with each other. Bahan explained about how the distance between hearing people and between Deaf people was different during their conversations. Hearing people tend to stand closely to each other when talking, so that they could hear each other well. In contrast, Deaf people tend to stand further apart from each other, in order to see each other well, leaving at least a foot of space between them for signing. If Deaf people stood any closer, they would appear to be flitting with each other. Also, if a hearing person wanted to talk with a Deaf person, then the Deaf person usually would automatically step back to give more space for the hearing person to see what is being said.

The German student wondered whether in other countries, Deaf people would stand closer to each other than Deaf Americans. Dr. Bahan said that International students and he should research more on this subject about how far apart Deaf people stand when conversing. It was mentioned that Dutch Deaf people had similar tendencies as Deaf Americans in regard to how far they stood from each other.

An Indian-American student, Aparna Lele, asked Bahan how international new students should adapt to American culture, after they arrive at Gallaudet. Bahan said that it depends on the International students' experiences, so there was no one answer. International students adjust differently to American culture, with varying levels of shock by the different culture, language and environment here at Gallaudet.

After these and some other questions, the students enjoyed chatting with Dr. Bahan and each other, then sampled the refreshments. This event was sponsored by the International Community.

Christmas in April: Renovating A Home

Dina Raevsky Metro News Editor

The Gallaudet University Student Programs' community service unit hosted a Christmas in April project together with the Knights of Columbus last Saturday, April 26th at 8 AM at 1521 Olive Street Northeast.

This project involved renovating a house belonging to a poor family including plastering, drywalling, sink leak prevention, cleaning of the front and back porches, basement trash removal, making new cabinets for the kitchen, moving washing machine to second floor of the house, carpentry, and painting.

When asked about the nature of the Knights of Columbus organization and how Gallaudet got involved with this project, Rosemary Wans of the Student Programs and coordinator of the event, mentioned that "last Saturday was the first time that Gallaudet University worked on a Christmas in April project. Gallaudet University has attempted to do a project with Christmas in April before, however, from looking at our old files, I believe that it was just an unsuccessful attempt. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization of professionals that are also volunteering at the same house we are working on."

From Gallaudet, 20 volunteers attended this exciting project. According to some of the volunteers, the house was repairing needed a lot of work. There were piles of "junk" in the backyard that needed to be thrown away; furniture needed to be removed from the rooms to be able to paint the walls; the kitchen needed new cabinets installed, and more.

Nonetheless, to them and Rosemary Wans, who was responsible for the project under Student Programs, the hard work paid off. "The family was overwhelmed with gratitude for our hard work. The grandmother's eyes filled with tears as she asked me to thank all of the Gallaudet students for her," stated Wans. Some of the volunteers, including some of the Latter Day Saints Student Association members, said that they would like to do the project again next April.

The history of the Christmas in April project is interesting. A man named Trevor Armbrister traveled to Midland, Texas, in May 1982 to write an article for Reader's Digest about 3,000 volunteers who came together one day to renovate and repair the homes of Midland's less fortunate citizens. Upon returning to his home in Washington, DC, he found that no such organization existed on a city-wide scale, so he set out to create one. In the first year, he set out, with two good friends, in gaining funds. Several organizations made large donations to this effort including: Giant Food Stores, Catholic Charities, Safeway Supermarkets, Madison National Bank, United Black Fund, Hechtenger's, and more. With funding in hand, two large construction companies promised to provide skilled electricians, carpenters, and plumbers who were essential to the success of these projects. After gaining commitments from 300 unskilled volunteers, Trevor Armbrister's dream of Christmas in April became a reality. Eighteen houses in Mount Pleasant were renovated, and 18 families celebrated with the 300+ volunteers at a picnic in Rock Creek Park.

Hope to see you next April!!!

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food, courtesy of Southwest Airlines, The J. Willard Marriott Foundation, and Gallaudet University. Accommodations were be provided by the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center.

When asked about coordinating the Academic Bowl, Mr. Bernie Palmer stated, "I think the idea originated with Astrid Goodstein and is an off-shoot of the NAD College Bowl which has involved CSUN, Gallaudet, and NTID. This is the first annual national competition for deaf high school students from across the nation." In addition, the idea of a national academic bowl grew after last year's Mid-Atlantic "pilot" bowl which was received with so much interest. As the winner of that "pilot" bowl, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf was invited to this National Bowl.

Palmer added, "The Academic Bowl went really well. It was virtually error free. The day's competitions were very competitive. I was extremely pleased with the cooperation we received from the players, their coaches, and especially from the fans who kept their displays of support and side conversations to a minimum. This enabled the contestants to concentrate without distractions." He also commented that the banquet after the bowl went really well with remarks made by I. King Jordan and Dr. Steve Weiner, who was the Master of Ceremonies for the banquet.

To wrap it all up, congratulations are to be given to the winners from California School for the Deaf, Riverside.
An Alarming Trend Across the College Campus: Denying the Holocaust

Tiffany A. Green
Editor-in-Chief

The alarming trend of denying the Holocaust is reaching college newspapers. Often college newspapers are faced with a dilemma: protecting the First Amendment that guarantees Free Speech or protecting the people from harmful views.

According to the officials at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the most significant anti-Semitic development on college campuses today is the effort of a small group of propagandists placing advertisements in student newspapers questioning the history of the Nazi Holocaust.

Advertisements denying the Nazi murder of six million Jews have appeared in student newspapers at over fifteen campuses, including Duke, Northwestern, Cornell, the University of Michigan, Louisiana State University, and the University of Georgia.

Over thirty newspapers including those at the University of California at Berkeley, Harvard, the University of Texas, Yale and Dartmouth refused the advertisements, citing the inaccuracies of the ad itself.

A more recent ad has questioned the authenticity of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

According to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial representatives, there is no evidence that these ads have convinced the students to doubt the account of what happened during the Holocaust, but the ads have exacerbated the friction between Jewish and non-Jewish students on the campus.

Generally, the advertisements attack the facts of the Holocaust; part of the campaign known as Holocaust "revisionism," or Holocaust denial, a propaganda movement that is active in the U.S., Canada and Western Europe.

The movement started in 1978 when Willis Carter, the founder of Liberty Lobby—the largest anti-Jewish propaganda organization in the U.S.—created the Institute for Historical Review (IHR). The Institute has a tendency to employ professors with no credentials in history, writers and anti-Semites, among other people whom they deny the Holocaust.

Some speakers for IHR include Robert Faurisson, a former professor at University of Lyon (France) who was convicted and fined for promoting racism and denying the Holocaust; Ditlieb Feldere of Sweden who believes that Anne Frank's diary is a hoax; Dr. Arthur Butz of Northwestern University who published "The Hoax of the Twentieth Century," one of the first Holocaust-denying books.

IHR remains active today thanks to the series of advertisements in college newspapers, often running the full-page ad.

One of the most active deniers, Bradley Smith, has been instrumental in spreading his views across the college campuses. He wrote that there was something wrong with the Holocaust picture, "Something was wrong with the gas chamber stories. Something was wrong with the story of the six million and what was wrong was being covered up."

In later talks, Smith said that he believes that the main cause of deaths in the concentration camp was typhus; gas chambers were "life-saving" fumigation devices used to decontaminate clothing.

"The figure of 6 million Jewish deaths is an irresponsible exaggeration," Smith said.

In Canada and Western Europe, Holocaust deniers have been prosecuted under racial defamation or hate crime laws. In the U.S., the First Amendment protects them with the right of free speech, regardless of the context. Even when their beliefs are protected, it should be kept in mind that college newspapers or other outlets should not be obligated to provide them with a forum for their views.

David Oshinsky and Michael Curtis, two professors at Rutgers, said, "If one group advertises that the Holocaust never happened, another can buy space to insist that American blacks were never enslaved."

The Wiz Quiz:

Tease Your Brain and Test Your Cultural Literacy

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Wiz Quiz questions are based primarily on information contained in "The Dictionary of Cultural Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know." This is a book that contains much information that speakers, signers, and writers expect their audiences to know in our society. The questions give you at least two clues to the correct answer.

1. The Bible. What instrument was instrumental in the victory of Joshua at the battle of Jericho?

2. Life Sciences. If one parent has the gene for dark hair and the other for light hair, their child will have dark hair. Thus the gene for dark hair is what kind of genetic trait?

3. Business and Economics. What was the middle name of business leader Joshua Cowen, who made his fortune selling miniature trains?

4. World Geography. Munich is the capital city of which German state? The name of the state is the first word in the initials of luxury cars we call BMWs.

5. American History Since 1865. In 1984 what former member of Congress failed to deliver the "male" but did join Walter Mondale to make the Democratic presidential ticket a combination of male and female?
In Retrospective: Two Long Years at the Helm

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ex-Features Editor
ex-Editor-in-Chief
ex-Editor

I never thought that I’d take over the helm of the BnB for two consecutive years. When I stepped into the cozy office in Krug Basement, I was seduced by the way it was run, with 10 to 15 people working together to create an issue every week. Right after I enrolled at Gallaudet and searching for something, I hooked up with the BnB. During my first year, it was a rough time for the BnB and Blue with students ranking it as the most useless organization on the campus with the rehash of THAT new releases serving as front page news.

Here is one of my articles from that year:

“Slab Day was held on April 26. It is part of the Gallaudet Freshman Class tradition. Traditionally, the freshman class stages a funeral for the rats that the Preparatory class buried a year ago.” [Excerpted from Volume 103, Issue no. 23, p. 6]

It wasn’t exactly a great year for reporters and writers. Nearly all reporters got little or no formal training in how to write an article. I also wrote several worse articles. If you want, feel free to look up the copies of old issues at Gallaudet Archives. The staff was great but the result was embarrassing, partly due to little or no training and serious lack of writers.

When I took over as the Editor-in-Chief with Brian Greenwald as Managing Editor, it was a new world for me. I’d gotten no training, no crash courses in how the BnB should be managed. Basically, I was just handed the newspaper on the platter with a comment that it’s mine now. I did receive some training in how to write an article and the definition of libel but that’s it. The saving grace for me was Ellen Beek, a strict advisor. She gave me much invaluable advice, many tips on how to write articles, how to manage reporters and how to run the BnB. Without her, I might not last. Ellen, if you’re reading this - THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

Without me, I might not have survived.

I also assembled a great team: Dusan Jalesic, Naomi Sheneman, Patrick Kilgallon, Glenn Stelzer, Terry Gianias and Hui Zhang. They are truly a vital part of the BnB. I’ll always have fond memories of that year.

When my first term expired, I wasn’t sure if I wanted to return but I decided to because I wasn’t satisfied with the present status of the BnB. Yes, the quality of articles was better, enhanced the usage of TTF news articles, doubled the pages, and got it to press on time.

But I didn’t feel like I’d done enough and I wanted to leave the BnB back to its former days, when it won various awards for its writing.

So I decided to re-apply and got the position again with Dusan Jalesic as the Managing Editor.

The second year was the hardest year of my career. First, I had to deal with the relocation of the BnB to Ely Center. Our phone lines finally hooked up six months later... let’s not get into details here.

I've made some editorial mistakes such as re-printing the Ku Klux Klan article without valid explanation. That experience taught me that it is hard to judge the Freedom of Press or the Freedom of Speech with the protection of students.

I have a quotation tacked up to my fax terminal: “There are three things that no one can do to me, to the entire satisfaction of anyone else: make love, poke the fire, and run a newspaper.” - William Allen White, newspaper editor in 1917.

White was right, I've learned that I can't please everyone.

In spite of the rough year, the BnB went on publishing some of its best work compared with previous years. The quality of articles improved. I revamped the Features Department to feature more articles (movie reviews, book reviews, food reviews) instead of short stories and poetry. In essence, I wanted the BnB to be a true student newspaper. I hope that I succeeded at that.

This year was also the year of crisis for me and Dusan. First, we had to deal with no phone, no fax, loss of some valuable staff members, coping with drastically reduced budget and payroll, coping with the strange new environment and the new manager at the printing company. But I'd like to think that in spite of roadblocks, the BnB's image improved thanks to the staff working side by side with us: Terry Gianias, Elise Kihlom, Jon Lamberten, Brin McMnamara, Dina Raevsky and Niel Thompson.

Crew: thank you. Count 'em. Only nine staff members. Normally, there'd be 15 to 20 staff members on the roster. So, next time you see them around on the campus, give them a hand. Each of them gave up lot of their personal time, sacrificed some activities for the newspaper's sake and turned out some excellent work.

As I am sitting at this terminal trying to think of suitable final words, I can only say that it's been a hell of a ride for me. Before I place the Buff and Blue into Terry's carekeeping, I'd like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Terry Gianias, the next Editor-in-Chief. Terry, I know that you will do a great job, and remember if you need me for advice, just drop a line.

Next, I'd like to wish Jon Lamberten, as the new Managing Editor, the best of luck especially when it comes to inside staff.

Elise Kihlom, who will be the new Business Manager, will have her hands full re-vamping the BnB's financial matters. Good luck, Else.

It's been a long time. Farewell.
The Buff and Blue would like to extend its congratulations to the Scholars of ’97!

### Dean’s List

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- Lori Schmidt
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- Julia Becker
- Paul Boeck
- Andrew Brashaw
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- Daron Burnell
- Emily Butler
- James Campbell
- Alana Chaya
- James Curvy
- Tereña Davidson
- Isabella Dallyer
- Mary Darnamadi
- Jacqueline Doyle
- Adele Eberwine
- Steliee Ellis
- Chad Entinger
- Rodney Ewan
- Kathryn Flynn
- Joona Gregor
- Jonathan Guenta
- Raylene Harris
- Jennifer Harbold
- Melissa Hertz
- Koon Wei Ho
- Fang Yu Hau
- Deborah Hawy
- Floyd Jackson
- Janes Johnson
- Charlotte Kaldani
- Sandra Kimball
- David Koons
- Angela LaGardian
- Jonathan Lambert
- Derek Lindenberg
- Lloyd Lindley
- Elizabeth Luczy
- Diane Lux
- Jess Markow
- Philip Mattiacci
- Tyr Drew McConnell
- Elizabeth Mcgowan
- Leigh Meyer
- Dana Miller
- Scott Mohan
- Virginia Moore
- Tertia Mynhardt
- Carrine Nicora
- Molly O’Hara
- Champika Ratnamalaha
- Anne Raymond
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- Stacey Rogers
- Lise Rosi
- Elizabeth Rotten
- Marita Snauenski
- Ursula Schulte
- Matthew Schwerin
- Stephanie Scott
- Devina Snow
- Kimberly Solomon
- Matthew Staben
- Leslie Stayer
- Suzanne Stecker
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- Abigail Strauss
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- Ellen Swartzmeyer
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- Heather Traffio
- Sean Vrign
- Dawn Walker
- Sheldon Whitaker
- Jennifer Wood
- Christopher Woodfield
- Carrie Zeppet

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- Robin Brown
- Jennifer Butcher
- Alen Chambers
- Brian Greenwald
- Amy Gregurich
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- Lucinda Baugh
- Emile Butler
- Nithe Chard
- Jimmy Dixon
- Jonathan Dow
- Alton Hasham
- Jerry Holder
- Heather Hertz
- Melissa Hertz
- James Johnson
- Charlotte Kaldani
- Jael Koun
- Catherin Langeman
- Derek Lindenberg
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- Jeffrey Peet
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- Doreen Emeron
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- Janet Richardson
- Stace Sciba
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- Windel Tapson
- Tami Waeth
- Thomas Wyatt

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- Megan Clancy
- Stefanie Ellis
- Chad Bittenger
- Jennifer Herbold
- Floyd Jackson
- Jonathan Lambert
- Jess Markow
- Dana Miller
- Virginia Moore
- Molly O’Hara
- Greta Sager
- Debbie Scoti
- Myra Yarke

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1997 UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

AWARDS AND RECIPIENTS
IN THE UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS DAY PROGRAM

Deak President Now Scholarship Awards
David J. Kurs and Jennifer M. Yost

Earl T. Higgins Memorial Scholarship Award
Michelle Mulligan

Kappa Gamma International Scholarship Awards
Senior: Matthew Schwerin
Junior: Raymond Merritt
Sophomore: Christian Wojnar
Freshman: Eric LeFors

Linwood Smith Scholarship Awards
Underclassmen:
Respectus Batamula
Jimmie Dixon
Taras Miles
Graduate:
Dominque McLaughlin

Phi Kappa Zeta Alumni Scholarship Awards
Senior: Stefanie Ellis
Junior: Vonnie Basham
Sophomore: Marley Should

Catherine Bronson Higgins Scholarship award
Leslie Hussey

Ralph Miller Sr. Art Award
Joann Gregor

Excellence in Ceramics Award
Jess Marlowe

Female Athlete of the Year Award
Ronda Jo Miller

Male Athlete of the Year Award
Patrick Deas
Ronnie Robinson

GUAA Athletic Awards
Heather Van Zee
Ronnie Robinson

Charles R. Ely Chemistry Award
Tyra S. McConnell

Freshman Chemistry Award
Annora Chamochumbi

Clare Booth Luce Foundation Scholarship Award
Stacy Abrams

Lillian Gourley Rakow Creative Writing Award
Senior: Matt Lockhart
Junior: Carl W. Denney
Sophomore: Paul Simmons

MacDougall Creative Writing Awards
1st place: Pamela Wright
2nd place: Carl Wayne Denney
Vivienne Simmons
Beth Szymanski
Sara Stalard
3rd place: Tyrone Giordano
Margie English

Harry M. and Margaret V. Evans Journalism Award
Terry Giangcoli

German Embassy Book Award
William Crites
Sherry Crawford

Phi Sigma Iota Awards
Stacey Scarba
Edward Tagge
Rebecca Gonzales

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War's President Abraham Lincoln Award
Christopher C. Woodfill

Leon Auerbach Freshman Math Awards
Hideo Hayakawa
Jon Ikeda
Kai Ng
Kiera Rejholc

Dorothy Hamberg Memorial Leadership Award
Lloyd Lindsley

Outstanding Psychology Major Award
Stefanie Ellis

Wall Street Journal Award
Makur A. Achee

Academic Excellence Awards
Ursula M. Cegelniak
Sam Hawk

Joe Mattivi Scholarship Award
David J. Kurs

Greater Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship Award
Andrew Sailsbery

DC Area Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants Outstanding Senior Woman Student Award
Karen Baker

First Year Transfer Award
Janet Richardson

First Year Student Advocate Award
John Parker Kennedy

Dorothy Polakoff Award for Academic Excellence
James Brune

Professional Development Award
Diane Lux

Student Affairs Dedicated Staff Award
Brenda Keller

Student Affairs Student-of-the-Year Award
David Simmons

Outstanding All-Around Television Student Award
Joseph Josselyn

Excellence in Photography Student of the Year Award
Johanna Kumin
Valdiz Robinson

Hall of Fame Image Award
Mark Avino

Outstanding Student of Music Award
Tara Miles

Teacher of the Year Award
Dr. Donalda Ammons

"Jonathan Hall” Man of the Year Award
Mr. Andy Brinks

Mother of the Year Award
Ms. Sarah Doleac

Alpha Sigma Pi Student Scholarship Awards
Senior: Dana Miller
Junior: Stacey Abrams
Sophomore: Travis Imel
Freshman: Lori Schmidt

Buff and Blue Merit Key Award
Terry Giangcoli

Man of Merit Award
Mr. Robert D. Daniels

Woman of Worth Award
Ms. Kathryn A. Baldridge

Ideal Male Student Award
Jeremy M. Meinhardt

Agatha Tiegel Hanson Award
Melissa Yingst

Leonard M. Elstad Award
Jackson Businghark

Phi Alpha Pi Honorary Society Awards
Stacy Abrams
James Johnson
Andrea Sailsbery
James Brune
Jonathan Lambertson
Stacey Scarba
Emile Butler
Glenn Lockhart
Davina Snow
Megan Clancy
Jess Marlowe
Matthew Staben
Jonathan Dow
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Joann Gregor
Dina Raevsky
Damien Thompson
Jonathan Guinta
Champika Ratnamalala
Donald Vice
Jennifer Herbold
Anne Raymond
Chester Virgim
Melissa Herzg
Thomas Roberts
Christopher Woodfill
David Kurs
Elizabeth Rotter

Andrew M. Lowitz Memorial Awards
Sabrina Lankena
Timothy Trott

Andrew M. Lowitz Volunteer of the Year Award
Linda Rose

Barbara Schell Award
Angela Brown-Greer

Faculty/Staff of the Year Award
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Julia J. Chung Memorial Award
Melissa Yingst

Stanley Benowitz Award
Corey Cember

Student Worker of the Year Award
Lissette Molina

Agatha T. Hanson Service Award
Stefanie D. Ellis

Olof Hanson Service Award
Joseph Josselyn

Algermon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Awards
Terrence Davidson
Annemieke van Kampen
David Simmons

Charles R. Ely Scholarship Award
Women
Champika N. Ratnamalala

President’s Council Award
Sean Virgim

Reginald Lewis Award
James Johnson

Thomas S. Marr Award
Jesse Marlowe
Myra Yanke

Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities
Stacy Abrams
Kelly Shin Kim
Makur Achee
Jonathan Lambertson
Michael Boucher
Elizabeth Lucey
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Myra Yanke

Tower Clock Dedication
Mr. Carl Pramuk
Calendar Of Events

The Literary Society is proud to host the LITERARY FESTIVAL

When: Sunday, May 4
Time: 11 AM-5 Pm

Where: Gallaudet Mall (outside Ely Ctr)

Bring a blanket and prepare to:

- Eat lunch
- Watch skits
- Learn to make crafts (hemp necklaces, bracelets, or anklets)
- Have your picture drawn
- Watch or participate in contests (sidewalk drawing, A-Z ASL, and more)

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Theatres:

Sign-Interpreted plays

Arena Stage

Sunday in the Park with George
June 5-8:00 PM
June 8-7:30 PM

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The Shakespeare Theatre

Mourning Becomes Electra
Tuesday, June 3-7:30 PM

For information and tickets, call (202) 630-3863 (TTY).
Ticket prices range from $13.50 to $49.50 with discounts available for groups and students.

Violin Theatre Company

Jesus Christ Superstar
April 25-8:00 PM

Reserve your complimentary tickets by April 25th by contacting Amy at (V) 703-255-6360

Gallaudet University

A Taste of Sunrise: Tuc's Story

April 7-19 2:5 p.m.
April 11 2:30 p.m.
April 12 5:30 p.m.
April 15 Noontime - 2:00 p.m.
April 14-17 2:5 p.m.
April 18 2:30 p.m.
April 19 5:30 p.m.

All performances are signed and voiced and are presented in Elstad Auditorium. Tickets are $6.00 for students/children (including sign language students) and $8.00 for all others. Full-time Gallaudet students are free with I.D. Reservations may be made by calling (202) 651-5500 (voice only) or (202) 651-5502 (TTY).

The Phoenix
Saturday, May 3-8:00 PM
Elstad Auditorium

Tickets: $10 for adults, $6 for children and students with I.D.
Tickets available at door, or reservations may be made at doing-3115 or call (202) 651-6060

Dance

The Dance of Life
April 25-11:00 a.m.
April 25-8:00 p.m.
April 26-8:00 p.m.

Where: Elstad Auditorium
Tickets: $5 Students and Senior Citizens.
$7 Adults Full-time Gallaudet Students FREE with I.D.

Box Office Hours at Elstad Auditorium
April 21-25, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Or, can pick up tickets at the door 1/2 hour prior to show time. Seating is based on a first come basis.

For more information, please call (202) 651-5591 V/TDD.

Muslim Student Banquet

What: MSA Eid Al-Adha Banquet
Where: Ohe Jim, top floor
Date: Saturday April 19, 1997
Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tickets: $10 for MSA members
$12 for non-members

*** there is a $5 discount for any person who brings an ethnic dish to share, since all food is prepared as a potluck by MSA members.

For tickets, please contact:
lljkisner@gallua.gallaudet.edu
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llajafri@gallua.gallaudet.edu

Book Signing

Former Miss America Heather Whitestone will be signing copies of her book.

June 13 7:00 PM
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McLean, Va

GOODWILL EMBASSY TOUR

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Saturday May 10, 1997
10AM-5PM

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DOSS Brutality At Gallaudet?

NOTE: Due to an editorial error, a proportion of this article was cut from the April 18 issue of The Buff and Blue. The missing part is being re-printed here.

by Elise Kiholm
Associate News Editor

According to the DOSS, they had to break up a second fight between Tomlinson and Heider at Benson Hall circle. Heider said, "David came up to me, haggling me, and I just walked away. The DOSS officers then came and talked to the two of us."

Sharon Hayes, who was called to both scenes after the fights occurred, commented, (of the incident at Cobrafest) "I came to the scene after the officer had David on the side and David was agitated. He didn't want to cooperate and didn't want to talk with the officers, who were trying to describe to him what had happened. I tried to explain to David that DOSS

has the authority to make an arrest if necessary. It's always in the best interest of the student to cooperate with the DOSS if there's a misunderstanding that could be straightened out by talking in a calm manner. Later, I was on my way to Peet Hall and arrived at Benson Hall circle, where apparently another fight had occurred, and saw David. Basically I told him he didn't have much choice but to go and sit down with the DOSS officers and talk it out. He finally did calm down and I left." When asked about the fact that Tomlinson was going to make a complaint against the officers, she replied, "I am aware of the complaint. No, I didn't see the fight. I felt that the officers did their job the best they could. I didn't feel that they were upset or angry. They were trying to tell David that it was an accident when he was elbowed, since he was pushed by a crowd of students. That's all I know."

Two people, Jesse Thomas and Mindy Moore, noticed a disturbance in the area, and went to investigate. They got so upset when they saw, in their words, "David was brutally slammed face-down onto the ground. The officers weren't even trying to communicate with David, they seemed very angry and violent. Their actions seemed unnecessary, so we felt we had to jump in and stop the officers from hurting David any more than they already had." Moore said, "when David got up, I saw his face, which looked like it was saying "help!" He made slight eye contact with me. He looked so helpless, so I jumped in and grabbed one of the officers. But a friend pulled me away, so I couldn't help very much."

Officer Jenkins reported to Holt that when he and Tomlinson fell to the ground, Tomlinson fell with his back to the ground, face-up. However, all the witnesses consistently stated that Tomlinson fell face-first to the ground. Holt said that in a situation like this, it is guaranteed that there will be different stories on all sides, that there are always different perspectives, which is also distorted by alcohol.

Holt mentioned that to do what Moore, Thomas, and Scofield did was committing a felony. Why then, did three students become so incensed that they jumped into the tussle? Did David Tomlinson fight back so hard that the DOSS officers had to use any means necessary to restrain him? Many students have said that they feel that all the DOSS officers need to learn the "deaf" way to deal with such a situation—not by grabbing hands, for then communication is cut off. Does the DOSS officers need not only police training, but some kind of deaf culture training? Holt staunchly defends Jenkins, stating that he is a Level 3 ASL signor, and that Horton is a Level 4 ASL signor. Is that good enough?

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BISON BASEBALL FALLS IN CAC PLAYOFFS

Shell Whittaker
Sports Reporter

The Gallaudet baseball team lost a heartbreaker to Salisbury State University last Friday, April 25 by the score of 4-3 in the first round of the CAC Playoffs.

Bison pitcher Jason Wynne was masterful in his performance on the mound, allowing only two hits and one earned run in nine innings of work. However, an old nemesis appeared in the form of errors as the Bison committed five for the game, accounting for three unearned runs.

The Bison offense, who had a 3-2 lead entering the ninth inning, was led by Cory Fletcher and Robert Harrison with five hits and three runs combined.

The Bison's record now stands at 11-14 and hopes of achieving a .500 record this year now seem farfetched. The Bison played at CAC Champion Mary Washington on Wednesday and ends their season with a doubleheader on Sunday against Loyola.

Notes: Wynne, who went 0-7 at the plate in his last two games, has slipped to third from first in the CAC batting race, watching his average slip under .300 to .292.

BISON SOFTBALL NOTCHES FIRST WIN

Shell Whittaker
Sports Reporter

Last Saturday April 26, the Bison Softball team rallied from behind to gain its first victory of the year, 17-9 over Catholic University in the CAC playoffs. The Bison advanced to play sixth-seed Atlantic Region Salisbury State in the semifinals and lost 11-1, ending their season with a record of 1-24.

Bison pitcher Lauren Buchko went the distance, as usual, and allowed nine runs on ten hits to notch her first career victory at Gallaudet.

Outgoing senior Heather VanZee supplied the offense with three hits and seven RBIs to go out on a power note, causing Head Coach Sarah Doleac to comment, "We will definitely need a new power hitter."

Power hitting will be one area Doleac will be looking to fill for next year as well as another pitcher to back up Buchko, who has pitched to all the batters the Bison faced except for five.

"I'm pleased that the team never gave up," Doleac replied after asking for her thoughts on the teams' first victory, "I know it was somewhat of a frustrating experience for them, but I saw them turn a negative experience into a positive one," Doleac said of the team rallying from being down 6-0 in the Catholic game.

Doleac is excited about next year, despite this year being her worst year at 1-24 compared to 2-14 in 1996. "I expect all but two players (VanZee and Stacey Pedersen) to come back. I see Lauren Buchko becoming a leader next year, despite her frustrations this year."

Notes: Buchko is tops in the conference in strikeouts per inning with 3.22 per 9 innings. VanZee placed in several categories which include sixth in batting average with a mark of .418 and first in RBI with 1.12 per game.

MARY WASHINGTON CAPTURES SIXTH CAC ALL-SPORTS AWARD

From CAC Press Release

The Mary Washington Eagles captured the 1996-97 Capital Athletic Conference All-Sports Award signifying overall athletic excellence over the course of the season. Mary Washington has won the award each year since its inception in 1991-92. The Eagles won ten team championships this season which was five more than second place Salisbury State. Mary Washington garnered 240.0 total points, 38 points ahead of Salisbury and 103.7 points ahead of third place York College.

CAC ALL-SPORTS AWARD POINT TOTALS:

1. Mary Washington College 240.0
2. Salisbury State University 205.1
3. York College 111.2
4. Catholic University 93.9
5. St. Mary's College 67.4
6. Catholic College 46.9
7. Mary Washington University 72.9
8. Gallaudet University 57.7

CAC Champions: Mary Washington's Womens' Tennis, Mens' Cross Country, Mens' Swimming, Mens' Track, Mens' Wrestling, Women's Track, Mens' Cross Country, Women's Tennis, Mens' Swimming, Women's Basketball, Mens' Basketball, Mens' Tennis, Womens' Tennis, Football, Softball, Mens' Track, Mens' Basketball, Track, Football, Mens' Tennis, Womens' Tennis, Baseball, Softball, Track, Basketball.
A SOLID DOSE OF TERRY
GAME OVER
Terry Gianantsi
Sports Editor

This time a year ago, as a cocky sophomore, I announced that I was putting off the major leagues of sportswriting and staying in school to report as your friendly sports editor for my junior season.

An unbelievable year later, I cannot fend off the overtures anymore. Snaky agents are clawing down my neck, opportunists are waving wads of cash in front of my face, and amorous letters from groupies with no moral values arrive in my mailbox everyday.

Therefore, I formally announce my intention to leave school, become a big-time sportswriter, and formally hop onto the jet-setter lifestyle.

I have visions of a cabana in Saint-Tropez, a chalet in St. Moritz, an apartment in Paris, a penthouse on 5th Avenue, Manhattan, and a dilapidated row house on H Street, Northeast.

I know what my garage will boast. A Humvee, some Range Rovers, and a sprinkling of Lamborghinis and Ferraris. Perhaps a Yugo or Geo to boot.

I want a butler named Jefferson, a chef named Pierre-Jean, a chauffeur named Andretti.

Of course, Pierre-Jean must be capable of producing wonderful gourment, gastronomic meals that approach the masterful work of Chef Lee Won Ton, proudly of Daimy's at 6th and H Streets, NE. Jefferson's nose must be turned up far enough to boot.

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