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The weightlifting room at Hughes Gym has improved with the addition of new equipment. Read on!
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ASL Debate Held

News Department

The Student Body Government (SBG) held an debate on a topic pertaining to the Deaf Community: "Controversy of ASL and English as A Foreign Language".

Moderated by Alana Beal, the panelists were: Kelby Brick, Former Student Congress Speaker; Robert Koch, News Editor of the Buff and Blue; Linsay Darnall, Student Congress Representative; Mandy Frederickson, SBG Executive Secretary; and two others who were not identifiable.

The panelists were asked of their views on the two languages and were also asked about their feelings on English being considered a foreign language at Gallaudet. ASL as a foreign language was also brought up for discussion, as well as the requirements for Gallaudet students to take foreign languages.

The program was established by the Student Affairs office of SBG, under the directorship of John Wilcox.

Car To Be Given Away In Raffle

Rob Koch
News Editor

Tim Medina, Sales Representative of Rosenthal Toyota in Maryland, is around on campus with a brand new 1992 Toyota Corolla Deluxe to be given away in a raffle, with the drawing to be held at the Rock Festival on April 25th.

The reason for the raffle, Medina said, was to generate funds for the Student Body Government (SBG) and the Intramural (IM) Sports Department. The SBG is in a deficit and the IM Department needs funds for new equipment.

"In a sense," Medina said, "this raffle makes everyone a winner." He went on and explained that when you contribute five dollars, by buying a raffle ticket, you are helping the SBG ease out of its deficit and also to help support IM sports.

The SBG wins since they receive funds. The IM Department wins since they receive funds, too. The students win because they will have a 'better' Gallaudet since the IM program will be much improved and that the SBG would try to have a worry-free year without the pain of a limited budget.

"Any intelligent person knows this is a
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ROCK FESTIVAL '92 COMING SOON

Trudy Suggs
News Reporter

Many people are anxiously anticipating the arrival of what some claim to be the year's biggest party—Rock Festival. Rock Festival, which will take place on April 25, 1992, is planned to be full of events that include entertainment, refreshments, games, and much more.

Victor Marques, Rock Festival 1992 chairperson, said, "This year's Rock Festival has been made possible in part through the generous support of the Caption Center in Boston. The SBG will also put up funding for other related costs; we are hoping we can spend less this year, thus easing the SBG deficit."

Entertainment includes performances given by the Wild Zappers of Gallaudet University, and Sunshine Too, a traveling theatre group. There will also be 3 live bands, which Marques commented, "will definitely be the most exciting part of the night."

Refreshments will be sold by different organizations, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., then closing for an hour. Sales will start up again at 8 p.m. until closing.

There will be various games included, along with a hot air balloon ride available. Re/Max Events Center is providing a hot air balloon, and for approximately 10 minutes in the air with a full view of Gallaudet will cost $5, starting at 4 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m.

Last but not least, the car raffle winners (sponsored by SBG and Tim Medina of Rosenthal Toyota) will also be announced at 10 p.m.

"We are expecting, according to the Public Relations Office, around 3,000 people—but I wouldn't be surprised if more than that showed up," said Marques.

Tickets are being sold for $10 in advance, and $15 at the door. Tickets can be bought at the SBG during office hours, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily, or they can be bought from individuals on the Rock Festival Committee.

For subscription information, call The Buff & Blue (202) 651-5280 TDD
Gallaudet Watch

Ryan Layton
News Columnist

Well, well, well...it's getting close to final exam time. Y'all sure know what that means! It means more pressure, more studying, more parties, trying to catch up in classes, brown-nosing teachers, attending classes more often, getting ready to go abroad on a Foreign study course, gearing up for VACATION, winding up activities and business in your organization(s), Spring/Summer fever, Graduation preparations, running to the library so you can finish that late research paper, Gally/RIT Weekend, choosing classes for the fall, getting a room for the fall with friends, possibly trying to find a place off campus, trying to get a computer for homework in the crowded lab, preparing for summer school, getting ready to work over the summer, and the Rock Festival!

Gee, sounds like a REAL busy time for all of us! But, let's not forget the real reason we are here: EDUCATION (I hope?)

There's gonna be plenty happening both in and out of classes, and you shouldn't let that get you sidetracked from winding up the semester with good grades. If I were you, I'd be doing my best to concentrate on my studies. Don't let all the events that are happening get to you. If your friends want you to go to this party, and you have a 2000 page paper due Monday, I'd strongly suggest you stay in your room and work on the paper.

You (or whomever's paying) didn't pay your tuition so that you could go to parties and neglect your education. Make good use of your teachers, tutors, the Writing Center, and maybe even your friends so that you can finish the semester with a bang! Of course, I'm not advocating becoming a nerd. It's okay to have fun, just make sure you schedule your fun, just like you schedule your homework, classes, organizational activities, etc. That way, you can have fun and get good grades at the same time. I wish you all best of luck! *grin*

CrimeBeat

4-10-92 Simple Assault - complainant reported that she was involved in an altercation with her roommate. Incident occurred in Clerc Hall.

4-10-92 Theft II - complainant reported that some unknown person/stole her shoes from Gallaudet van #26 while it was parked on the DOT parking.

4-10-92 Theft II - complainant reported that some unknown person/stole her wallet from her dorm room. Incident occurred in Clerc Hall.

4-13-92 Theft II - complainant reported that some unknown person/stole various items from her room. Incident occurred at Cogswell Hall.
Car Raffle Drawing To Be Held
At Rock Festival Night

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good deal," remarked Medina.

Medina explained why he is doing all this and helping the SBG out. He said it's because of goodwill, public relations, and the satisfaction that the students did something for themselves.

There are several student ticket sellers. Medina spoke highly of them and said that they not only sell tickets, but they learn how to sell themselves. Medina went on and said, "That's something valuable and they can use that learning experience for the rest of their lives."

Each organization that participated in the raffle has prizes by Medina for those which sell the most tickets. First place is $900 for the most number of tickets sold by the person or the organization. Second and third places are $600 and $300, respectively.

The car comes with a five-year power-train warranty (transmission, engine, and axles), whichever color you choose, whichever style of transmission, and the ability for you to possibly trade in that car for a truck. The trade-in can be arranged within a half-hour with Medina at Rosenthal Toyota.

Medina said that the January 1992 issue of Car & Driver had found that the Toyota is the most trouble free car in its class.

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Question Of The Week

By Meredith Bruce

Should The Greek Presence Here At Gallaudet Be Reduced?

No, I think it shouldn't be reduced because the numbers of fraternities and sororities are just about right and that gives the students a wide range of choices of which Greek organization he/she can join.

No, you should leave the way it is now. It wouldn't be fair to the others who are members of a fraternity or sorority to be removed. If it was reduced, it would limit our options to be involved in a fraternity or sorority.

I think the Greek presence at Gallaudet should not be reduced here on campus because Greek organizations are sufficient based on ratio of independent/Greek students population.

No, but I don't think we need any more Greek organizations.

No, the Greeks shouldn't be reduced here on campus because the Greeks have a right to run their organizations as long as the Greek Council and the Gallaudet administration approve.
Five Year Pledge Of Support Asked Of Seniors

by Development Office

A group of seniors began an intensive fund raising campaign for Gallaudet University on April 8. The group, led by Jeffrey Bravin, Robert Gustafson, Angela Trahan, and Jevon Whetter, will ask graduating seniors to make a five-year pledge of support to Gallaudet. For the first time ever, the campaign is being managed by seniors. Each of the twenty senior volunteers will personally approach his or her friends and ask them to make a pledge to Gallaudet.

The theme of the campaign is "Make a Difference!" The campaign is important for several reasons, according to the volunteers. It allows seniors to show their pride in their class and Gallaudet. The money raised will significantly help the University.

The campaign began April 8, and will continue until April 22. A wine and cheese reception will conclude the campaign in the Oles Jim on April 22. The campaign is "Make a Difference!"

Kappa Gamma Answers Charges

Press Release

As you may know, Kappa Gamma Fraternity does not condone any kind of racism in our fraternity, nor do we wish to see such things happening on campus.

In addressing these charges, we are taking every possible means to investigate this. At this time, it appears that some Brothers have acted on an individual basis, completely apart from the activities of our Fraternity and we will fully cooperate with the University in dealing with this issue straightforwardly. Kappa Gamma is prepared to undertake any actions that would prevent the impression that our organization practices racism, on an organizational and/or individual basis.

Rockfest To Be Captioned

Press Release

We are pleased that this year's Rock Festival has been made possible in part through the generous support of the Caption Center in Boston, which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year.

We would like to thank them for helping to make our Rock Festival one of the best ever.

They will also provide us with captioned music videos which will play on large television screens several times throughout the evening. SBG hopes that with subsequent Rock Festivals it will be able to secure major sponsors.

SBG will also put up funding for other related costs; we are hoping we can spend less this year, thus easing the SBG deficit more. Thanks to everybody who is helping to make this year's party THE BEST!

The Law Review

Victim Assistance

Salosh Law Seminar at Gallaudet University had a guest speaker from the National Organization for Victim Assistance. It is an important issue because many deaf people have been victims of crime, and did not know what to do because of trauma and/or emotional experiences.

If you are a victim of rape, mugging, physical attack, your loved ones murdered, witnessed a crime (assault, murder, rape, robbery, etc.), there is help. The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) is a private, non-profit organization of victim and witness assistance programs.

On the brochure about victim rights are:
1. Victims and witnesses have a right to be treated with dignity and compassion.
2. Victims and witnesses have a right to protection from intimidation and harm.
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6. Victims and witnesses have a right to preservation of property and employment.
7. Victims and witnesses have a right to due process in criminal court proceedings.

Each year NOVA helps over 10,000 victims of crime through its direct services. In the past, NOVA staff members were major leaders in passing the Federal Victim Witness Protection Act of 1982, and the Victims of Crime Act of 1984. If you want to get involved and be a volunteer, there is an opportunity to be involved in:

Victim Advocate: Work directly with the victims of crime.
Victim Rights Week: Assist NOVA in planning and activities during Victim Rights Week.
Stand Up and Be Counted: Attend conferences, be present at city council meetings.
Research Associate: Work under supervision of researchers in one of the victimology libraries in the country.
Conference planning: Learn the ins and outs of effective conference planning.
Membership Assistant: Get involved with in the day to day management of a non-profit organization's memberships.
Training and Technical Assistance: Work with the director of training to develop training programs.
Volunteer Nights: Get together one night a month for special projects.
Contact EPOC to get more information on how to volunteer or intern with NOVA. Remember, if you need to obtain information, this organization will be more than happy to help you. If you know anyone who is a witness or a victim of a crime please contact NOVA as soon as possible, they provide compensation, counseling, and they are there for them.

They do not have a TDD number but you can call relay services to call NOVA at (202) 226-6682. You can also write to them for further information at NOVA, 1767 Park Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20010

Source: NOVA "Equal Justice for All... From Hope to Reality." Brochure. NOVA's Purposes, Activities, and Accomplishments (Flyer), Volunteer Opportunities (Flyer). By the National Organization For Victim Assistance.
The Caption Center at WGBH celebrates its 20th Anniversary by presenting

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Rock Festival '92 Strikes Back!

Gallaudet University Student Body Government
Health conscious people often talk about fiber. Fiber is nothing new, it has been around since the beginning of time. Our grandparents' generation knew fiber by other names. They called it "rougohage" or "bulk." They understood that getting enough roughage in their diet would assure regular bowel movements.

Fiber refers to the undigested material that stays in the large intestine, or colon after food has been broken down, digested and absorbed. Most food is broken down by enzymes or "juices" higher in the digestive tract (the mouth, stomach, small intestines). However, humans lack enzymes to digest fiber completely. Therefore, fiber goes to the large intestines mostly unchanged. This undigested fiber in the colon can have some good effects!

Fiber in the diet can reduce constipation (hard stool or bowel movement). Constipation occurs when the stool stays in the colon too long and then water is absorbed from the stool. The result is a hard, dry stool that is difficult to pass. So constipation can be described as difficult bowel movements caused by hard, dry stools. Constipation can cause symptoms of abdominal cramping and a "full" feeling, low back pain, gas, headache and a general feeling of malaise.

The cause of constipation is low fiber diet and not enough water intake! Stool is 75% water! Drink at least eight glasses of water a day plus other liquids!

The typical American diet contains only 15 to 20 grams of fiber per day. The U.S. Dietary Goals and the American Cancer Society both recommend that fiber intake be increased to 25 to 40 grams per day.

The highest amount of fiber is found in grains, especially bran. An excellent way to increase fiber in your diet is to eat bran cereals. Other sources of fiber are found in fruits and vegetables. Eating foods that are higher in fiber will produce larger, softer formed stools which will allow easier passage. Increasing your dietary fiber can reduce your chances for developing constipation. Remember, you can make healthy food choices that will reduce your chances of developing constipation. Check with the health center to get a more complete list of high fiber foods!
An Interview With Professor Xu

by Joedy Drulia

I glance at my watch and see that it's 10:15 a.m. Throwing my backpack on and grabbing a soda, I head for Professor Xu's office. I was almost late for the interview.

At first glance, Professor Xu's office seems rather ordinary. Upon closer inspection, however, it becomes evident that this office is in fact unique. Her posters on the wall are printed in Russian, and a Russian calendar are about all I can figure out of her decorations.

She finishes up the last of her lunch and quickly jumps into some questions. "I was born in Shanghai," explains Professor Xu. "My father and mother were both professors of Russian at universities. My father is Chinese and my mother is Russian. I grew up in a bilingual environment speaking both Russian and Chinese."

"Where did you graduate?" I ask her. "Did you attend high school in China?"

Xu: "Yes, graduated from high school and then attended the East China Teacher's University where I graduated with a degree in Russian Studies."

Drulia: "What did you do with your degree from the university?"

Xu: "I taught Russian in China and shortly thereafter, I applied to study in U.S. I was accepted at American University and graduated from there with a Master's degree in Russian Studies."

Drulia: "Did it difficult? I mean, going to another country with only a crude knowledge of the English language. How did you manage to make it through the program?"

Xu: "It was very hard, yes, but I managed."

Drulia: "How did you learn English in such a short time?"

Xu: "Lots of hard work! I tried to constantly expose myself to the language by consuming newspapers and listening to native speakers at every opportunity. My professors at American were very flexible and understanding. I was allowed to write my papers in Russian instead."

Drulia: "Did they like that or were they annoyed?"

Xu: "Oh they loved it! "Professor Xu, you taught Russian language here at Gallaudet, as well as Russian Literature."

Drulia: "Yes, I teach both Russian Language and Russian Literature."

Xu: "Yes. I teach both Russian Language and Russian Literature."

Drulia: "What would you suggest to students considering taking Russian Language?"

Xu: "I would suggest for them to be prepared to work very hard. Although I do not mean to scare away any potential students, I want to emphasize that learning any foreign language is a difficult process. Students must be willing to work hard and put in the extra effort." I know exactly what she is talking about, this is my fourth semester of taking Russian Language with Professor Xu. I asked her, "Are there other reasons to consider studying Russian?"

Xu: "Yes there are. Now with the fall of the Soviet Union, becoming more and more capitalist, there is a great demand for graduates who are fluent in Russian. There is a very lucrative market out there for those who know Russian."

Drulia: "Would you like to see more Gallaudet students taking Russian?"

Xu: "Yes. I would like to encourage students to take the challenge of Russian. After the initial grammar is mastered (usually within two years), the student can continue their studies under the tutelage of a teacher, since from that point on, only vocabulary is needed which a good Russian dictionary provides."

I glance at my watch and notice that our time is up. "It's time for Russian class now."

We both leave her office and head for class. "Well, Xu, last night I had some trouble understanding Russian time expressions while doing homework..." She just smiles and begins her explanation with, "That's easy, you just..."

I smile a breath of relief, thankful that I am fortunate to have such a teacher. "We walk to class with one eager to learn and the other eager to teach."
Supporting Armed Officers

Dear Editor:

Many people have asked me why I am doing this - supporting armed officers.

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Letters To The Editor

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Dewing Pitches A No Hitter!

Billy Koch
Sports Reporter

Jamie Dewing once again won for Gallaudet Varsity Baseball, by pitching a no-hitter against Lincoln University. Dewing had eleven strikeouts and no walks as Gallaudet blanked Lincoln 2-2. Lincoln scored two runs in the first inning off of two errors by Martin Campbell, then Gallaudet came back with a seven run rally in the first inning.

The Bisons held off any offensive attempts by Lincoln, with their impressive showing of strong defense. This game was Dewing's fifth complete game and it was the second no-hitter since 1983, which was made by Ken Clark against Washington College.

The Bisons head coach, Jeff Salti said, "Jamie pitched an outstanding game, and improves as each game comes by." Jimmy Destefano said, "He has won three games this year, and he applauds his teammates for an excellent defense, especially Matt Dray for his diving performance in the last inning, and my goal is to improve every game." Gallaudet Baseball now stands 3-17 for the season and have won two out of the past four games with eight games left to go.

Bison Softball Loses Out Early

Noni Warner
Sports Reporter

Last Saturday, the Bison softball squad played Mary Washington College Eagles in the single elimination CAC tournament at Mary Washington. The Eagles defeated the Bisons soundly 12-2 and that was the end of the story for the Bison's chances to advance in the Tournament. It was their eighth loss and last conference game. So far it was looking like it was to be another long losing season, but the Bison came back to win their next game. They defeated Washington College 10-1, and their record now stands at 5-8. Of their next four games, three will be at home against Shenandoah, Coppin State, and Wilson. One sure thing is that the Bisons will be looking to win all their remaining games, and improve their record from last year. Last season, they won only five games. This Friday, they'll be playing Shenandoah, and last year both teams split a doubleheader. Gallaudet's goal would be to leave with both games against Shenandoah under their belt! "They have only won one doubleheader so far this season. The match-up will start at 1 p.m. at Faculty Row, where they hope to become victorious against Shenandoah.

IntraMural Basketball Dispute Settled

Ricky Taylor
Sports Reporter

Last Saturday, April 11th, the challenge between the best of the best in Intramural basketball between the Gallaudet and the Northwest Campus was settled for once and all.

The Gallaudet All-Stars were anxious to play the long awaited basketball game, to settle and prove for once that they were the best in Intramural basketball. In the game, it was evident that the NWC basketball players could only keep up with the Gallaudet All-Stars for only one half. They ran out of gas, leaving the victory to Gallaudet, 54-37.

Gallaudet had a 6-2 advantage in the first half, before Randall Bostian of NWC ignited a 10-4 run with a steal and three pointer to take the first NWC lead of the game at 12-10. Tied at 18, Stefan Bergan buried a three pointer to take back the lead at 21-18 before Randall Bostian scored on a layup to pull within one, 21-20 at the intermission.

Dino Lomanto scored for the last NWC lead in the second half, at 22-21. Scott Stein then scored 6 points in a 12-0 explosive burst to expand the Gallaudet All-Star lead to 11, 33-22. Both teams kept missing shots during the second half of the game but the scorers margin grew to 20 points in favor of Gallaudet at 50-30. And all this happened even though several players from the Gallaudet All-Star team couldn't play due to their jobs at Gallaudet, including Mike Stultz, Richard Ward, David Hamilton, and Tim Monigan.

Lady Bison Victorious

Becky Matthews
Sports Reporter

The Lady Bison Tennis Team won their first game of the season against the University of D.C. They played this home match on Friday, April 10, and won with an overall score of 5-4. It was a close match where a lot of determination and a big desire to win were important factors in this victory for the Bison.

The winners in singles were Becky Matthews who played flight number 3 with a score of 6-3, 6-3; 6-3; Dyan Osborne who played flight number 4 and scored 6-1, 6-2; Arleigh Tamlin who played flight number 5 and won by 6-3, 6-0; and Ann Smith who played flight number 6 with a score of 6-4, 6-4. The only winners in doubles was the number 3 doubles with a score of 6-0, 6-0. This was played by Becky Matthews and Pam Peek.

When interviewing Coach Robbie Carmichael, she stated, "It was the bottom half of the singles line-up (flight 3-4) that brought Gallaudet its first victory in women's tennis for the season. The girls had the determination to win." After playing and winning against UDC, the Bison feel more confident in themselves as a team, with one said victory under their belts.

Marymount Stomps Lady Bison

Becky Matthews
Sports Reporter

On Saturday, April 11, the Lady Bison Tennis Team had a game against powerful Marymount. The outcome was not so pleasant, as the Bison lost with a score of 8-2.

Coach Robbie Carmichael commented, "What a hot, hot day to play tennis." It was very humid and the players feel that this contributed to their poor performance.

However, there was one player that played as hot as the weather. This was Yael Agriss playing match number 3. She had a very difficult, but encouraging struggle that finally ended with a score of 7-6, 1-6, 6-6.

Dyan Osborne also played a hard match which resulted in a score of 1-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Although the team was disappointed, they are still anticipating future games to be played.

Lady Bison Strike Back

Becky Matthews
Sports Reporter

The Lady Bison Tennis Team had a win against Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa. They played Sunday, April 12, and won the match with a score of 5-4.

The win was a split in the singles matches, and the last two doubles matches clinched the win for Gallaudet.

The wins in singles were made by Flight number 3 played by Becky Matthews with a score of 7-5, 6-4, flight number 4 played by Dyan Osborne with a score of 6-4, 6-1, and flight number 5 played by Arleigh Tamlin with a score of 6-2, 6-0. The victories in doubles were placed by doubles number 2 played by Osborne and Tamlin with a score of 7-6, 7-5, and doubles number 3 played by Matthews and Ann Smith.

Even though most of the team members have won some games, much of the credit should go to Kate Stinely and Yael Agriss who played flight number 1 and flight number 2 respectively, and number 1 doubles, as they faced the best of the competition.

Because many of the team members are so evenly matched within the team, it is hard to place someone in the top two slots as they are played by competition so tough that many do not want to play them. The team is excited to have two wins behind them and feel that next season they will have a winning team.

This latest win has brought the Lady Bison tennis team record to

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Gallaudet's 'Dirty 13' Makes History

Billy Koch
Sports Reporter

Gallaudet's Varsity Baseball team made history defeating St. Mary's in the first round of the C.A.C. playoffs. For the first time in Gallaudet history, the baseball team made it to the semi-finals. The 'Dirty 13' defeated St. Mary's 3-2 in seven innings.

The game was led by a strong pitching performance by James Dewirtg, who picked up his second win of the season, and by the offense of Matt Dray and Darin Clauson. Dray scored two runs for Gallaudet with Clauson contributing two RBIs.

Jimmy Destefano said, "I felt fantastic, and was very proud of the team, the team removed their negative attitude, and the players stuck together even though their numbers have gone down to thirteen, and the team has only three Seniors. I take my hat off to the team for working hard. "Jeff Salit, the head coach for the "Dirty 13" said, "He deserves it, he is a workaholic." Jimmy Destefano said, "I am proud of him, he deserves it, he works hard and has a great leadership quality."

The "Dirty 13" are anxious and looking forward to winning all of their remaining regular season games this spring.

Upcoming Bison Varsity Sports

| Basebal | Thursday, April 23rd  
| Tuesda | vs. Wesley  
| Home, 1:00 p.m. | 
| Thursday, April 23rd  
| vs. Washington Bible  
| Home, 3:00 p.m. | 
| Saturday, April 25th  
| vs. Washington Bible  
| Home, 1:00 p.m. | 
| Softball | Wednesday, April 22nd  
| vs. Columbia Union  
| Away, 3:00 p.m. | 
| Saturday, April 25th  
| vs. Coppin State  
| Home, 1:00 p.m. | 
| Men's Tennis | Saturday, April 18th  
| vs. Newport News  
| Apprentice Home, 2:00 p.m. | 
| Women's Tennis | Saturday, April 18th  
| vs. UDC  
| Home, 1:00 p.m. | 
| Wednesday, April 22nd  
| vs. Hood  
| Away, 4:00 p.m. | 
| Saturday, April 25th  
| vs. Western Maryland  
| Home, 13:00 p.m. | 
| Track | April 20-25th  
| Penn Relays  
| TBA | 
| Saturday, April 25th  
| Salisbury Invitational, Salisbury, Md.  
| 10:00 a.m. | 

Weightlifting Room Improves

Matt Thompson
Sports Reporter

The Gallaudet weightlifting room has been improved by the addition of various new weightlifting equipment. More Gallaudet students, including athletes, have started to work out more often. What exactly was the reason for this drastic change in the weightlifting room?

The Gallaudet Varsity Football coach, Rich Pelletier, noticed that players were starting to neglect the weightlifting room, so he asked his boss, Joe Fritch, Athletic Director, to help out. Fritch contacted the University of Maryland and asked if there was any possibility of a strength and conditioning coach being able to come to Gallaudet to help the football players develop strength.

The University of Maryland Athletic office agreed that they could send one coach here to help the Gallaudet program become successful.

One coach, Mike "Vaz" Vasalani, volunteered to come here because he thought that Gallaudet University didn't need just any strength and conditioning coach. Vasalani was deeply interested in helping out the Gallaudet community and felt that he could do the job exceptionally well.

He was born and raised in Pittsburgh, and went to college at Slippery Rock. His major was Physical Education and physiology and kinesiology, with an emphasis in science and strength. He was deeply interested in helping athletes, have started to work out better. He asked Vasalani for help or advice. Vasalani would love to help anyone, with questions related to weightlifting or staying healthy.

Everyone is welcome to enter the weightlifting room and ask Vasalani for help or advice. Vasalani would love to help anyone, with questions related to weightlifting or staying healthy.