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Jack R. Gannon's
The Week The World Heard
Gallaudet

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CURTAINS OPEN
SCREEN DOWN

SLIDE (The projector is left on as people are seated)

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And in 1988, the Gallaudet University presidency belongs to a DEAF person. To show our solidarity behind our mandate for a deaf president of our university, you are invited to participate in a historic RALLY!"

HOUSELIGHT OUT
SLIDE PRESENTATION BEGINS

Photo of Gallaudet
 Photo of students protesting
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 "The Week The World Heard Gallaudet"
 "starring"
 Photo of Carolyn Freeman
 "Carolyn Freeman as Ms. Spilman"
 Photo of Carolyn Freeman
 Photo of ShaShonie Reins
 "ShaShonie Reins as Dr. Zinser"
 Photo of Shashonie Reins
 Photo of
 " as Dr. I. King Jordan"
 Photo of
 Photo of John West
 "John West as Jerry Covell"
 Photo of John West
 Photo of Tim Little
 "Tim Little as Tim Rarus"
 Photo of Tim Little
 Photo of Becky Luftig

"Becky Luftig as Bridgetta Bourne"

Photo of Becky Luftig

Photo of Niel Thompson

"Niel Thompson as Greg Hlibok"

Photo of Niel Thompson

Photo of Terry Breckner

"Terry Breckner as Newscaster"

Photo of Terry Breckner

Photo of Fernando Gonzalez

"Fernando Gonzalez as Professor Goodstein"

Photo of Fernando Gonzalez

Photo of Karen Garcia

"Karen Garcia as Interpreter"

Photo of Karen Garcia

Photo of Donte Hall, Brian Meagher, Craig Halverson, Son Mai, Brent
Brumley, Rima Ortega, Tory Watson, Jennifer Bowers

"The Week The World Heard Gallaudet"

"The Rally - Tuesday, March 1"

Act 1 Scene 1 - The Rally

SLIDE

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SCREEN UP

BACKGROUND: Gallaudet

DIM STAGELIGHT

The scene begins with the candlelight vigil. The students march in the auditorium with candles and come on the stage. Buttons of Deaf President Now (Yellow) are passed out to the audience. On the stage, there is a podium. Students are on the edge of the stage facing the podium.

**SPOTLIGHT ON PODIUM
PODIUM - GALLAUDET**

Alumnus #1: AS A GRADUATE OF GALLAUDET, I'M HERE TO DEMAND THAT OUR NEXT PRESIDENT BE DEAF. Today, on this historical occasion, we are having the rally to demonstrate our solidarity for the selection of a deaf president. When planning for this rally, we had hoped for about 1,000 people but instead there are about 1,500 of you. Obviously, we are united! We are here to send a message to the board that "THE TIME IS NOW!" We have waited 124 years for deaf president and we will not wait any longer! We are tired of being controlled by hearing people. We are tired of being told that deaf people can not do a good job. We are tired period! Time is now! Time is now! Time is now! Time is now! Time is now!

NOW, MY FRIEND FROM GALLAUDET DAYS, PROFESSOR HARVEY GOODSTEIN, WILL COME UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS.

Alumnus #2 (DR. GOODSTEIN): When President Jerry Lee announced his resignation as president of the university last September, Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA), National Association of the Deaf (NAD), National Fraternal Society of the Deaf (NFSD) and many other organizations worked closely together to identify potential deaf candidates for the position. The moment has arrived. The future is now. The

choice is clear. It is time for a deaf president, and we have qualified deaf candidates to prove it! We will not wait any more! We want Deaf president now! We want Deaf president now! We want Deaf president now! We want Deaf president now! We want Deaf president now!

Alumnus #3: In Gallaudet's history, we have had 7 presidents. The first one was Edward Miner Gallaudet, the son of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet who founded the first school for the deaf in Hartford Connecticut. He was the president of Gallaudet for 46 years, from 1864 to 1910. Then President Hall was the president of Gallaudet for 35 years. Then President Elstad for 24 years. Then President Edward Merrill for 14 years. Then Dr. Johns for a few months before Jerry Lee moved up from Vice presidency. Now it is time for a deaf president. We have been waiting too long already! NOW LET ME INTRODUCE THE NEW SBG PRESIDENT, GREG HLIBOK.

Greg Hlibok: Wow, what a day! Only this morning, I began my term as the new president of the Student Body Government. Tim Rarus, the outgoing president, has done an outstanding job representing students on the search committee the past year. Obviously, there are qualified deaf people for the job. There were six semifinalists, three deaf and three hearing. Now, the three finalists include two deaf and one hearing. The deaf candidates are our own dean, Dr. I. King Jordan, and the superintendent of the Louisiana School for the Deaf, Dr. Harvey Corson. The lone hearing candidate is Dr. Elisabeth Zinser who is the

provost of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. I will be sending an overnight express letter encouraging Dr. Zinser to withdraw for the good of the university. And let's send a strong message to the board that we want deaf president now!

Jerry Covell: Deaf president now!
Deaf president now! Deaf president now!
Do you want to be there when the announcement is made? Be there at the field house this Sunday at 8:30pm. We must show our support to the new president. Meanwhile, we must pressure the board. We must not give up. I'm going to start a petition now to show the board that we mean business. Go on and sign the petition. (petition being passed out to the audience for their signatures.)
Deaf president now! Deaf president now!
Deaf president now!

After collecting petitions, students return to the backstage. Covell will end chanting after all students return. Curtain will close after Covell is finished with chanting.

COVELL: Deaf president now! Yeah!

CURTAINS CLOSED
STAGELIGHT OUT
SPOTLIGHT ON NEWSCASTER

Newscaster: Gallaudet University for the deaf, called "the best liberal arts college in the East", faces a wide-open and perhaps stormy future with the departure of President Jerry Lee. While officials at the university are working to smooth the transition to a successor, a group of faculty and alumni -- some embittered by the university's current

leadership -- are calling for a deaf president, which Gallaudet has never had in its 124 year history. University officials said a number of very qualified deaf candidates for president are under consideration, but added that any insistence on a deaf successor would tie their hands. Meanwhile, 900 signatures in support of a deaf president have been collected from the students immediately after the rally. The petition has been presented to the board. The formal announcement of the selection of the new president will come this Sunday.

LIGHTS OUT

Act 2 Scene 1

SCREEN DOWN
CURTAINS OPEN

SLIDE

"DAY ONE - Sunday, March 6"

SPOTLIGHT ON NEWSCASTER

NEWSCASTER: The press conference has been scheduled for this evening for the formal announcement of the seventh president of Gallaudet University. While the Gallaudet community has been advocating for a deaf president, there is a hearing person among the finalists. The sole hearing candidate is Dr. Elisabeth Ann Zinser who is presently the vice president for academic affairs at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The two deaf finalists, both of whom are alumni

of Gallaudet, are Dr. I. King Jordan who is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Gallaudet and Dr. Harvey Corson who is the superintendent of the Louisiana School for the Deaf. The anticipation is high on campus for the selection of the first deaf president in Gallaudet's history.

SPOTLIGHT OUT

SLIDE OFF

STAGELIGHT ON

SCREEN UP

BACKGROUND: Gallaudet

STUDENTS IN FREEZE POSITION

Students are being congregated on the stage, waiting for the announcement. Anticipation of the selection of a deaf president is high. Students are talking among themselves.

Student #1: I wish they would hurry up and make the announcement soon.

Student #2: Me, too. I can't wait to know which person got the job. Do you think it's going to be Jordan or Corson?

Student #1: Hard to tell. They both are good!

Student #3: Hi! I'm ready to party tonight! You want to come and join us in the celebration?

Student#4: Of course!!! Where will the party be?

Student #3: In the Abbey's!

Student:4: Great! I'll be there. I also understand there will be celebrations all over the campus, in the gym, in the dorms, I mean everywhere!

Student #3: I can't wait to celebrate! I brought my camera. This is a historical moment!

HOUSELIGHT TURNING ON SLOWLY

Press release announcing "Gallaudet University Appoints First Woman President. The Board of Trustees is confident that Dr. Elisabeth Zinser will prove to be an effective and innovative leader who will represent Gallaudet with distinction." is being distributed among the audience without students knowing about it. As soon as the students become aware of the news, the houselight turns off and spotlight is on the newscaster.

STUDENTS FREEZE WITH EXAGGERATED FACIAL EXPRESSIONS
CURTAINS CLOSE (maybe not necessary, once the newscaster starts talking, students quietly move into new positions)

HOUSELIGHT AND STAGELIGHT OUT

SPOTLIGHT ON NEWSCASTER

Newscaster: Good evening. Despite intense pressure from the deaf community to name a deaf president to head Gallaudet University, the board of trustees just announced that it had selected Dr. Elisabeth Zinser, the only hearing educator among the three finalists for the position. Dr. Zinser is currently the vice president for academic affairs at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a post she has held since 1983. Board chairman Spilman reported that the board is aware that this decision will be terribly disappointing to many. Once again a hearing person has been appointed to the loftiest post to which a deaf person could aspire.

CURTAINS OPEN (not necessary if curtains do not close)

STAGELIGHT SLOWLY TURNED ON

Students standing in a semi-circle, stomping on flyers announcing the appointment of Dr. Zinser as the new president.

STUDENTS FREEZE

STUDENT #1: Once again, we have lost! My grandfather went to Gallaudet and I remember him saying, I wonder when we will have a deaf president. My mother and father went to Gallaudet and they both wondered the same thing. When will Gallaudet have its first deaf president? Now I am a student at Gallaudet and I am beginning to wonder too! Will it happen during my lifetime?

STUDENT #2: (weeping) Why can't the board listen to us? Why do hearing people think we are worthless? What can we do to change their mind? How can we show the hearing world that we are capable people? If not here at Gallaudet, then where?

STUDENT #3: I don't get it! I don't get it! It's now 124 years since Gallaudet was established. Not one deaf person since that time has been qualified to run Gallaudet! Not one deaf person! What good is Gallaudet if it can not produce one single deaf person to run the institution? Why are we coming to school here if we can't get the necessary training here? 124 years and not one single deaf person!

STUDENT #4: Obviously, the time is not ours. We have to accept the fact. Dr. Zinser is our new president. We should give her our full support!

STUDENTS IN UNISON: No way!
No way!

Covell: We should demand an explanation. We should know why they made this selection and why they chose to disregard our wishes. We should not just sit back and accept. Let's do something!

STUDENT #2: Yeah, you are right! Why aren't the board here to make the announcement? Why didn't they make it right here on campus? Why did they release to the media before letting us know? Do they think we are nothing?

STUDENT #1: Well, if they think we are nothing, let's show them who we are. Let's go and find them. Where are they?

STUDENT #2: I think they are in downtown at the Mayflower Hotel.

Covell: Let's go then. Let's demand for an explanation. They must account for their decision. Let's go!!

Students began to march around the stage, shouting. As they attempt to walk off the stage, police officers are summoned to the scene, keeping students on the stage. Covell leads the march.

OFFICIER #1: (using loudspeaker)
Please keep off the street. You are disrupting the traffic.

Students continue to march, pressuring the officers to allow them on the street.

OFFICER #1: (using loudspeaker)
Keep off the street or we will begin to arrest you for disorderly conduct. Can't you hear me? I said, keep off the street.

OFFICER #2: They can't hear you. What should we do?

OFFICER #1: (using loudspeaker)
For the last time, I'm telling you. Stay off the street. You don't have a permit to march.

OFFICER #2: It's worthless. They can't hear you. Let's make sure they don't get hurt by providing them with an escort.

Students begin to march off the stage with escorts and walk up the auditorium.

STAGELIGHT OUT

Act 2 Scene 2

SLIDE OF MAYFLOWER HOTEL
PODIUM - MAYFLOWER HOTEL

STAGELIGHT ON

Students walk down the other side of the auditorium to the stage. They wait at the hotel (at one end of the stage). After a long wait, Greg Hlibok and Tim Rarus (and Jeff Rosen) are summoned to meet with Spilman.

Rarus: Where is Greg Hlibok?
They want to meet with us. Jeff Rosen, a deaf lawyer, is already there.

Hlibok: Here I am. So we are having meeting now with Spilman?
Good!

Bourne: Chantings: Deaf President
Now, Where's Spilman?

Coming back, Hlibok¹ and Rarus look stunned.

Rarus: The board won't listen to us. They think we are nothing. Spilman said Deaf people are not ready to function in the hearing world. Imagine that! She thinks we are not ready to function in the hearing world! That's why they chose Dr. Zinser! They are sticking with their decision. They want Dr. Zinser to be our president.

Students are angry. They begin to stomp the copies of the news release which carried the announcement. Students begin to scream and insist that Spilman come out and explain. After a long wait, Spilman finally makes her appearance.

Spilman: The board has worked very hard to select the best person to lead the University in what will be a difficult period for Gallaudet. Dr. Zinser is a fine administrator with proven administrative skills and she will do an outstanding job for Gallaudet. **THE REASON WE PICKED DR. ZINSER AS THE SEVENTH PRESIDENT WAS BECAUSE SHE WAS THE MOST QUALIFIED PERSON FOR THE JOB. THIS WOMAN IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO DEAF PEOPLE. SHE IS REALLY COMMITTED TO SERVE YOU AS THE FINEST PRESIDENT GALLAUDET EVER HAD.**

Students start to scream at her,
booing her.

Spilman: We will continue
tomorrow after you all calm down. We
will explain our decision then at
Gallaudet.

Covell: Let's go back to Gallaudet.

Students walk back on stage.

STAGE LIGHT OUT

Act 2 - Scene 3

SLIDE

"DAY TWO - Monday, March 7"

SCREEN UP

BACKGROUND: Gallaudet

Fence of students behind the screen

STAGELIGHT ON

SCREEN UP

STAGELIGHT OFF

SPOTLIGHT ON NEWSCASTER

Newscaster: Deaf students have
shut down Gallaudet University to
protest the selection of a hearing
educator as the next president of the

university. After learning the news through the media, the students decided to march to the hotel to demand an explanation. After the encounter with Ms. Spilman where it was claimed that she made the statement that deaf people are not ready to function in the hearing world, students were even more enraged. Ms. Spilman has promised to explain the board's decision today at a campus meeting.

SPOTLIGHT OFF
STAGELIGHT AND HOUSELIGHT ON
PODIUM - GALLAUDET

Spilman walks down the aisle to the stage. The fence opens up and the crowd parts to allow Spilman to enter campus for a meeting.

STAGELIGHT AND HOUSELIGHT OUT

SPOTLIGHT ON

Newscaster: In a city that yawns at demonstrations, yesterday's proved unique. Police, who said the crowd was peaceful and reported no arrests, often had difficulties communicating with deaf students. Officers' shouted commands were to no avail and they had to resort to nudging the crowds back.

The reporters also found it challenging to write reports. They had to search frantically throughout the day for interpreters when students leaders addressed the crowds in sign language.

The board is now meeting with the representatives of the Gallaudet community. It has been announced that the board will explain their decision to the public this evening.

STAGELIGHT ON

Student #3: Deaf people are not ready to function in the hearing world. I don't like that! (Walks off stage)

Covell: Hearing people are not ready to function in the deaf world!

Student #4: Deaf people can (walks off stage)

Bourne: I'm very disgusted, very disgusted. (walks off stage)

Student #2: Deaf Power! (walks off stage)

Rarus: We will not give up! Not now! Not ever! (walks off stage)

Alumnus #1: 124 years... we won't wait any longer! (walks off stage)

Student #1: They better change their mind or!!! (walks off stage)

Greg Hlibok comes out from the back stage, facing the students and audience.

Hlibok: I have just met with the board and explained our position. They want us to open the campus. We gave them four demands in return for opening the campus. The four demands are:

1. Zinser's resignation and the selection of a deaf president;
2. Spilman's resignation from the board;
3. An increase in deaf representation on the board to 51%;
4. No reprisals against the protesters.

The board is now in meeting to talk about our demands. They should make an announcement to us soon about their decision.

Bourne: (walks back on the stage)
While waiting for the board's return, let me explain to you what has been happening. Yesterday, when we learned of the announcement that Zinser has been selected as the president, students marched to the Mayflower Hotel to demand an explanation. Greg Hlibok, Tim Rarus and a deaf lawyer, Jeff Rosen went in to meet with Ms. Spilman and others. At that time, she said the reason why a deaf person was not selected was that deaf people are not ready to function in the hearing world. Of course we are angry and upset. Ms. Spilman refused to explain more why the board refused to give deaf people a chance. Just now, a group of ten students, two faculty members and two staff members met with Ms. Spilman to present our 4 demands. Let me repeat the four demands. 1) Dr. Zinser's resignation and a deaf person in her place; 2) Ms. Spilman's resignation; 3) 51% deaf representation on the board and 4) no reprisals against the protesters. Now do you support these four demands? Let me see your support. Let me hear your support! Four! Four! Four! Four! Four!

Covell: Are you going to accept a hearing person as our president? Are we going to give up easily? Do you think we are nothing? Let's hear it from you now! Now let's show our spirit!!!!

Chanting: 4 Demands now

Both Covell and Bourne along with Hlibok and Prof. Goodstein stand on stage while Spilman makes her appearance.

Spilman: (appearing on the stage behind the podium) May I have your attention, please?

Chanting: Out! Out! Out! Out! Out!

Spilman: Please sit down and be quiet! I have an announcement to make. AFTER CAREFUL AND DELIBERATE CONSIDERATIONS, A LAWFUL AND FINAL DECISION WAS MADE. THE BOARD WILL NOT CHANGE ITS MIND.

Chanting: Out! Out! Out! Out!
Out!

Prof. Goodstein: (Walking on stage, interrupting her) I just went to the meeting with them. The board won't listen to us. They won't change their mind. Do you want to stay and listen to her? Don't you want to leave?

Students begin to scream and booing.

Spilman: We aren't going to hear you if you scream so loudly that we can't have a dialogue.

Students continue screaming and encourage the audience to leave.

HOUSELIGHT ON
SPOTLIGHT REMAINS ON SPILMAN

CURTAINS CLOSED

INTERMISSION

Act 3 Scene 1

BACKGROUND: GALLAUDET
CURTAINS OPEN
HOUSELIGHT OFF
SCREEN DOWN
SLIDE

Day 3 - Tuesday, March 8

STAGELIGHT ON

STAGELIGHT OFF
SPOTLIGHT ON NEWSCASTER

Newscaster: The day ended yesterday with lockhorns at Gallaudet. After selecting a hearing person over two other candidates who are deaf, the students have shut down the campus. Calling for a "deaf president now", hundred of students and others from the deaf community participated in a tumultous day of events that included an early morning blockade of the entrances to Gallaudet, a spirited noontime human wave performance on the campus, an emotion charged meeting between students and trustees in the fieldhouse and a rush-hour match to Capitol Hill and a demonstration outside the White House.

The students have presented four demands to the board in return for opening the campus. On the top of the list is the resignation of Dr. Zinser and the selection of a deaf president. The students are adamant about having a deaf president. They are also calling for the resignation of Ms. Spilman from the board and that there are no reprisals against those who are participating in

the protest. The fourth request is that the board make-up is changed to ensure that the majority is deaf.

Ms. Spilman is insisting that students should trust her and the board's decision and to give Dr. Zinser a chance. Students responded by saying that deaf people deserve a chance too! Our reporter was on the scene to interview people. Here's the report.

SPOTLIGHT OUT

SHOW VIDEOTAPE OF INTERVIEWS

SPOTLIGHT ON

Rarus: You see this effigie. Obviously, Zinser is not wanted here! It's time for us to give her a clear message! You are not wanted here, period! We will not back down until a deaf person is selected as the president.

Bourne: We come from different places and different cultures, but this is our common cause. Our special bond is being deaf. And on campus we had been hiding that bond for a long time and just been in different groups. Not any more. We have made the first step, but we won't stop until we've gone all the way. Let's meet here in the field house every night at 7:30 for rallies. We will be sharing news and announcements on planned events for the next day. Let's start this evening with a chant. What do we want? Do we want Spilman out? Do you?

Chantings: Spilman out! Spilman out! Spilman out! Spilman out!

Alumnus #1: We, unlike hearing members on the board of trustees, know fully what it is like to be deaf. The Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) board members has met and voted to support the students and their four demands. We are calling for the board members, who lack confidence in the abilities of deaf persons, to resign. Board, resign now! Board, resign now! Board resign now!

Alumnus #2: The deaf people here are stunned and outraged. Hearing people have all kinds of ways to move up in the world. There's only one place for deaf people to move up and that's Gallaudet. The time has come for the planation mentality which has for so long controlled this Institution and others serving the deaf to end. It's the attitude that they will decide things for us. They will decide what's best for us. WE DON'T WANT THAT ANY MORE!

Hlibok: This thing is getting bigger and bigger and better. It's obvious we are so right! Ms. Spilman thinks what she is doing is for the best interest of the people of the university. Look at these people. Do you think what she is doing is in their best interests? No! Dr. Zinser wants dialogue with us. Do you want dialogue with her? No! We will tell her that there will be no dialogue. Do you want compromise? No! We will tell her no compromise. That's what we are promising. We want her out, and we intend to tell her that she isn't welcome here, that she's not our president!

STUDENTS SCREAMING IN SUPPORT

SCREEN DOWN

STAGELIGHT OUT SPOTLIGHT ON

News caster: The campus was open today but the students boycotted the classes, leaving classrooms empty. The students moved their battle to unseat the school's new hearing president to Congress, which controls the university's purse strings. A lobbying campaign is underway to influence Congress which provides more than 75 percent of Gallaudet's \$75 million annual budget. There are three congressmen on the board of trustees, however, none of them participated in Sunday's selection of Elisabeth Zinser. One of the Reps. David E. Bonior, a democrat from Michigan has said that he fears the controversy over Sunday's appointment of Elisabeth Ann Zinser could hurt future federal funding of the university. Vice president Bush also supported the selection of a deaf president for the 2,300 student university.

Spilman said that she was surprised by the intensity of the reaction to the board's decision. She said, " I knew there would be severe disappointment, deep disappointment. I did not expect this." Spilman still believes that the board made the right decision. In response to claims that she is not being insensitive to deaf people,

she said she would resign if the board requested it.

SPOTLIGHT OUT

SLIDE

"Day 4, Wednesday, March 9"

STAGELIGHT ON

CURTAIN CLOSED

PODIUM - NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING

Zinser is seated with Jordan and Spilman.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Newscaster: The cars passing by Gallaudet University yesterday became perhaps the best barometer of the momentum that seems to be building among students, faculty and staff intent on getting a deaf president. On Monday, when students shut down the campus, a sign was hung near the front entrance: "Honk for a deaf president." The blare of car horns was constant, suggesting growing interest and support around the city for the students, faculty and staff of the world's only liberal arts university for the deaf.

The increase in the number of national media reporters on the scene indicated as well that interest in the cause extended far beyond the Beltway.

SPOTLIGHT OUT

STAGELIGHT ON

Spilman: As you know, the board of trustees of Gallaudet University

remains committed to the selection of Dr. Elisabeth Zinser as the seventh president of Gallaudet University. We are confident that she will serve Gallaudet well. (turns to wink at Zinser). DR. ZINSER IS A TALENTED, CAPABLE, AND DEDICATED TO THE FUTURE OF GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY. SHE IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH YOU AND BE A STRONG ADVOCATE OF THE DEAF COMMUNITY. TRUST US, SHE WILL NOT DISAPPOINT YOU. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Zinser is here with us today.

Zinser: I'M HERE TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE UNIVERSITY. I had prepared to assume the post in July but the situation looks right now as such that I am prepared to move in immediately. As an academician, I revere the right of students on the university campus to express their views. I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT IT IS THE VIEW OF ALL PEOPLE AT GALLAUDET BUT RATHER VIEW OF MANY AND I ACCEPT THAT AS A SERIOUS THING. HOWEVER, IT IS ORGANIZATION THAT MUST STAY IN CONTROL. IF IT CONTINUES TO GET OUT OF CONTROL, THE ADMINISTRATION MUST TAKE CONTROL. ONCE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH EACH OTHER, AND WITH HELP OF MY FRIENDS WITH CONTACTS PEOPLE SO THAT I CAN LEARN TOTAL COMMUNICATION AND LEARNING ABOUT THE NEEDS OF DEAF PEOPLE. IN ONE YEAR, I THINK I WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A WARM RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEAF COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE DEAF PEOPLE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO MOVE

UP TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND
LEADERSHIP POLICY MAKING
POSITIONS.

Jordan: I think it is time to enter into a meaningful dialogue with the new, seventh president of Gallaudet University and give her any support I can. As A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION AND BECAUSE I'M AN IN HOUSE PERSON AND DEAF, IT HAS BECOME MORE A FOCUS THAN IT SHOULD. I WANT TO REAFFIRM THAT I BELIEVE IT IS SERIOUS THAT THE SEARCH WAS FAIR AND THAT I HAD FAIR OPPORTUNITY AS A CANDIDATE. I MET WITH THE STUDENTS THIS MORNING TRYING TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO REVERT THEIR ENERGY TO BEGIN DIALOGUE WITH DR. ZINSER.

ZINSER SHAKES HANDS WITH JORDAN. SPILMAN TELLS JORDAN TO FOLLOW HIM.

STAGE LIGHT OUT
SPOTLIGHT ON

Newscaster: Dr. Zinser flew in last night from North Carolina with the intention of taking over her post as Gallaudet president four months earlier than intended. As a trump, Dr. Jordan threw in his support of her presidency. The mood on Gallaudet campus remains sober. Students are determined to have their four demands met.

ONE OF THE DEAF FINALISTS, IRVING KING JORDAN, WAS 21 YEARS OLD WHEN A CAR STRUCK THE MOTORCYCLE HE WAS RIDING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN 1965. AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT, HE BECAME DEAF AND IMMEDIATELY ENTERED

GALLAUDET. JORDAN GREW UP IN A LITTLE TOWN IN PENNSYLVANIA AND NEVER KNEW A DEAF PERSON BEFORE THE ACCIDENT. HE JOINED THE NAVY AFTER LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER GRADUATING FROM GALLAUDET, HE WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE TO EARN MASTER'S DEGREE AND PHD IN PSYCHOLOGY AND RETURNED TO GALLAUDET IN 1973 TO TEACH.

BACKGROUND: GALLAUDET
PODIUM - GALLAUDET

CURTAINS OPEN
FENCE OF STUDENTS

Bourne: You will notice that the fence is closed again. We will not let Zinser on campus. We will make every effort to make sure she stays out. WE WILL BE CHECKING EVERY CAR THAT WANTS TO ENTER THE CAMPUS. If you see a helicopter approaching, please make sure you don't let it land as Zinser may be in it. WE DO NOT WANT ZINSER HERE PERIOD. THE FENCE IS CLOSED!

Hlibok: I just met with Dr. Zinser and she did not give me a good impression. She won't change her mind and we won't change ours. We are sticking with our four demands. It is up to the board to reconsider its decision. We don't know how to work with her because our minds are made up that we cannot work with her. Dr. Zinser wants to come to this campus. Do you want to let her??????? No!

Covell: I know some of you had plans to go away during the spring

break. We will not ask you to stay on campus if you don't want to. But many of you have said no! That you do not want to go on spring break. Is that right!! You do not want to lose the support of the public! Another good news! An area law firm has agreed to lend its service free of charge.

Alumnus #1: I want to make announcement that the faculty met today and voted to support the 4 demands. The faculty met today and we voted to endorse students' 4 demands. The results were 147-5 in favor of students. The staff also voted to support your efforts. We will join you in the protest.

Rarus: YOU SEE THIS RED RIBBON. WE ARE GOING TO WEAR IT ON OUR RIGHT ARM UNTIL ALL OUR DEMANDS ARE MET. WE ARE THINKING OF OUR FUTURE AND OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN. NOW, PLEASE PUT THE RIBBON ON. (RIBBONS ARE BEING PASSED OUT TO THE AUDIENCE.)

RARUS: Do you want Zinser here? What do you want to tell her?

Chanting: Zinser go away

FENCE OF STUDENTS REMAINS

STAGELIGHT OUT
SPOTLIGHT ON

Newscaster: Despite a vow that she would establish communications yesterday with students and faculty at Gallaudet University, newly appointed president Elisabeth Ann Zinser spent the

day with her staff, laying out plans to restore order to a campus that does not want her. Although she has yet to step on campus, Zinser offically assumed control of the embattled university today, four months before she originally had intended.

The board of trustees said that they stand firm in their decision to appoint Zinser, whose hearing is normal and who does not know sign language. Today marked the fourth day of unrest and disrupted classes. Students continued to be deluged by public support, including those of four presidential candidates, several members of Congress and a labor leader. In addition, faculty and staff in separtate meetings voted to support the students in their protest.

SPOTLIGHT OUT
SCREEN DOWN

SCENE FROM NIGHTLINE

SLIDE

"Day 5 - Thursday, March 10th.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Newscafter: The encounter between Dr. Zinser and Greg Hlibok on Nightline last night did not resolve anything. The students were admant about their demands. Interestingly, the four student leaders had several things in common. All were born deaf or hard of hearing and all were the offpsring of deaf parents. All had attended residential schools for the deaf and had been active in extracurricular school

activities. Three were active in their school chapters of the Jr. National Association of the Deaf and had attended the Youth leadership Camp in Pengilly, Minnesota which is sponsored by the National Association of the Deaf. Now we turn to Gallaudet where I. King Jordan is preparing to make a statement.

SPOTLIGHT OUT
STAGELIGHT ON

SCREEN UP

Students stand behind the screen in a semi-circle with Jordan in the middle.

BACKGROUND: GALLAUDET
PODIUM - GALLAUDET

Jordan: The last few days have been very difficult ones for all of us who care about the welfare of Gallaudet University and the larger deaf community. In the pressure of these events, I am concerned that my statement yesterday created distress for the students, faculty, and staff with whom I work. In fact, my personal reaction to the board's decision was -- and is -- anger at the continuing lack of confidence that they have shown in deaf people. The students, joined by the staff and faculty, have focused the world's attention on the larger issues. I must now publicly affirm my support for the point of view held by the Gallaudet community. The four demands are entirely justified and appropriate and I fully support the efforts to achieve them.

Students are jubilant about Jordan's retraction of his statement the day before.

CURTAINS CLOSE

Newscaster: After announcing his support for Zinser, Jordan retracted his statement and claimed that he was pressured into making the statement yesterday. In addition, Jordan did not want to cause irreversible harm to the students' movement. A press conference has been scheduled today by the board of trustees.

PODIUM - JW. Marriott Hotel - Spilman is seated

Zinser (looking to Spilman): I resign.

Zinser (facing the audience): I concluded that the best way to restore order and return this university to its business of education was to pave the way for the board of trustees to consider the selection of a president who is hearing impaired. It was also a symbol of the social stature of deaf individuals. I knew this was not an ordinary situation. If this had not been such a monumental event in the history of the deaf culture, I might have put the restoration of order first.

We have seen a very special moment in time for the deaf community. We have learned this week that what is taking place in the nation is a civil rights time for the deaf. We could not anticipate that moment. It is their day in the sun. ILY

STAGELIGHT OUT

SCREEN DOWN

CURTAINS OPEN

SLIDE

"Day 6 - Friday, March 11"

VIDEOTAPE OF THE MARCH TO GALLAUDET

Four student leaders in front of the banner. All others are situated behind the banner. They march on the stage while the videotape of actual march is shown. After the march, everyone sits down except for the four leaders who are assembled behind the podium. The four leaders hold their hands up in the air.

SLIDE: U.S. CAPITOL

RARUS: AS YOU KNOW, WE GOT SOME GOOD NEWS YESTERDAY. DR ZINSER FINALLY LISTENED TO US AND RESIGNED. I NEED TO REMIND YOU THAT WE'VE STILL GOT DEMANDS TO GET AND NOW LET'S GET THEM.

COVELL: WE ARE STILL WINNING. WE ARE STILL WINNING. ONE DOOR HAS BEEN OPENED. WE HAVE MANY MORE DOORS YET TO BE OPENED. TODAY WE ARE HERE TO CHALLENGE THE CONGRESSMEN TO HELP US OPEN THE DOORS. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT BOARD'S ACTION UNTIL SPILMAN RESIGNS.

BOURNE: WE HAVE MADE THE FIRST STEP. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE MANY MORE STEPS AND WE WON'T STOP UNTIL WE HAVE GONE ALL THE WAY. IN FACT, WE WILL BE RUNNING!

HLIBOK: THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE REMAIN UNITED. DR. ZINSER HAS RESIGNED BUT WE STILL HAVE DEMANDS UNMET. WE MUST STICK TOGETHER UNTIL ALL THESE

DEMANDS ARE MET. UP TO NOW, WE
HAVE SHOWN THE WORLD THAT WE
ARE UNITED AND WE WILL REMAIN TO
BE UNITED

Four leaders joined in hands, saying that
the students are U N I T E D. (Hlibok.)

VIDEOTAPE: ABC NEWS PERSON OF THE WEEK

SLIDE -

"Day 7 - Saturday, March 12

Newscaster: Elisabeth Zinser had
yet to set foot on the Gallaudet campus.
She had officially assumed control of the
university Wednesday, four months
earlier than she had originally intended,
and had pledged to establish
communication yesterday with students
and faculty. Instead, she spent the day
off campus in meetings. They were
discussing how to ensure the safety and
security of the campus and the students.
In spite of the board's support for
Zinser, she decided to resign. Spilman
said "Zinser 's resignation is a tragic loss
to the university. Her strengths and
accomplishments are precisely in those
areas most critical for the growth of the
university. A special session of the
Board of trustees is being called to
consider the procedure for the selection
of the next president."

As an indication of the widespread
support of the students, 4,000 people
participated in the march to the Capitol
yesterday with people coming from all
over the country. Gallaudet's sister
institution, National Technical Institute
for the Deaf in Rochester, NY., brought
two busloads of students. In addition,
approximately 500 letters were

received by the board during the week.
Only five of them were supportive of
the board's selection of Dr. Zinser.

STAGELIGHT OFF

SLIDE

"Day 8 - Sunday, March 13"

SCREEN UP

BACKGROUND: Gallaudet

MESSAGEBOARD OF TTY CONVERSATION

STAGELIGHT ON:

People sitting around the room. In the room there are chairs, and a table with TTY. Phone light is flashing. A student answers the phone. The conversation appears on the screen.

(BRAVIN) HELLO THIS IS PHIL BRAVIN. MAY I SPEAK TO GREG HLIBOK PLEASE GA

(STUDENT) SORRY, GREG IS NOT HERE. CAN I TAKE A MESSAGE Q GA

(BRAVIN) NO, I REALLY NEED TO TALK WITH GREG. CAN YOU PLEASE FIND HIM Q GA

(STUDENT) HOLD, WE ARE LOOKING FOR HIM HD PLS GA

(BRAVIN) OK, HOLDING GA

(HLIBOK) HELLO THIS IS GREG GA

(BRAVIN) HI GREG. CAN U TELL ME THE FULL NAMES OF YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTER PLEASE GA

(HLIBOK) STEVEN HLIBOK AND JENNY HLIBOK GA

Bill

(BRAVIN) I WISH TO ANNOUNCE THE SELECTION OF I. KING JORDAN OF GALLAUDET AS THE NEW PRESIDENT . JANE BASSETT SPILMAN RESIGNED TASK FORCE ON COMPOSITION OF DEAF PEOPLE AND NO REPRISALS GA

(HLIBOK) WONDERFUL WANT TO BE SURE JORDAN IS PERMANENT OR INTERIM QQ GA

(BRAVIN) PERMANENT GA

(HLIBOK) WHO IS CHAIR OF BOARD NOWQ GA

(BRAVIN) I AM GA

(HLIBOK) SPILMAN RESIGNED AS CHAIR OR AS MEMBER Q GA

(BRAVIN) BOTH GA

(HLIBOK) TIME FRAME FOR TASK FORCE Q GA

(BRAVIN) WORKING ON IT AND WILL APPOINT MEMBERS TOMORROW WILL ANNOUNCE IT TOMORROW GA

(HLIBOK) IF YOU HAVE TIME ARE YOU WILLING TO MEET ME ASAP Q GA

(BRAVIN) WILL MAKE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER THIS GA

(HLIBOK) THANKS APPRECIATE IT LAST QUESTION WHAT WILL BE MAKE UP OF TASK FORCE QQ GA

(BRAVIN) REPEAT ALL NUMBERS GA

(HLIBOK) WHAT WILL BE MAKE UP OF TASK FORCE QQ GA

(BRAVIN) YET TO BE DETERMINED BUT MAJORITY WILL BE DEAF GA

(HLIBOK) GREAT ANYTIME YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO ME SEND SECURITY WE ARE ELATED GA

(BRAVIN) CORRECT Q EVERYTHING WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL Q GA

(HLIBOK) YES WE WILL GET EVERYTHING BACK TO NORMAL BUT NEED TO TALK ABOUT THIS AND COUNCIL WILL MEET AFTERWARDS GA

(BRAVIN) ASKING FOR A PRESS RELEASE ASSUMING ARE THINGS BACK TO NORMAL Q GA

(HLIBOK) YES WE HAVE NO DOUBT THINGS WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL BUT NEED TO TALK FIRST GA

(BRAVIN) CANNOT BE IN A POSITION TO WAIT FOR YOU GA

(HLIBOK) (after talking with Covell and others): UNIVERSITY WILL BE OPEN ON OUR FAITH THAT YOU WILL TALK WITH US ABOUT THE TASK FORCE COMPRISED OF MAJORITY OF DEAF PEOPLE GA

(BRAVIN) DEAF TRUSTEES RIGHT Q GA

(HLIBOK) RIGHT GA

(BRAVIN) CAN ASSURE YOU OF THIS GA

(HLIBOK) HOLD THANK YOU SO HAVE A GOOD EVENING GA TO SKSK

(BRAVIN) GREG MEET ME AT THE PRESIDENTS OFFICE AT 9AM TOMORROW AND UNLOCK EVERYTHING GA

(HLIBOK) FINE GA OR SK

(BRAVIN) SKSKSKSK

CURTAINS CLOSE

SPOTLIGHT ON KING JORDAN
PODIUM - Embassy Row hotel

Students walk backstage to sit in the audience. Only Hlibok, Rarus, and Goodstein remain on stage with Jordan.

Jordan: I am thrilled to accept the invitation of the Board of Trustees to become the president of Gallaudet University. This is a historic moment for deaf people around the world. In this week we can truly say that we, together and united, have overcome our own reluctance to stand for our rights and our full representation. The world has watched the deaf community come of age. We will no longer accept limits on what we can achieve.

And I must give the highest praise to the students of Gallaudet for showing us all exactly now even now one can seize an idea with such force of argument that it becomes a reality.

HOUSELIGHT AND STAGELIGHT ON

Celebration begins.

CURTAIN CALL