

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – January 2 - 6, 2012  
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Everyone who reads Deaf Culture Question of the Week probably knows that I. King Jordan was the first deaf president of Gallaudet University. But do you know the answer to this week's question?

Who was the first deaf chairman of the Gallaudet University Board of Trustees?

- a) Dr. Glenn Anderson
- b) Dr. Harvey Corson
- c) Dr. Elizabeth Zinser
- d) Dr. Phil Bravin

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Answer: “d” – Dr. Phil Bravin was selected as the first deaf chairman of the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University as a result of the Deaf President Now student protest that occurred at Gallaudet University from March 6 – 13, 1988. It was a week the Deaf community all over the world will mark as historic in changing how deaf people viewed themselves and the institutions that serve the deaf community.

Read a brief history here:

[http://www.gallaudet.edu/deaf\\_library\\_collections\\_and\\_archives/Collections/Manuscript\\_Collection/MSS\\_119.html](http://www.gallaudet.edu/deaf_library_collections_and_archives/Collections/Manuscript_Collection/MSS_119.html)

All of the answer choices are notable in the Deaf community in one way or another. Do you know why? Maybe each will be the subject of a future Deaf Culture Question of the Week.

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