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Somebody Wrote!!!

Dear Editor:

Since becoming involved with multiply handicapped hearing impaired individuals, we have made an exhaustive review of the literature. In the process, we examined issues of a variety of relevant journals dating back to 1970 searching for empirical demonstrations which support the efficacy of psychological treatment of the hearing impaired-behaviorally disordered. We are pleased to note that the *JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION OF THE DEAF* has established itself as a leader of dissemination efforts in the field. It affords an opportunity for all practioners interested in the rehabilitation of deaf people to communicate and disseminate research reports, innovations, and practical techniques which will enhance the quality of services for the hearing impaired.

We wish to commend the *JOURNAL* and its editorial policy for this orientation. It is clear that social/personal issues and competencies are as critical to the adult adjustment of hearing impaired persons as any other domain. Educators, psychologists, social workers, and rehabilitation counselors alike benefit from advancements in technology for promoting social/personal adjustment reported in the *JOURNAL*. Of course, the hearing impaired persons served are the ultimate beneficiaries of this forum.

Warmest regards for the continued success of the *JOURNAL*. We anxiously await further advances reported in future volumes.

Sincerely,

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American Academy of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery Publishes Leaflet on Noise, Ears and Hearing

The American Academy of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery has published a new leaflet entitled "NOISE, EARS AND HEARING." It discusses frequently asked questions about noise-related hearing loss, using a question and answer format. It explains when noise is dangerous and how to tell if hearing has been damaged.

The leaflet includes a chart which lists common activities, their decibel (dB) levels and the time exposure at which they become dangerous. The decibel scale indicates loudness intensity and runs from the faintest sound a human ear can detect, which is labeled 0 dB, to over 180 dB, the noise at a rocket pad

during launch. Continued exposure to more than 80 decibels may be dangerous. A chain saw, boiler shop or pneumatic drill, typically 100 dB, may be dangerous with just 2 hours exposure. With every 5 dB increase in loudness, the "safe time" is cut in half. Rock music, which may be 120 dB in front of the speakers, can cause immediate injury. Exposure to the sound of a gun blast or rocket launch is dangerous to hearing and may even cause ear pain.

For a complimentary copy, readers of the *JRD* may send an addressed, stamped business-size envelope marked "NOISE" to the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Dept. N, 1101 Vermont Ave., N.W., Suite 302, Washington, D. C. 20005.

From NTID at RIT

Most personnel administrators agree that the interview is the most critical step in the job search process. For deaf persons a job interview can be especially difficult. A videotape, "Job Interviewing for the Hearing Impaired", has been developed to help hearing-impaired individuals in job interviews. This videotape is one of the self-help products being developed by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

Included in the package are one videotape, which shows a series of simulated interviews, three practice exercises, and an instructor's guide. The videotape shows examples of both good and bad interviews. The practice exercises help the job applicant recognize appropriate responses to an interviewer's questions or to write an effective follow-up letter.

The series is designed for any deaf person seeking work. Professionals who work with the deaf, vocational teachers, guidance counselors, state employment service interviewers and rehabilitation counselors will find the simulated interviews especially helpful in both individual and group settings. Prospective employers viewing the tape will learn communication styles useful for interviewing a hearing-impaired job applicant.

This package may be purchased from: Special Materials Project, 624 E. Walnut Street, 2nd Floor, Indianapolis, IN 46204. The cost is \$70 for 3/4" U-matic or 1/2" EIAJ format, \$55 for 1/2" VHS format.

New Edition of a Familiar Work

You can learn about the successes in deaf education . . . trace deaf educational history . . . read what famous personalities contributed to deaf education . . . find out the new aids that have been developed.

A new edition of *Conquest of Deafness* has been updated by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). This classic book by Ruth Bender provides an historical overview of deafness from biblical times. Now in its third edition, *Conquest of Deafness* is being offered by Interstate Printers and Publishers.

Deafness, as an affliction of mankind, has been recorded throughout history. In each succeeding era, the twin affliction of hearing loss and lack of language

were described and interpreted according to the medical and educational outlook of the day. *Conquest of Deafness* traces the development on the understanding of deafness and education of the deaf. The book has become an authoritative work on historical developments pertaining to deaf people and particularly to their education.

Its author, Dr. Ruth E. Bender, now retired, has been active in the education of young children, hearing as well as hearing impaired. She has published numerous articles in professional journals and contributed chapters to professional books.

The text of the first nine chapters is unchanged from Dr. Bender's first successful edition. The unprecedented changes and tremendous progress of the last 20 years in the lives of hearing impaired children and adults are brought together as an update by Dr. S. Richard Silverman.

Dr. Silverman has been instrumental in the education of the hearing impaired at the national level. Today, many organizations speak proudly of his contributions.

The original edition of *Conquest of Deafness* focused on people who have helped shape the history of deaf people and their education. The new, concluding chapter of this third edition highlights the new trends in the education of the deaf.

This book will be a valuable resource to special education and teacher training programs, prents of deaf children, libraries, deaf individuals, speech and hearing clinics, schools for the deaf and interested ly persons.

The price of this book is only \$10.95. It can be ordered through Interstate Printers and Publishers, P. O. Box 594, Danville, IL 61832.