FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT SHARE BRINGS MTV COMIC
DENIS LEARY TO UMASS-DARTMOUTH CAMPUS

CAUTION: THE NEXT SHARE BENEFIT MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR ANYONE WHO DOESN'T LOVE MTV.
And when Denis Leary brings his comedy show to UMASS-Dartmouth this month, consider yourself warned that this will be no ordinary fundraiser for SHARE. In fact, we got two words for ya — Brace Yourself.

Leary — the caustic comic who's got two words for just about every gripe he hashes out — is no stranger on the college scene. His sarcastic humor and chain-smoking delivery have taken him to celebrity status almost overnight, thanks to the adoration of the MTV generation who has claimed his brand of comedy for their own.

Leary will bring his show to the UMASS-Dartmouth Athletic Center on Tuesday, April 27 at 8 pm. Tickets are $5 for UMASS students and $10 for the general public. For tickets, call the University Box Office at 999-8598.

When the UMASS-Dartmouth Student Activities Board succeeded in booking Leary for their fundraiser to benefit SHARE, most of us had no idea how big that news really was, because we had no idea how big the guy really is. But your kids and grandchil-
dren, your nieces and nephews definitely know.

So even if this kind of comedy isn't your kind of comedy, let the MTV-lovers in your life know that Denis Leary is on his way. And if you're really feeling adventurous, we've got four words for ya — Buy a ticket NOW! ☑

Comedian Denis Leary of MTV fame brings his own brand of humor to UMASS-Dartmouth on April 27th.

Share Client Learns to Communicate with Morse Code Word Processor

Ten-year-old Jared Mooney has long faced unique challenges in his approach to classroom learning. Because the Fall River boy is blind and has no feeling in his fingers, learning to write or type his lessons has been impossible. Counting beads and putting pegs in holes were standard assignments for Jared, until a talking Morse code word processor from SHARE gave him his first real chance at developing his written language skills.

SHARE started Jared on his quest with a traditional telegrapher's switch to see if he had the ability to learn how to signal letters and... Continued on back page
Rehab Center engineers have developed a prototype of a digitized speech system which soon will be sent into the field for evaluation.

Unlike synthesized speech, digitized speech is a recording of actual human speech which is stored electronically in an integrated circuit chip. The system, which works much like an audio tape recorder, has 16 selector buttons which correspond to 16 customized sentences to communicate basic wants and needs.

SHARE CLIENT GETS READY FOR NEW LIFE

Longtime SHARE client Steve Resendes is busy sharpening his computer skills through the keyboard emulator he recently received from SHARE.

In his last year at Fall River's Durfee High School, Steve needed to think about developing skills that could land him employment after graduation. Upon learning of Steve's vocational needs, the Isaiah Avila Memorial Foundation provided funding for him to receive a keyboard emulator from SHARE. This device allows Steve to use his own computer as the keyboard to run commercially available spreadsheet and word processing software on a second computer.

Steve has been practicing with a prototype for the past few months. His finished system will be delivered within the next couple of weeks.

We thank the Isaiah Avila Memorial Foundation for their generosity and teamwork on this project, and wish Steve much success in his new endeavors! ☑

ATTENTION

Computers Needed

The Rehabilitation Engineering Center always welcomes a little help from you in working its magic for SHARE clients.

Computers and printers that are no longer state-of-the-art in your line of work often can be modified by our lab staffs to create custom communication systems for individuals awaiting equipment. Even non-working computers contain useful parts that can get a system up and running.

Businesses or individuals who wish to donate their outdated or broken IBM-compatible and/or Apple computers are invited to contact SHARE Headquarters at (508) 999-8482. Your donation may be tax deductible.

Recycle those computers and give them — and a SHARE client — a whole new life! ☑
"QUICKEN" MAKES PAYING BILLS Quicker
by Paul Remy

Many responsibilities were thrust on me when I moved into my own apartment four years ago, one of which was paying monthly bills. Because I cannot use my hands, my parents wrote checks for me for the rent, phone and electric bills, and to pay my personal care attendants.

I have found that QUICKEN is the best and easiest home financial computer program on the market for this task. A computerized checkbook is displayed on the computer monitor. I enter deposits and make checks by typing the requested information using my head pointer. QUICKEN automatically calculates new balances when deposits or checks are made.

After my personal care attendant feeds the printer with checks, it takes QUICKEN only seconds to print them. My attendant then uses a stamp which has my name on it to "sign" my checks.

There is both an IBM and a Mac version of QUICKEN. The $70 program can also perform other financial tasks such as balancing checking accounts and printing monthly financial reports.

Telephone Relay Service Offered in MA and RI

Both Massachusetts and Rhode Island now have telecommunication relay services to enable people who cannot speak or hear to communicate with anyone who has a telephone. Relay service operators act as a liaison between the caller and the receiving party to assist in transmitting messages back and forth.

For more information about this service, call 1-800-439-2370 (MA) or 1-800-745-5555 (RI).

1992 MARKS A MILESTONE YEAR FOR THE SHARE FOUNDATION

Since its beginning in 1982, the SHARE Foundation has enjoyed a decade of creative engineering and client success stories.

Along with the UMASS-Dartmouth Rehabilitation Engineering Center, SHARE has provided services to over 600 individuals in 32 different states across America. From Massachusetts to Kansas to California, individuals with disabilities have experienced new levels of independence and personal achievement.

We have been honored to play a part in such moving accomplishments. We thank all of our supporters who have made these endeavors possible through their dedication and unfailing generosity.
COMPACT LASER DISC UNIT MAKES LITERATURE ACCESSIBLE FOR CLIENTS WITH DISABILITIES

For many physically disabled individuals, the inability to hold a book and turn its pages has kept them from freely exploring the world through literature. But a brand new product from the UMASS-Dartmouth Center for Rehabilitation Engineering is making it possible to delve into literary treasures without ever having to pick up a book.

The Compact Disc Drive, which can be added on to a typical IBM or IBM-compatible computer system, takes advantage of the latest developments in the compact disc industry.

On the market today, a single CD stores hundreds of the classics — everything from Shakespeare to Dickens to Twain. Another CD contains a comprehensive reference library, including an entire set of encyclopedias, an unabridged dictionary, a thesaurus, an atlas and an almanac.

Computer engineer Michael McCarrick has developed a hardware/software package which can be added to an existing computer system and allows the user to access anything on the disc with the use of a single switch.

An adaptation of this product is in the works to allow data output to a speech synthesizer that can "read" the discs aloud for individuals who are blind.

A complete system, including a CD player, a hardware interface and a starter library of CDs, costs about $600. For more product information, contact SHARE.

Editor's Note:
SHARE client Linda Texeira soon will be receiving a compact disc unit thanks to the Tiverton, RI Lions Club, who generously provided the funding for the purchase.

words through Morse code. While Jared was able to pick up the alphabet, which consists of dots and dashes, his tactile impairment made it difficult for him to refine his hand movements to make the letter patterns. Spelling with Morse code also was a very time-consuming and often frustrating task using the traditional telegrapher's device.

To make the process a more efficient one for Jared, the UMASS-Dartmouth Rehabilitation Engineering Center developed a word processor which allows him to spell words on the screen in Morse code through a spring-loaded joystick. Jared moves the joystick left or right to create dots or dashes, forward to signal the end of the letter, and back to backspace. The computer can both print what is on the screen and "speak" the information through a speech synthesizer.

Jared has been using his computer in the classroom to hone his spelling skills and even write letters.

"He has learned a lot," says Dawn Souza, Jared's mother. "The computer has opened up a new life for Jared."