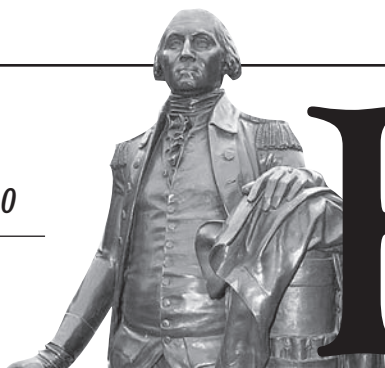


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First lady Michelle Obama painted pipes alongside student volunteers in McLean, Va., at a local retirement community.



Animal Planet host Jeff Corwin encouraged volunteers to engage in environmentally conscious behavior at the event's kickoff.

ITF pinpoints extra \$11.5 million in savings

by PRIYA ANAND
Contributing Editor

The Innovation Task Force will potentially save the University \$11.5 million yearly through six new plans the administration will begin implementing over the next six months.

Started last October by University President Steven Knapp with a mission of promoting efficient spending and bolstering fundraising, the ITF has already identified and saved \$2.8 million, officials announced in April. The money was saved through energy cuts, lease reductions and shifting a graduate program to the Mount Vernon Campus to free up space in Foggy Bottom.

After a year of brainstorming and soliciting more than 400 ideas from the GW community, the task force voted in June on the top 15 ideas and ultimately chose six, entering phase two and implementing its "6 x 6" program – a strategy to get the ball rolling on six new ideas every six months.

"Some of these [ideas] are going to take a year, a year and a half, sometimes even two years to implement," Lenn said.

The first six ideas include increasing the number of hybrid courses offered at the University, making purchases through a consortium, reducing the amount of space leased by the University. Another idea is to expand study abroad opportunities to equalize the number of students that study abroad in the fall with the number that study abroad in the spring.

Task force members analyzed the first six ideas according to feasibility and highest impact on the University as a whole, said Associate Vice President for Academic Operations Jeff Lenn.

Some of the ideas identified include establishing an internal temporary employment agency, which will eliminate GW's dependence on an outside temp agency and will lead to roughly \$500,000

"We hope that we can embed innovation into the GW culture."

JEFF LENN
Associate Vice President for Academic Operations

in savings. The University will also identify GW employees who can telecommute, freeing up office space and saving GW about \$1 million.

Office space on campus can be put to better use if staff members who can telecommute are identified, Lenn said. But effectiveness must match efficiency of resource use, he added, saying productivity is a key factor in determining the fate of this policy.

"If you only look at efficiency, then you're going to get in trouble," Lenn said. "[Telecommuting] is not going to be for everybody."

An estimated 140 officials might successfully telecommute, saving \$1 million annually.

The addition of 35 new hybrid courses each year – which utilize conventional classroom meetings as well as online tools – for the next five years is projected to yield an annual \$1 million in savings, facilitating a decrease in leased classroom space by 50,000 square feet.

Using a program called iBuy will open up an online store for GW departments and divisions to make all necessary purchases from vendors – with whom pricing deals have been negotiated – will save \$6 million per year on items such as technology and furniture.

Expanding study abroad

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Students spend Saturday serving 1,900 students attend annual Freshman Day of Service

by NICOLAS DIAZ and BEN WEINBERG
Hatchet Reporters

More than 2,000 students and community members headed into the D.C.-area Saturday for the annual Freshman Day of Service, which focused on ecological sustainability and the importance of environmentally responsible behavior this year.

Animal Planet host Jeff Corwin kicked off the event in the Smith Center, challenging students to help save the planet by working on parts of the environment already in peril in

order to prevent them from getting worse.

"The need to re-evaluate how we use our natural resources [is imperative]," Corwin said. "In fact, our behavior could devastate life itself."

Corwin added that events like the Freshman Day of Service show a growing trend of young people trying to offset the harm that has been done to the world's ecosystem.

"This event is showing all of us the power of one," Corwin said in an interview with The Hatchet.

Throughout the day, students were assigned to one of 14 community service sites across the District, Maryland and Virginia, where they picked up garbage at national parks, cleaned rivers of invasive plant species and cleaned local recreation areas.

A group of more than 100 lucky students were assigned to work alongside first lady Michelle Obama at the Vinson Hall Retirement Community center, painting and cleaning

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Students, mostly freshmen or leaders on campus, headed to 14 sites around D.C., Maryland and Virginia, including the students above, who picked up trash at Rock Creek Park in the District.

SPHHS is GW's most selective school

by JUSTIN KITS
Hatchet Staff Writer

The School of Public Health and Health Services was the most selective undergraduate school within the University this year, according to a data analysis by The Hatchet.

Only 9.4 percent of first-time applicants to SPHHS were admitted in 2010, 20 percent less than the School of Business, which had the second-lowest admit rate at 29.4 percent, according to data given to The Hatchet by Associate Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Admissions Kathryn

Napper.

"The application numbers are small in the School of Public Health allowing for a smaller number of students being admitted," Napper said in an e-mail, explaining why the admittance rate was so low for SPHHS.

While SPHHS was the most selective for first-time students at the University, the School of Engineering and Applied Science was the least selective, admitting 41.7 percent of applicants. The Columbian College of Arts and Sciences admitted 31 percent and the Elliott School of International Affairs admitted 32.2 percent of

first-time applicants.

All the undergraduate admittance rates for all the undergraduate schools within GW were the lowest in University history.

Admittance rates to all of the undergraduate schools within the University have dropped drastically over the past 10 years, with the Elliott School experiencing the largest drop at 26.6 percent. SPHHS saw the second-largest drop in the admissions rate over the past 10 years at 24.85 percent, followed by CCAS at 17.5 percent, and the GWSB at 16.05 percent.

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Deadly Demonstrator

See the full story on page 8.
'Protestors rally against Obama, taxes'



MICHELLE RATTINGER | PHOTO EDITOR

Protestors stormed the National Mall Sunday to rally against the Obama administration and federal taxes. One woman dressed as the Grim Reaper and held a sign that said, "Obama care gives you wings".

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Men's water polo freshman excels early. Freshman player performs well early in his GW career. • Page 10

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Snapshot

IN BRIEF

GW alumnus Vincent Gray sees large lead in mayoral election polls

Just days before the Sept. 14 Democratic primary for D.C.'s mayoral race, three polls are placing GW alumnus Vincent Gray ahead of incumbent Adrian Fenty by more than 5 percentage points.

A poll released Wednesday by non-partisan Clarus Research Group has Gray in a seven-point lead against Fenty, at 45 percent to Fenty's 38 percent. The Washington City Paper also conducted a poll projecting an 11-point lead for Gray, putting him at 50 percent to Fenty's 39 percent. A "supermarket survey" conducted by six GW students as part of a class found that Gray had a 12.5 percent lead over Fenty, who came in at 37.5 percent.

Clarus has also forecasted possible election outcomes based on potential voter demographics. Racial divides, as determined by a poll released by the group in August, could very well decide which candidate celebrates a victory Tuesday night.

According to the poll, with a 50 percent black turnout, Gray would be left with a slim 2-point lead over Fenty – well within the poll's 4.4 percent margin of error. Raising the black electorate to 60 percent would inflate Gray's lead to 11 points, locking the numbers at 47 percent to Fenty's 36 percent.

The Washington Post, Washington City Paper and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg have endorsed Fenty.

"Vote Adrian Fenty. He's a jerk. But he's your jerk," the City Paper said.

GW law professor and D.C. Councilmember Mary Cheh endorsed Gray Tuesday.

—Priya Anand



JORDAN EMONT | HATCHET STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

On Thursday night, freshman Patrick Mamundu and other students roasted free s'mores in front of an open fire on the Mount Vernon Campus Quad. An additional 300 students are living on the Vern this year, with the opening of GW's newest residence hall, West Hall.

ON THE WEB

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AUDIO SLIDESHOW

9/12 Rally



Thousands of protestors descended upon the District to protest federal taxes.

VIDEO

Freshman Day of Service



More than 2,000 students partook in a day of service across the D.C. area.

VIDEO

9/11 Vigil



Hundreds gathered in Kogan Plaza to remember the alumni who died on 9/11.

Correction

In "Goals outlined at first Student Association meeting," (Sept. 9, 2010) The Hatchet incorrectly reported that Student Association President Jason Lifton said that turning the third floor of Marvin Center into study space would add 200,000 square feet of space to Gelman. This error was made in the editing process.

SEPTEMBER

Monday

Egypt on the Brink

Three political scientists with experience in Egypt will discuss the country's political future.

Lindner Family Commons • 12 p.m.

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Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind.

The ranking member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations will discuss America's nuclear strategy.

Jack Morton Auditorium • 7 p.m.

Tuesday

An Evening Examining Scandal in the Media

Professor Mark Feldstein will celebrate the release of his new book with featured guest Brit Hume, Fox News senior political analyst.

Gelman Library room 207 • 7:15 p.m.

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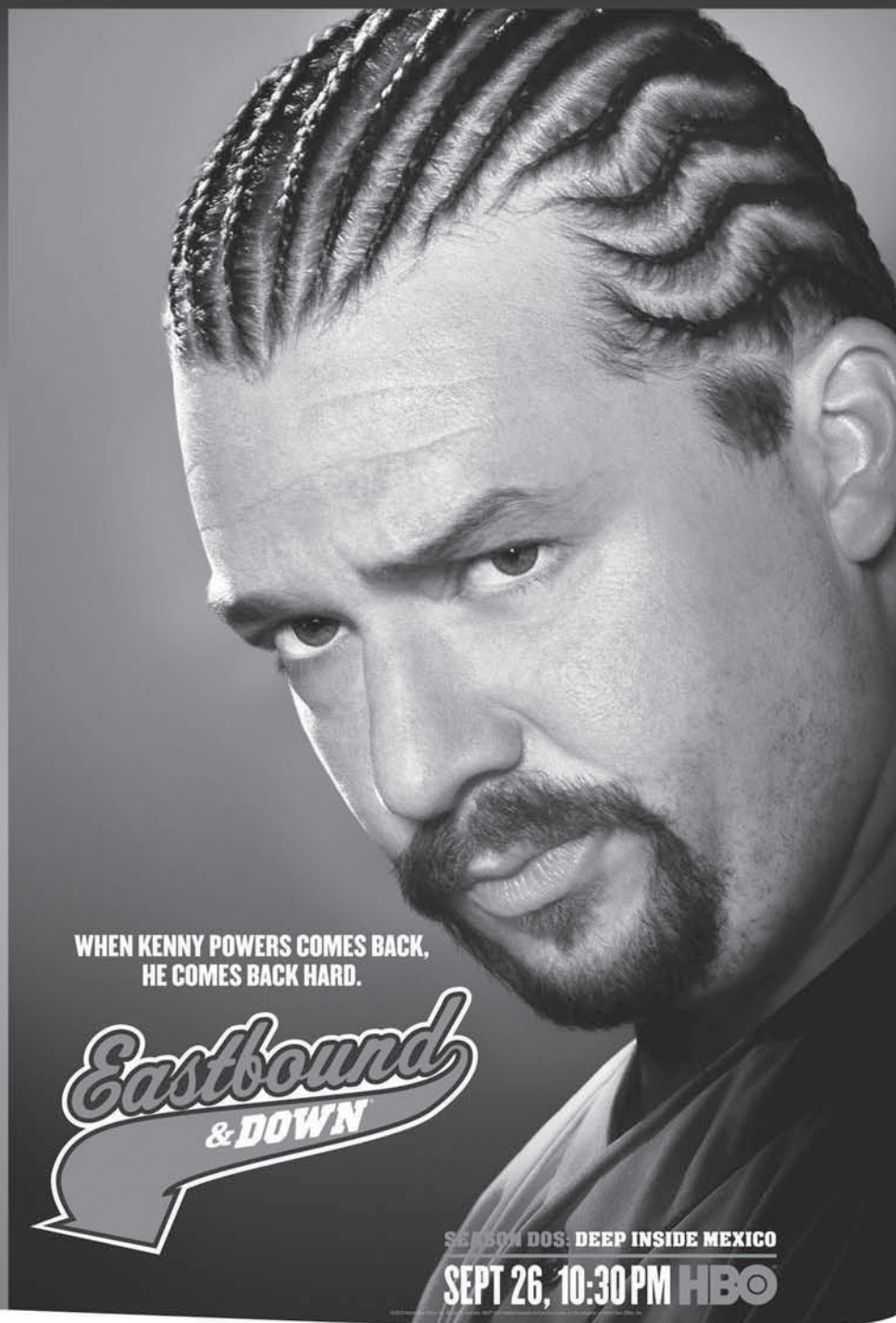
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Career Center room 208 • 4 to 5 p.m.

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Junot Diaz to kick off Latino Heritage month

by AMY D'ONOFRIO
Metro News Editor

Junot Diaz, an award-winning author, will help kick off this year's Latino Heritage Celebration on campus Sept. 16 in the Marvin Betts Theatre.

Eric Gutierrez, the Multicultural Student Services Center's Latino community development coordinator, said Diaz was chosen as the keynote speaker because he is well-known among a broad range of students and faculty.

"We felt that his experiences and his writing style would attract an audience that would reflect the diversity of GW," Gutierrez said.

He added that the MSSC partnered with the Writing in the Disciplines faculty to "identify a writer that would be exciting, and relevant to our students."

Gutierrez said Diaz's books, "Drown" and the 2008 Pulitzer Prize-winning "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao," depict the celebration's theme of Movimientos, because they focus on the progress of people and struggles to overcome obstacles. Movimientos is Spanish for movements.

Part of Diaz's event will include a reading and a talk about his experiences as a Latino activist, Gutierrez said.

"He will also address the questions of politics, progress and leadership since he's been a member of a number of Latino community organizations, having been an activist himself," Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez said Latino Heritage Month used to be an informal celebration by Latinos for Progress, now known as the Organization of Latino American Students, first established in 1996. It wasn't until 2000 that the University officially recognized the month, and since then, the MSSC has provided funding and helped organize the official calendar of events.

Planning for the celebration begins a year in advance, Gutierrez said, with a committee to identify speakers and work on community building.

Gutierrez said GW's Latino undergraduate population has grown from less than 5 percent of all students in 2000 to 7 percent. This year, 8 percent of the freshman class alone identifies as Latino, he said. From 2000 to this year, the number of Latino student organizations has grown from one to seven groups.

"[The MSSC works] with the organizations to help strengthen the Latino community by encouraging program coordination, and collaboration throughout the entire academic year," he said.

The University also has relationships with local organizations like the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, the National Council of La Raza and the Hispanic Heritage Foundation among others, he said.

While Gutierrez acknowledged that outreach to non-Latino students has been difficult in the past, he said it has improved over the years through the work of the MSSC.

"Our student retention work has helped us to become integrally involved with each of the multicultural communities," he said.

The Movimientos celebration, coordinated by the MSSC, runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and will feature various speakers and events. ♦



Students light candles in remembrance of the nine alumni who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York, D.C. and Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS RIVERA | HATCHET STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

University gathers for 9/11 vigil in Kogan

Event marks ninth anniversary of the terrorist attacks

by MIKE WEST
Hatchet Reporter

More than 100 members of the GW community gathered in Kogan Plaza Saturday evening to remember the nine GW alumni who lost their lives nine years ago in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The mood was somber as speakers including University

President Steven Knapp, Senior Associate Vice President for Safety and Security Darrell Darnell and Student Association President Jason Lifton emphasized the importance of honoring the 9/11 victims and of continuing GW's commitment to serving the community.

The vigil was GW's ninth annual remembrance ceremony. The first was held Sept. 12, 2001, the day following the attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

"We have come together to add remembrance to service and to close the day with a kind of quiet reflection that marked that first vigil nine years ago," Knapp said.

Darnell spoke about how he worked with first responders after the 9/11 attacks to improve security and response measures.

"As we gather here today, I'm proud to say to my fallen colleagues, to all that lost their lives, to you and to their families, our work was not in vain," Darnell said.

He added, "Whether we knew them or not or whether they were first responders or ordinary citizens, they were all innocent victims of a senseless act."

Lifton reflected on the reaction of the community in his hometown of Long Island, N.Y., during the days following the attacks.

"I remember going to buy an American flag with my dad and having to search for two hours to find a store that wasn't sold out," Lifton said. "Everyone wanted to display their American pride."

After the speeches, one candle was lit for each of the nine alumni who passed away. GW's gospel choir, The Voice, sang a few songs before a silence settled over the crowd.

Students at the event said they attended the ceremony as a way to remember the attacks.

"I wanted to come and recognize those that were lost and be part of the community here," said junior Scott Backer. ♦

Duncan praises the School Without Walls

Secretary says GW played a large part in school's success

by CHRIS CRAWFORD
Hatchet Reporter

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan praised GW's longstanding partnership with the School Without Walls Thursday, citing the partnership as a large reason for the high school's success.

Duncan was at SWW to congratulate teachers and students on its National Blue Ribbon school distinction, an honor that has been given to 304 schools in the country this year.

Blue Ribbon schools have students who "achieve at very high levels or have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement especially among disadvantaged and minority students," according to the Department of Education.

SWW was the only school in D.C. to win the distinction this year.

"It's not just great principals and great teachers," Duncan said of Blue Ribbon schools. "It's great counselors. It's great social workers. It's great custodians. It's great lunchroom attendants. It's every-



RACHEL VORSANGER | HATCHET PHOTOGRAPHER

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan stopped by the School Without Walls Thursday to praise the Foggy Bottom public school for receiving a Blue Ribbon distinction.

body."

Academically, School Without Walls is a high-performing secondary school. On this year's D.C. Comprehensive Assessment System test, 94.3 percent of African-American sophomores and 95 percent of white sophomores cleared the proficiency bar in math.

In reading, the two groups had a wider distance: 100 percent of the school's white sophomores read at a proficient level or better, while 92.4 percent of its African-

American students met the same benchmark.

Duncan named SWW's partnership with GW as a large reason for the school's success. The partnership includes facilities sharing, teaching collaborations and the opportunity for SWW students to take free classes at GW for college credit.

"The partnership here with George Washington is the absolute maximum model," Duncan said. "It is phenomenal for our students

here to be able to take college-level classes."

Duncan said allowing SWW students to take college-level classes helps push some students to college who may not have believed that they could go on to higher education.

"It's about starting to really understand that you believe you can succeed on a college level," Duncan said.

He said he hopes more colleges across the country would create partnerships with secondary schools.

"We're looking for other universities to step up," he said.

Duncan was not the only big-name public figure in attendance at Thursday's event. D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, D.C. Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee and GW Provost Steven Lerman gathered at the school to celebrate.

During her remarks, Rhee called the partnership between GW and SWW "incredibly unique," adding that "it is a model that other cities are asking us about, and other universities are asking us how a partnership like this can be done."

Lerman told students that GW was proud of the teachers and students at SWW.

"I look forward to the day when every child in the District of Columbia and across the country has the same opportunity that you all have," he said. ♦

Alaskan Senator talks economy with the College Dems



FRANCIS RIVERA | HATCHET STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, spoke to members of the College Democrats Tuesday about why he disagrees with President Barack Obama's recently revealed economic stimulus package.

Democrat says he supports pay-go legislation

by ZACH BREWER
Hatchet Reporter

Self-described fiscal conservative Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, broke party ranks Tuesday to disagree with President Barack Obama's \$50 billion stimulus package proposal.

Begich, who won his Senate seat in 2008 after beating the now deceased Sen. Ted Stevens, said he instead supports a six-year \$60 billion stimulus package to upgrade the country's infrastructure.

"The most important thing the government can do is build infrastructure," Begich said at an event sponsored by the College Democrats in Fonger Hall. "Fifty billion is very small in its larger sense. The six-year high-

way plan makes more sense to me."

Obama's proposal, announced last Monday during a speech in Milwaukee, seeks to rebuild infrastructure with an initial \$50 billion investment and new business tax cuts.

Begich amended his plan however, saying it should go forward only if the government has enough money to fund the economic boost.

"I support pay-go legislation," Begich said, referring to pay-as-you-go budget rules.

These rules, enacted in the Senate last January, require the body to pay for proposals to increase spending on the most expensive federal programs by cutting spending elsewhere in the government or by raising taxes.

Begich acknowledged that many Americans view the Senate as unproductive, but said for the body to get things done, it's important for both political parties to meet in the middle.

"People have views that are

very conservative, but there's a common thread and maybe there's no simple answer, but you can work through it," Begich said. "As long as you're patient and tolerant you can work through it."

Discussing the midterm elections, Begich named the economy and the federal budget as key issues that would carry the most weight come November.

Begich said he would also like to see the nation's energy policy brought to the forefront alongside the economy, as energy is "good for the economy and good for national security."

"The faster we improve our energy policy the more it will help build our economy," he said. He also expressed a need to "get off foreign oil, [and] concentrate on clean energy."

After the event, freshman Oscar Wang said he was impressed by "how down-to-earth and humble [Begich] was about his job." ♦



QUOTABLE "I think it's a good idea because the reason we pay money is so they can educate us."
Eric Shaeffer, a junior, on the merits of transforming the Visitors Center into academic space.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Renting books, not breaking the bank

Students who turned to the GW Bookstore to stock up on textbooks and workbooks for classes had another option this year with the Rent-A-Text book rental program. Given the exorbitant amount of money students are forced to spend on books, the rental program is a favorable option that should not only continue in the future, but should also be expanded.

The rental program offers lower prices for textbooks, an appealing option for students. We appreciate the effort the bookstore has made to give students less expensive choices, and welcome lower prices in such a costly element of student life.

But the program is only in the initial stages at GW, and more students should have the option of renting their books. At the beginning of the semester, approximately one-quarter of the books usually sold in the bookstore were available through the rental program, but this should be expanded to satisfy the needs of the highest number of students possible.

Even though GW students now have the option of renting their books, the fact remains that purchasing textbooks through the bookstore can be extremely expensive. The University needs to make it a priority to offer books at lower prices for students, and should continue to make affordable options available any way it can. The rental program is a welcome change in the way students go about buying books, and we hope the effort does not stop there.

Give students more options for printing

It is that time of the semester again when students are adjusting to classes, working through long lists of required readings and are actually attempting to stay on top of those readings. With this early-September motivation, students are flocking to the available printers in Gelman Library, and as a result, most students have to wait in long lines for a computer and printer to open up. We do not expect this overcrowding to end, and given the deficit of printing spaces across campus, the situation could worsen throughout the semester. The first-floor computer area in Gelman is a perfect example of computer space that students will readily use, and the overcrowding and long waits can be alleviated by establishing more printing spaces across campus.

The easy accessibility and convenience of the printing center on the first floor of Gelman is the model that works well for students. But it is not large enough to accommodate all the students who want to use it. The computers do not require logins and students can quickly stop in and print required readings or a paper in between classes. But the long lines for a computer or a printer are making printing time-consuming and inconvenient.

The problems with the long lines in Gelman can be remedied by simply duplicating the printing areas of first-floor Gelman elsewhere on campus. Students will appreciate and use more options, such as a printing center in the Elliott School of International Affairs or Phillips Hall. This would eliminate the bottleneck effect that plagues students who try to use Gelman's resources, and would prove beneficial for students at this point in the semester and when the early-September motivation fades.

The summer state of mind

by Colleen Psomas



@JGuiffré, Pls Refudiate

GWToday's Twitter account is personable and creative

Many GW students took issue with Justin Guiffré's column suggesting that a school publication — mainly its Twitter account @GWToday — was damaging our school's reputation. As a student, I found his attack on one of the school's publications to be an overreaction. But as a social media consultant, I found it to be flat-out wrong, and the manifestation of a misunderstanding of Twitter itself.

For three years, my company has provided social media strategy and advice to campaigns, political action committees and companies across the Northeast. Our advice in regards to social media has always been the same: Go above and beyond. Go outside the box. Think creatively. Showcase your personality and hide your press releases. We've yet to have a problem.

GW follows this model correctly, and like all personalities, it sometimes is a bit loud, eccentric or personal. Guiffré's criticism would have been on the mark if GW's goal was to act exactly like every other University on Twitter — but GW's goal is to stand out, to attract attention and to give a

personal feel to the school. His criticism focuses on a tweet that bashed the New York Yankees, as if a prospective student might be discouraged from attending GW based on baseball allegiance. This is a good thing; we don't want to be like every other University that tweets out press releases, talking points and pre-packaged fun facts. Anyone following

GW Today's feed is aware that the account is being run by an actual person.

It's not exactly clear what Guiffré wants the University's Twitter to actually look like. More professional, perhaps... but in Twitterspeak, professional is boring. Tweeting can be a lot like giving a speech, and who showcase their real personality. And we've seen what a flap a teleprompter can cause. GW has rightfully chosen speaking up over using a teleprompter. Sometimes speaking without a teleprompter can cause mistakes, but it's better than staring at a sheet of paper, appearing to be reading from a list. Prospective students want to be talked to, not read at.

Conor Rogers
Op-Ed

Our advice in regards to social media has always been the same: go above and beyond. Go outside the box. Think creatively.

Though GW's Twitter presence isn't perfect, there's much worse to be seen on Twitter. Sarah Palin invents words like "refudiate" and compares herself to Shakespeare. Kanye West has emotional breakdowns. Twitter is an open community that turns down staid press-release material and embraces the eccentric, and GW has reacted accordingly.

Every year, applications are up, our school is noted as one of the most active on Twitter and interest in GW continues to rise. GW's doing everything right, and a little Twitter personality never hurt anyone... except maybe Kanye West.

—The writer is a junior majoring in political science. He is Chief Executive Officer of R&M Political, LLC, a social media and online publications firm.

Religious sincerity, not gimmickry

An interfaith center is more idealistic than realistic

An abundance of misguided religious commentary has been unleashed in recent weeks. Annu Subramanian's column "Religious conversations, not cliques" in The Hatchet Thursday advocated for an Interfaith Services Center on GW's campus to provide a common place for students of all religions to gather and discuss their faiths. But her misconception of the purpose of religion undermines the rest of her proposal, and reveals a common flaw in thinking about religion.

After depicting the religious ceremonies of Ramadan and Rosh Hashanah, Subramanian proceeds to explain that "each religion [is] a recipe, yielding yummy cookies at the end of the day." Such a portrayal is not only insulting to those who define their identity by their religious convictions, but it also woefully misconstrues the intent of religion as providing a wholesome (and tasty!) lifestyle. But religions are not just lifestyles. Religions are attempts at explaining reality, our origins, our history, our purpose and our future. Furthermore, the most salient religions in today's public discourse are

monotheistic and universalizing religions, whose respective claims to possess the word of God are contradictory and incompatible with each other.

Besides, how could a "hired spiritual leader" who might be a Baptist or an agnostic provide "guidance" for a Sunni Muslim or a Sikh — and who would seek it out? The reality is that religious people are often more different from each other than secular people. But unlike secular disagreement, when religious ideas clash it is often due to one god having commanded something different from another. Subramanian concluded that "a higher power" would favor the IFSC. Disregarding the hubris of the remark, I'll endeavor only to say that the texts of the monotheistic faiths — I've read several of them in full — don't appear to have much time for pluralistic, interfaith babble.

But this interpretation of religion as being merely a series of preferences is quite common — and worryingly so. For billions of our fellow humans they are literal, god-ordained demands that will determine their eternal well-being. As a

Stephen Hawkins
Op-Ed

Please, let's not dilute the profound significance of religious convictions by lumping them all together and pretending they have fondness for each other.

formerly religious person myself, I can say that when eternal damnation hangs in the balance, a command from the creator of the universe becomes very persuasive. When this is grasped, it becomes much easier to understand why the religious might engage in behavior that the irreligious simply would not. Please, let's not dilute the profound significance of religious convictions by lumping them all together and pretending they have fondness for each other. Far from being a "tour de force on campus," it is a recipe for an entirely artificial concoction.

—The writer is a senior majoring in political science and international affairs.

Treat SJS offenders like criminals

This much is true: Student Judicial Services needs to change.

The organization in charge of doling out punishments for various behavioral infractions on campus has, for too long, treated students unfairly.

Logan Dobson
Columnist

What is the single most important change that SJS could make? Start treating students like criminals. Before you misunderstand me, let me clarify: in many, many ways, people accused of crimes in formal courts of law are treated more fairly than students who go before SJS.

One of the places this is most evident is in SJS's standards for guilt. In the real criminal justice system, there is something known as the "presumption of innocence." That is, you are innocent until proven guilty. When you go into court, the burden of proof is on the prosecution, not on the defense; the people who are doing the accusing have to prove, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that you are guilty.

This is not, unfortunately, how SJS operates. In an SJS hearing, the judges are told to operate on a preponderance of evidence standard; that is, if 51 percent of the evidence seems to be against a student, that student is considered guilty.

This is an absurd standard for an organization that dispenses punishment. SJS needs to immediately adopt a system that places the burden of proof firmly on the prosecution.

SJS also needs to change its procedural rules. Did you know that we have an entire group of students who are devoted to helping you through your SJS process? Student Judicial Advisors are, in many ways, the defense attorneys of the SJS world — they can help you understand the rules of the hearing, the evidence against you and how to navigate the entire process.

But there is one major difference between an advisor and a defense attorney: In your SJS hearing, your advisor isn't allowed to talk. Consider, if you will, what our criminal courts would look like if this were the case. Professional prosecutors facing off against the accused while the defense attorneys have to sit quietly. This is unacceptable. Student Judicial Advisors is a good program that must be expanded, and the advisors must be allowed to take a more active role in hearings.

Finally, SJS needs to change the people who do the judging. You might know that SJS actually uses student judges in its cases. But these students have to apply and be vetted by SJS before they can become judges. Take a step back and imagine the absurdity of this system. Imagine if the only people who served on juries were people who applied and were hand-chosen by the prosecutors. Could this possibly result in a fair trial? Unlikely.

If SJS wants to use student judges, it should institute some sort of jury duty system. If it can't figure out a way to do that, it might be time to hire people within the SJS department to be unbiased judges, and make sure that it's impossible to fire them based on their decisions.

In many ways, SJS is our own miniature version of the criminal justice system. Students who are accused of breaking the rules are supposedly brought to justice. But if SJS is committed to punishing like a court, the least it could do is give the accused the same rights as they would receive in court. GW students are not, by and large, bad people — so it's a shame they're being treated worse than criminals.

—The writer, a senior majoring in political science, is a Hatchet columnist.

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Wikipedia recruits GW students to edit website's content

Free encyclopedia looks to increase accuracy, posts

by SARAH FERRIS
Hatchet Reporter

Since its inception nearly a decade ago, Wikipedia has been a secret tool for students at nearly every level of education.

Self-described as "the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit," the website has evolved into one of the most commonly used and least accurate sources in works-cited pages everywhere – a label that several GW professors are now working to change.

This past spring, the Wikimedia Foundation – a nonprofit organization that oversees Wikipedia – con-

tacted several U.S. universities, including GW, with an idea to improve reliability on Wikipedia: college student contributors.

On a grant from the Stanton Foundation, Wikimedia began recruiting public policy professors willing to integrate Wikipedia-related assignments into their courses. Four professors from GW opted in, as well as professors from Georgetown, Syracuse University, Indiana University at Bloomington and Harvard University.

Dr. Joseph Cordes, associate director of the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, said he immediately knew the project could complement policy analysis studies at GW – a discipline in which he said critical analysis of sources is key.

This summer, Cordes

helped bring a team of Wikimedia experts to the GW campus for a three-day training session to teach several dozen professors and "student ambassadors" exactly how to modify content on Wikipedia.

The training focused specifically on content related to public policy issues, but Cordes said he believes "pretty much every field can use Wikipedia as a classroom tool."

Cordes explained that while the credibility of Wikipedia is disputed at universities, and some professors at GW actually prohibit the site as a source, Trachtenberg school administrators "believe it has potential."

"There is a perception that the information is not controlled," said Cordes, adding that he has "always been impressed with the quality" of the articles.

He added that Wikipedia should be used among other "traditional" academic resources.

Dr. Donna Infeld, director of the Master of Public

"This piecemeal editing is difficult because no one is the real gatekeeper. There will always be a battle."

ANDY HARRIS
Public Policy Major

Policy program at the Trachtenberg school, was the first professor at GW to have a Wikipedia-based assignment.

She said she had "no clue if students would want to participate" when she introduced the extra-credit work in a graduate course on public policy this summer. About half of her class opted to participate.

"Students knew that their content might be criticized, and it was exciting for them," Infeld said. "They gained confidence because they had something to contribute to Wikipedia's marketplace of ideas."

One of her students, Andy Harris, chose to look at articles related to the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, an issue he had been studying in depth for more than a month. In late summer, he contributed a Wikipedia paragraph on gays in the military under the Obama administration.

Other users changed Harris' section within 48

hours, but because he considered himself "somewhat of an expert," he defended his original content under the discussion section of the site. Ultimately, his content was kept on the site.

"This piecemeal editing is difficult because no one is the real gatekeeper. There will always be a battle," said Harris, a public policy major. "[Wikipedia] brings together the best of the Internet. Its product is greater than the sum of its users' knowledge."

When first hearing about the Wikimedia project this fall, Pat Campbell, a first-year graduate student in the Trachtenberg school, said that if given the opportunity, he would "absolutely" participate.

"I use Wikipedia all the time," Campbell said. "It'd be incredible to have an impact on a body of knowledge." ♦

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Former FedEx Kinkos space unoccupied

Area in Marvin Center now used for student meetings

by CAMILLE ASHRAF
Hatchet Reporter

Plans for the bottom floor of the Marvin Center are still in limbo, with no definite proposals for what the space, formerly occupied by a FedEx Kinkos and a computer lab, will become.

According to a University administrator, the space is being used temporarily for meetings and storage, but that may change later this academic year.

"The University is developing plans that will maximize space in the Marvin Center for student space and services for students," said Michael Peller, assistant vice president for events and venues.

For now, Peller said the former FedEx Kinkos space is being used as meeting space that can be reserved through the Marvin Center's central reservation office. The computer lab space is temporarily being used by the GWorld Card Office until the GWorld 2.0 project is complete, he said.

University spokeswoman Michelle Sherrard said there was no real fixed cost on either space at this time since both are being used to oc-

cupy people or store supplies.

She said the GWorld 2.0 project will be finished by the end of the year, but the use of the space after that is still undecided.

As for the FedEx Kinkos space, students will be able to reserve it for organization meetings and it will remain for this specific use until a permanent purpose for the space is decided, Sherrard said.

Last fall, The Hatchet reported that FedEx Kinkos decided not to renew its contract with the University, which expired in July 2009, and that the GWorld office would move to the ground floor of the Marvin Center. Currently, students and staff still utilize the GWorld office space on the fifth floor of the building.

At the end of the spring semester, the computer lab closed. At the end of August, the nearby Ticketmaster location on the ground floor was also removed, but that has been relocated to Lisner Auditorium.

Students attending GW while the FedEx Kinkos and lab were in use had mixed reactions to the changes.

Sophomore Taylor Sandelius said the computer lab in the Marvin Center was a waste of space, and she is glad the space is now available for meetings.

"I find the plan for the new space for student services a much better idea," Sandelius said. "It is terribly hard to try to find rooms that are available for clubs, so this is a great idea." ♦



QIONGNING YANG | HATCHET PHOTOGRAPHER

A vendor displays the organic fruit delicacies that festival-goers were able to snag at the Saturday afternoon event in University Yard. This is the second year VegFest has taken place in University Yard.

Vegetarians gather in University Yard

Annual VegFest event promotes vegetarian lifestyles

by KATRINA ILLICH
Hatchet Reporter

University Yard played host to the D.C. VegFest Saturday afternoon, an outdoor festival that advocated for vegetarian lifestyles, sustainability and animal amnesty.

The event – which was organized by Compassion Over Killing and the Vegetarian Society of D.C. – exhibited 29 nonprofit organizations, 19 commercial vendors and almost a dozen restaurants and bakeries. This is the second year GW's Foggy Bottom Campus has hosted the festival.

Several hundred students and locals from the area munched on

falafel wraps, sipped from whole coconuts, mingled with a slew of speakers, watched cooking demos and waited to have their cookbooks signed by authors during the day-long event.

Though long lines wrapped around numerous tables, samples of vegan pastries like German chocolate cake kept patrons occupied.

The day was also marked by numerous accomplished speakers discussing the benefits of vegetarianism on a stage in front of Lisner Hall.

Mackenzie Green, who was crowned Miss D.C. in 2010, spoke about the physical and spiritual benefits of a vegan lifestyle.

Colman McCarthy, a former Washington Post reporter and founder of the Center for Teaching Peace in D.C., emphasized the idea of "living peacefully with animals."

McCarthy said he always be-

lieved in the importance of teaching young people, and that he greatly encourages GW students to sign up for his spring peace education classes at American University.

Some exhibitors said they were there to "speak for the animals," said Lisa Qualls, who is part of the United Poultry Concerns and the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund chapter at the GW Law School.

The event also featured a vegan bodybuilder, and an "eco-licious" cooking demonstration by Chef Laura Von Der Pool, whose assistants constructed her raw-food jewelry ensemble just prior to the show.

Literature also abounded; sponsors of the event passed out pamphlets with information on the effects meat and poultry have on human health and the environment, as well as guides on how to live a vegetarian lifestyle. ♦

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opportunities to balance the number of students who leave the District in the fall and the spring would free up an equal number of beds on campus each semester, allowing for increased undergraduate enrollment. To equate the numbers, 250 more students must go abroad each fall, bringing in an estimated \$1 million in revenue per year.

Revenue and savings gener-

ated from ITF initiatives will be placed into the Innovation Fund to be spent on faculty, research, academic programs and enhancing student academic experiences.

So far, funds have been put toward the increase in Columbian College of Arts and Sciences advisors and the addition of a degree audit system. Lenn said the task force plans to accept more ideas through the website for at least the next year.

"We hope that we can embed innovation into the GW culture," Lenn said. ♦

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the building, as well as raking leaves and other activities.

Obama arrived at the event around 1 p.m. after attending a 9/11 memorial service with former first lady Laura Bush for the victims of Flight 93, which was hijacked and crashed in Shanksville, Pa., on Sept. 11, 2001.

Obama greeted volunteers, took photos and played an integral part in helping to re-paint the center's loading-dock walls white and its pipes orange.

Though Obama made no formal remarks at the event, she took time to speak with a group of people who live at the retirement center, mostly veterans of the U.S. military.

While the majority of volunteers at the community center were GW freshmen, members of the GW Veterans, GW's Sigma Chi fraternity and the Service Nation program were in attendance to help clean up and improve the retirement center.

Working alongside the first lady was senior and Student Association President Jason Lifton and president of Sigma Chi Ashish Kumbhat. Lifton is also a member of Sigma Chi.

Kumbhat helped Obama paint and said he was impressed with Obama's skills.

"She was a great painter and was genuine about it. She was happy about GWU students doing community service a year after this day of service had started," Kumbhat said, referring to last year's Freshman Day of Service.

"This kind of event will empower us to come out again and again," Kumbhat added.

Freshman Kristin Moreno said it was exciting to have Obama at the event.

"It was really good to see that she likes to be involved in the community and having her present at the event made it feel like we were making a difference, and that she really cared a lot about the cause of service and giving back," Moreno said. "It was a good way to honor the people that aren't with

"As a nation, we can do more, and our students are leading the way."

STEVEN KNAPP
University President

us here anymore because of 9/11."

Freshman Kate Smith said she thought serving would be a good way to meet other people in the freshman class and that it was also important to give back to the community.

"We're very lucky to go to GW and have so many opportunities presented to us," Smith said. "It's important to give back as much as we're getting."

Exactly one year prior at the Freshman Day of Service in 2009, Obama challenged the University community to complete 100,000 hours of community service. If the GW community completed the

challenge, Obama said she would deliver the keynote Commencement address on the National Mall.

At this year's Freshman Day of Service, University President Steven Knapp congratulated the GW community for completing and far surpassing Obama's challenge last year.

"As a nation, we can do more, and our students are leading the way," Knapp said.

Knapp also acknowledged that the University would continue its effort to promote green and eco-conscious lifestyles on campus, one of Knapp's main priorities he has undertaken since beginning his tenure as the University's top administrator in 2007.

"Our school has tremendous passion for sustainability in all its dimensions," Knapp said. "It is going to become a very important part of our University tradition."

Freshman Nicole Mortimer, who volunteered at Washington Parks and People, said her efforts and those of her fellow classmates did not go unnoticed by residents of the community.

"We were even asked if we were coming back tomorrow to keep helping out," she said.

Courtney Wade, another freshman participant, said she was honored to be taking part in community service on the ninth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. She also noted the importance of doing something beneficial for our nation as a whole, whether it be serving veterans or cleaning parks.

"[Sept. 11] took something away from us, and now we're giving something back," Wade said. ♦

SELECTIVITY

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SEAS again falls in last place in the drop in selectivity over the past 10 years, only seeing a 7.02 percent drop since 2000.

Napper said SEAS consistently has the highest acceptance rate of all the

schools within GW due to the fact that the school's applicants "self-select themselves" out of the pool of admissible students, allowing the University to accept a "greater percentage of admissible students."

The University has plans to create a new \$275 million Science and Engineering Complex in order to bolster research at GW

and attract more students to SEAS.

Overall, Napper said the University received 21,200 applications and admitted 31.5 percent, compared to 36.5 percent last year. She called both figures "[U]niversity records."

"As you can imagine, we are very pleased with the application process this year," Napper said. ♦

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Observing Ramadan on campus

Muslim students pray, fast and celebrate in between classes

by **KAITLIN POTTER**
Hatchet Reporter

Hussain Patel operates a tight schedule.

He wakes for morning prayer at 5:30 a.m., gets in a little more sleep before class and then goes to his internship — all while fasting.

Patel, a sophomore originally from Pakistan, finally breaks his daily fast at sundown with the consumption of a date, followed by evening prayer and then an iftar — a communal breaking of the fast.

He is one of many students on campus who observe the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, a time for Muslims to purify their souls through prayer and self-sacrifice.

"The Islamic month of Ramadan is a time of fasting, reflection, family, forgiveness and charity," Patel said.

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, represents the time during which the first verses of the Quran were revealed to the prophet Muhammad.

Celebrating Ramadan on a college campus can be quite different from what Muslim students would normally do at home.

"In Pakistan everyone is fasting; no one is eating, even restaurants are closed. The community comes together during this time because they can share and bond in this experience," said Pakistani native and sophomore Maryam Dadabhoj.

The family gatherings and celebrations that usually take place throughout the month of Ramadan are also missing.

"I talk with my family every day, but during Ramadan it is harder, because Ramadan emphasizes family," Patel said. "On top of that, my mother always tells me what dishes she is cooking — really makes me wish I was back home being able to eat my favorite dishes."

To cope with separation, international Muslim students like Patel and Dadabhoj attend iftar dinners at Miriam's Kitchen, which were held every Monday through Thursday during Ramadan by GW's Muslim Student Association.

"They aren't our family's cooking," Patel said. "But they allow us to come together to pray and eat and it



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HUSSAIN PATEL
Sophomore

provides us with a sense of family and community," added Dadabhoj.

Another challenge of Ramadan is the fasting: Muslims are not allowed to consume food or liquids between dawn and sunset. Patel and Dadab-

Muslim Student Association President Zahin Hasan breaks the fast during the final iftar of this year's Ramadan Thursday night at Miriam's Kitchen. MSA hosted free iftars every Monday through Thursday during Ramadan.

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hoj both agree that fasting promotes fatigue, but it is something they've experienced their entire lives.

They said being around non-fasters does not tempt them, but rather, it helps them reflect on those who are less fortunate and cannot provide meals for themselves or their families.

For junior Zahir Baig, it is not so much the hunger but the thirst that presents a challenge. Especially during the summer months, he finds the

inability to consume liquids the most difficult.

But Baig insists that fasting helps him study better because he does not have to worry about when and what he is going to eat next. While fasting, there are no pointless trips to the fridge or time-wasting cabinet searches for snacks.

To break the fast, Dadabhoj starts with the ritual of eating a date followed by prayer and then an iftar — her only

meal of the day.

Eid al-Fitr, normally referred to as Eid, is the three-day celebration that ends the month of Ramadan. Commonly, it is a time for friends and family to gather and celebrate the end of the holy month. This year, the end of Ramadan fell on Sept. 9.

MSA will host an Eid banquet Sept. 17 in the Marvin Center. Ramadan will not occur during the school year again for about 15 years. ♦



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At Whit's End

Our new food columnist reviews Westend Bistro, reminds you to save room for dessert

by **WHITNEY HENSLER**
Hatchet Staff Writer

Chocolate is the Hugh Jackman of the food world. It has it all: it's sweet, smooth and can make you forget about that fight you had with your boyfriend.

At least, that's what I'm thinking as I bite into the warm chocolate cake at Westend Bistro, Eric Ripert's ultramodern D.C. restaurant that combines the best of French and American cuisines.

But let's rewind. Dessert may be the most important part of the meal, but there's always something that comes before it.

Westend Bistro is inviting and striking, starting with its sign. Contemporary, frank lettering juts up from the ground floor of the downtown Ritz-Carlton proclaiming the name of the eatery. Westend Bistro by Eric Ripert is a restaurant with a disclaimer, a byline. Walls of windows encircle the so-called "bistro," though its teardrop-shaped mood lighting and modern décor suggests a more up-to-

date eatery than a quaint French bistro.

With its bright colors and bold, striking interior, it's not hard to imagine you're in New York — or better yet, Paris — rather than across the street from a Walgreens and an Exxon station.

In between courses, patrons sigh and stretch, musing about whether or not the four-star chef is in the kitchen tonight and remarking on the complexities of the menu (just how exactly do you truffle popcorn?). The menu itself is a virtual mishmash of fine ingredients, a hodgepodge of cheeses and meats and an assortment of the very best breads. Beef tartare with quail egg? Escargot and wild mushroom casserole? Truffled ham and Gruyere cheese? Yes, please.

My obsession with the silver-haired chef started when my mother and I spotted him at the National Air and Space Museum. He was immediately recognizable with those pouty lips that often graced the judges' table on Bravo's "Top Chef." My

mom and I scoured the museum, passed the space rocks and the Wright brothers' plane and everything in between, in the hope of catching another glimpse. No such luck. So I did the next best thing: I ate his food.

The appetizer was a mixed greens salad with roasted peaches and warm, French goat cheese; the entrée a barely-broiled crab cake, with leeks and Old Bay. Delicious.

But of course the best part was the chocolate. Chocolate cake.

Some people judge their experience at restaurants based on one thing. Typically it's the service, the wait time or the size of the portions. I judge mine on desserts. Sure, there are people who look forward to a really good cut of meat, a really amazing piece of fish. But no one, no one, is immune to a great dessert. Thick, rich dark chocolate with homemade caramel ice cream? Ah-mazing. To me, a four-star dessert means a four-star restaurant. And that might even be better than Hugh Jackman. ♦

HATCHET RECIPES

Margherita Pizza with Rosemary-Garlic Crust

Since you are what you eat, why not be the best.

With its silky melted cheese topping and fresh rosemary and roasted garlic crust, this pizza will make neighbors flock to your door just to take a whiff of the tantalizing aroma. Basil adds a nice scent and the feta cheese packs a briny punch of flavor.



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Ingredients

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| 1 package of Trader Joe's pizza dough | 1 rosemary sprig |
| 1 head of garlic | Tomato sauce |
| Olive oil | Fresh basil |
| Salt | 1 to 2 tomatoes |
| Pepper | Shredded mozzarella cheese |
| Flour | Feta cheese (optional) |
| | Flour, salt, and pepper |

Directions

1. Allow the dough to come to room temperature. In the meantime, heat the oven to 425 degrees.
2. Cut off the top of the wider end of the garlic head, revealing all of the garlic cloves. Tightly wrap them in aluminum foil with some olive oil and salt. Roast for 15 minutes. When the garlic is cool, you can squeeze out the cloves.
3. Flour the working surface as well as the dough for the crust. Flatten the dough with your hands or a rolling pin — I used the olive oil bottle.
4. Roughly chop the rosemary and garlic and press them into the pizza crust with a drizzle of olive oil and a sprinkle of salt and pepper.
5. Bake the crust on a floured pizza pan or baking sheet for 6-7 minutes.
6. Top the crust with a little tomato sauce, chopped basil, tomato slices, lots of shredded cheese, more tomato slices, and feta cheese crumbles. Bake until the cheese is melted and begins to brown. If you have an old, unreliable GW oven you may need to rotate the pie to promote even cooking.
7. When the crust comes out of the oven, scatter freshly ripped basil leaves and conclude with a drizzle of olive oil. Good pizza is a simple proportion: less box, more flavor.

—Scott Figatner

Faculty Senate spars on SEC cost

by **KARA DUNFORD**
Contributing News Editor

A presentation on the proposed financial plan for the Science and Engineering Complex sparked debate between members of the Faculty Senate Friday regarding the accuracy of the \$275 million cost estimate.

Hermann Helgert, a professor of engineering and applied science, discussed the breakdown of the cost estimate and a tentative plan for financing the complex, which includes the construction of eight levels of academic space, for a total of 290,000 square feet, he said.

Helgert said the estimate covers the demolition of the existing parking garage structure on the corner of 22 and H streets, where the complex would be built, a \$9 million allowance for furniture and equipment for teaching and research labs, and an allowance of \$4 million for customized lab set-up. In addition, the estimate would account for costs associated with LEED certification, a distinction given by the U.S. Green Building Council certifying that a building is environmentally friendly.

But several Faculty Senate members argued the operating costs were missing from the estimate, making the figures low and generally unreliable.

"There is a big difference between saying what you're going to spend for bricks and mortar and having a business model to support an investment," said Anthony Yezer, a professor of economics and a long-time critic of the project.

Professor Philip Wirtz, a professor of psychology and decision sciences, said he is also skeptical of the cost estimate.

"The numbers are so flimsy and unbelievable," Wirtz said. "Somehow, we have to get a realistic set of numbers. We know we have to plan for this."

University Provost Steve Lerman ceded that the budget plan is likely to change as the project moves forward.

"The real question is, is it realistic and reasonable to assume that the sum of the financing will meet the cost of the building?" Lerman said. "I've gone over the numbers and I

feel fairly comfortable about that, but since we're all dealing with future projections, people will have different guesses and judgments."

Dean Peg Barratt said that however high the cost of the building, the cost of not building the facility is too great.

"The building will let current and new faculty conduct the research that will attract federal funding," Barratt said. "The cost of not building this really needs to be in people's thinking."

Dr. David Dolling, dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, said the school hopes to hire 32 new faculty members in the next year who will hopefully bring

"The numbers are so flimsy and unbelievable."

PHILLIP WIRTZ

Professor of Psychology and Decision Sciences

in research money. These hires, he said, would triple the amount of research funding from about \$12 million to about \$40 million to help fund the complex.

The new faculty members would not all be hired to new positions; some would replace faculty who resign or retire as well as the professors who accepted the buyout package offered by the school, Dolling said.

Dolling said the benefits associated with the complex outweigh the risks of the University taking on debt to pay for the complex.

"I think we have to take a certain chance," Dolling said. "Everything in life has a certain risk to it. I don't think we can analyze it to the nth degree."

The next step for the complex includes a presentation of the budget and design plans to the Board of Trustees at its meeting in October. The vote will decide whether or not the University will move forward with the project. ♦

Protestors rally against Obama, taxes

Thousands of tea party members hit National Mall

by **CAMILLE HEYBOER**
Hatchet Reporter

Cries of "Obama makes Carter look smarter" rang through the air as an estimated 30,000 people gathered in front of the U.S. Capitol building for the 9/12 Taxpayers March.

The event - organized by conservative nonprofit organization FreedomWorks, which has had a heavy hand in promoting the tea party movement - began at the Washington Monument, with thousands of demonstrators marching to the Capitol building to await speakers representing their views.

The purpose of the event, according to FreedomWorks' website, was to "Protest big government and support lower taxes, less government and more freedom."

A FreedomWorks volunteer estimated that the crowd size was smaller than the crowd in the Aug. 28 rally on the National Mall run by Fox News' Glenn Beck. The summer rally drew an estimated crowd of tens of thousands, though Beck placed the num-



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An estimated 30,000 people marched to the Capitol building to protest big government and high taxes Sunday.

ber at 500,000.

The second-annual 9/12 rally was organized by the same groups that planned the original 9/12 March on Washington: FreedomWorks, Tea Party Patriots, National Taxpayers Union and the Institute for Liberty, among others.

Laura and Andy Rosenberger from Springfield, Ohio, said they traveled to D.C. to protest increased government debt and out-of-control government spending.

"We're here for young people like you," Rosenberger said.

Taxation was a main concern for many of the protestors gathered at the Capitol.

Signs reading, "Weapons of Tax Destruction" and "Keep your hands off my grandkids' future" obstructed the view of the Capitol building for more than an hour before any of the featured speakers were set to take the stage.

Other demonstrators reflected their desire for America to return to its colonial roots. Women dressed in long dresses and petticoats, and men dressed in breeches and long coats held signs bearing quotes from Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and other influential colonial figures.

Jeff Watkins, Frank Nickles and Rob McCartney from Wilmington, N.C., were

dressed in full colonial attire, holding a sign with a picture of the Constitution that read, "Miss me yet?"

These men said they came to D.C. to demonstrate their passion for the Constitution. They said their concern about the future of the country had become more pronounced in recent years with what they called "uncontrolled spending" and "lenient border security" in both the Bush and Obama administrations.

Others gathered in front of the Capitol to express concern about President Barack Obama's citizenship.

The participants in the rally ranged in age and many showed enthusiasm, despite the overcast weather.

Elderly men and women, children and even dogs wore T-shirts bearing "Remember in November," the theme of the rally. The focus was on the midterm elections coming up in November.

Many of the marchers expressed excitement for a chance to express themselves in the midterm elections, like Doug McBride of Columbus, Ohio.

"We are paying attention and will vote for whichever candidate represents the American people the best," he said.

-Ethan Bursofsky and Anna McMahon contributed to this story

New Visitor Center to open this week

Center will open on the Marvin Center first floor

by **REID DAVENPORT**
Hatchet Reporter

The Visitor Center on the first floor of the Marvin Center is officially scheduled to open this week.

Previously located in Smith Hall, the Visitor Center moved over the summer to make room for new classroom and academic space, University spokeswoman Michelle Sherrard said.

"The relocation of the Admissions Visitor Center

to the Marvin Center is one component of the University's overall plan to enhance space dedicated to academic learning and student activities," Sherrard said. "This plan has been ongoing for some time now."

Tours for prospective students have been proceeding as usual despite the move, Associate Vice President and Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Kathryn Napper said, adding that the new location of the Visitor Center will now "offer a more contemporary visit introduction to those visiting campus."

"We believe that our new location will offer prospective students and families a terrific visit experience and will better integrate student and academic life into the visit program," Napper said.

The new center, located off the first-floor lobby, will begin operations this week. However, it will be several more weeks until all of the audio and video technology will be available for presentations to prospective students and their families.

In August, Executive Vice President and Treasurer Lou Katz told The Hatchet that the project was expected to cost "a few hundred thousand dollars" and was outlined in the capital budget. The relocation of the center was part of a \$3.4 million migration project, which includes moving oth-

er buildings on campus. Junior Eric Shaeffer said he was impressed with the Visitor Center's new appearance.

"It looks nice, for one," Shaeffer said. "But I think it's definitely a good idea for prospective students to see the Marvin Center and how much stuff is going on."

Shaeffer added that he's noticed GW is converting more space for academic facilities recently, including converting Ames Hall on the Mount Vernon Campus from a dining hall to an academic building.

"I think it's a good idea because the reason we pay money is so they can educate us," Shaeffer said. ♦

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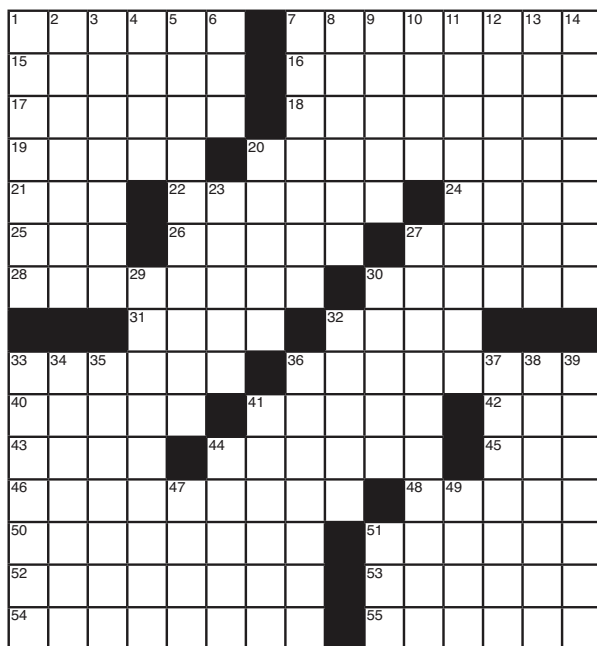


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 - Italian cooking style
 - Maker of Emporio White perfume
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 - Carol king
 - Cheap roofing material
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 - Prevailing character
 - Sargasso Sea spawner
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 - A belligerent arguer may grab them
 - "Los Olvidados" director Buñuel
 - El Misti's location
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 - Walks aimlessly
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 - Delighted expression
 - Pushes (off)
 - Ambulance chaser's prize
 - The Fighting Tigers, for short
 - Item first marketed under the name Snurfer
 - She won three Grammys for her 1989 album "Nick of Time"
 - What phorid flies are imported to prey on
 - Green stuff
 - Accurate
 - Got ahead of
 - Not worry
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 - Word with pole or jump
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 - Appear to be, to most eyes
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IN BRIEF

Women's volleyball goes 2-1 in Cleveland tournament

After snapping its three-match winning streak with a 3-0 loss to tournament host Cleveland State Friday night, the women's volleyball team went 2-0 Saturday in the Cleveland State Invitational, topping Kent State 3-0 and Morgan State 3-1.

Against the Vikings Friday night, GW led 8-4 early in the first set, but allowed Cleveland State to come back and win 25-21. The Vikings cruised through their second set, winning 25-18 before being challenged in the final set by the Colonials, who forced six separate ties with Cleveland State before falling 25-23.

Ohio-native Lauren Whyte had a match-high 14 kills and seven digs against the Vikings. Fellow Ohio-native Katie Zulantd had six kills.

GW opened Saturday with its sweep of Kent State. Junior Alex Coward recorded a career-high 11 kills, while Whyte once again dominated, recording 16 kills and 16 digs against the Flashes. GW faced its toughest challenge of the match in the second set, which featured three lead changes and seven ties before the Colonials pulled away to win the set 25-22.

In its final game of the tournament Saturday, GW topped Morgan State 25-10 in the first set on the way to a 3-1 match win. The Colonials won 25-20 in the second set and 25-18 in the fourth to earn their fifth win in six matches. GW dropped its only set of the day in the third, when it fell 25-22 to the Bears after Colonials head coach Jojit Coronel substituted most of his bench players into the game.

Whyte, a sophomore, as well as junior MacKenzie Knox were both named to the all-tournament team. GW placed second overall in the tournament, behind host Cleveland State.

Men's water polo drops three in Princeton Invitational

Freshman Daniel Tyner scored five goals, including a game-winner with 14 seconds left, in the men's water polo team's only win over the weekend in the Princeton Invitational, a 12-11 victory over Iona.

The Colonials fell 14-4 in the early game on Friday against 13th-ranked Santa Clara before topping Iona later in the day.

On Sunday, GW fell to Fordham for the second straight week, this time by a score of 8-6. GW also lost in its afternoon game on day two of the tournament, falling 9-8 to Harvard.

Liu goes low for GW in Navy Fall Classic

The golf team placed 10th out of 16 teams over the weekend in the Navy Fall Classic, shooting a two-day score of 602, 33 strokes behind tournament-winning Delaware.

Junior Martin Liu was the low-scorer for the Colonials, shooting a seven-over-par 149 over the weekend, good enough for 28th place overall. Freshman Graham Lawyer shot a 153 in his first ever college tournament, and senior Brendan Barrack shot a 150.

LAST WORD

"The players have to keep playing. We showed our naiveté a little bit."

—George Lidster, men's soccer head coach, on his team's mental lapses that allowed Mount St. Mary's to take a 4-3 lead less than 10 minutes after sophomore Seth Rudolph scored to tie the game at three in the second half.

M. water polo freshman excelling early

by RACHEL GETZENBERG
Hatchet Reporter

For most college freshmen, the first few weeks of school are an adjustment period. It's a time to meet new people, learn to navigate campus and deal with roommates, all while attending college classes for the first time.

It's a big change for most students, but for freshman men's water polo player Daniel Tyner, there is the added obstacle of trying to balance his team's four-hour-a-day practice schedule with new classes, new friends and new surroundings.

If his play so far this season is to be any indication however, the Long Beach, Calif., native seems to have settled in just fine.

In the Navy Open Sept. 4 and 5, Tyner led the Colonials in scoring with 11 goals over the course of the tournament's four games while drawing 10 ejections. His ability to contribute immediately on offense has impressed head coach Scott Reed.

"He has, in a sense, gone above what we expected at this point in time," Reed said. "Being a freshman, it's never easy to be thrown right in and having to carry some of the offensive load, like he has had to do."

Tyner's performance at the Navy Open came with an added personal bonus as well. While most freshmen will likely have to wait until parents weekend to see their families, Tyner said his standout GW debut was made all the more sweet by the fact that his parents were in the stands to watch it.



FRANCIS RIVERA | HATCHET STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman Daniel Tyner has been a key contributor so far this season for the men's water polo team. The Long Beach, Calif., native was named CWPA Rookie of the Week after scoring 11 goals and drawing 10 ejections in the Navy Open Sept. 4 and 5.

"I was really proud that I played that well, especially while they were there, cheering for me," he said.

Tyner's hot start has also drawn the attention of the Collegiate Water Polo Association, which named him its Southern Division Rookie of the Week last week for his play at the Navy

Open. Tyner said that even as he earns early-season accolades, his style of play hasn't changed.

"I just try to do the best I can and do as best I can to help the team out in whatever way that is," he said. "That's just the way I try to play."

Reed said he's been impressed with Tyner's mentality so far this

season, especially in terms of the freshman's demeanor both in and out of the pool.

"He is fantastic. When he is on deck, he is a very calm, cool individual," Reed said. "Then in the heat of battle, you can see [a little aggressiveness] in his eyes, which is nice and it does get everyone else pumped up as well." ♦

W. soccer falls 1-0 under the lights in Baltimore

by ELIZABETH TRAYNOR
Hatchet Staff Writer

Falling 1-0 in the 97th minute against Loyola Md. on the road Friday night might seem like a bitter pill to swallow for women's soccer head coach Tanya Vogel. For the second straight game, the Colonials (2-3) failed to score in regulation and forced overtime in a 0-0 game.

But unlike its previous match, a home game a week ago against Mount St. Mary's, it was GW that wound up on the wrong side of the 1-0 deficit after the Greyhounds' Alex Reed scored the game winner for Loyola Md., sending the Colonials home still winless on the road.

Vogel, though, was upbeat after the game, despite the defeat.

"As frustrating as it is to lose," Vogel said, "we're all very happy with how we played."

Much of Vogel's positivity stemmed from her squad's particularly strong second half. After managing only two shots in the first half, the Colonials came out strong after halftime, earning nine shots and forcing Loyola goaltender Danielle Ippolito to make four saves.

"We played the best in the second half and in overtime than we have all season, or all last year," Vogel said.

Junior Sierra Smidinger, the team leader in both shots and shots on goal, exemplified a late offensive push for the Colonials, registering six shots and putting three shots on goal in the final 53 minutes of play. Graduate student Cara Cadigan also had three shots, as well as a shot on goal.

Vogel was also heartened by the improvements her team made throughout the game, most notably the increased level of physical play the Colonials displayed.

"We've been working on physicality," Vogel said, "because we've been getting out-fouled in every game."

GW committed just five fouls Friday night against Loyola, Md., compared to the Greyhounds' 16, but even as she attempts to coax more physical play from her team, Vogel said she wanted to avoid having her team earn a reputation as overly-aggressive.

"We don't want to be cheap or dirty," Vogel stressed. "We want to be battling hard all game, every game."

With the team's unbeaten home record on the line this Tuesday against American University at 4 p.m., Vogel once again stressed that physical play will be crucial as the season progresses.

"We need to continue to focus on physicality," Vogel said. "And really bring that when we come to play." ♦



ELIZABETH COOKSON | HATCHET PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior Sierra Smidinger handles the ball earlier this season. Smidinger fired three shots on goal Friday night against Loyola, Md.

Rudolph's hat trick not enough for GW

by NEIL SHARMA
Hatchet Staff Writer

In the 55th minute of the men's soccer game against Mount Saint Mary's Saturday, junior defender Brice Carr launched a free kick into the penalty box, looking for a teammate in hopes of an equalizing goal for the Colonials. On the other end of that free kick was sophomore forward Seth Rudolph, who managed to sneak past the defense and tap the ball past the goalie, scoring his third goal of the afternoon and tying the game at three in the second half.

Down 3-1 at halftime, GW mounted an impressive second-half comeback on the back of Rudolph, whose 55th-minute equalizer was preceded seven minutes earlier by another Rudolph goal to bring the Colonials to within one.

The tie didn't last long for GW, whose second-half momentum came to a screeching halt in the 61st minute when Mount St. Mary's forward Koudzo Komlan put his team ahead for good, scoring the go-ahead goal and giving his team a 4-3 lead that lasted until the final whistle.

Head coach George Lidster blamed the Mount's game-winning goal on mental lapses that left the Colonials vulnerable once Rudolph tied the game at three.

"You know it was great when Seth tied the game and scored his third goal," Lidster said. "The players have to keep playing. We showed our naiveté a little bit, and we allowed a goal only shortly after [tying the game]."

On defense, the Colonials struggled to contain Mount St. Mary's midfielder Eric Detzel, who scored one of the Mount's three first-half goals and assisted on the two others, all in the space of four minutes. After Rudolph's first goal put GW ahead in the 22nd minute, Detzel assisted the Mount's Chris Wheeler, tying the game at one in the 32nd minute. Detzel scored a goal of his own a minute later, and assisted on one more to cap the Mount's first-half offensive flurry.

Despite the defensive struggles, Lidster said



MICHELLE RATTINGER | PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore Seth Rudolph fights off a Howard defender earlier this season. Rudolph scored all three of GW's goals against Mount St. Mary's Saturday, including two in the second half that briefly tied the game at three.

there was plenty of blame to spread around, pointing to Mount St. Mary's physical style of play as well as GW's young roster.

"It wasn't just the defense, it was the whole team," Lidster said. "They took advantage of their size and experience, and that took a lot out of our young guys. It was a very physical game, and they really just outmatched us."

Those advantages manifested themselves statistically on offense, allowing the Mount to outshoot the Colonials 23-6 and to put 14 shots on goal compared to GW's four.

Saturday's loss was the team's final tune-up as it prepares for its toughest test of the pre-season, a road game Tuesday night at eighth-ranked Duke with kickoff set for 7 p.m. With GW's showdown against the Blue Devils looming, Lidster said his team's second-half comeback was reason for optimism despite the loss to the Mount.

"This is a very young team, and they've fought hard during every one of our games. Today they came back when it looked like we were down and out, so I really was impressed." ♦