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Eight-year-old Sulta Sallaj impersonates a suffering Palestinian carried by Ata Darwich during a march from the Washington Hilton to the Ellipse. Palestinian activists overshadowed other weekend protests.

Protesters swamp Ellipse

Estimated 75,000 call for end of mideast war

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Palestinian supporters dominated demonstrations Saturday as an estimated 75,000 protesters crowded the National Mall and Ellipse for a weekend of protests during the biennial International Monetary Fund and World Bank conference. At least three GW students were arrested in connection to the weekend's events.

Demonstrators gathered to protest the war in Afghanistan, U.S. aid to Colombia and the IMF and World Bank policies. Pro-Palestinian supporters outnumbered the other protesters by the thousands, overshadowing the other causes with more volume and energy and saturating the march with Palestinian flags and anti-Israel signs.

Protesters arrived in D.C. Friday for organizational meetings and workshops on civil disobedience and non-violent protest training.

Freshman Nathaniel Landry, sophomore Miles Sedgwick and senior Nicholas Udu-Gama were arrested during the Critical Mass Ride to Fight State Terrorism Friday evening, along with at least 30 other bicycle riders for endangering

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Protesters practice new brand of synergy

by Josh Riezman and Kate Stepan
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Foggy Bottom awoke early to the sounds of motorcades and police sirens Saturday, the first day of a weekend of scheduled protests.

Blocks away, the first demonstrators gathered outside the World Bank in the shadow of a large, inflatable globe with the words "for sale" printed on the side. At 18th and H streets, where signs ranged from "Cannabis smokers are not criminals" to the catch-all "No to war, terror and corporate greed," D.C.'s streets were a melting pot of issues of the day.

Some demonstrators, however, had very clear ideas on how the practices of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund relate to the Palestinian/Israeli conflict and war in Afghanistan.

"Each cause can relate to the other one, and we all give each other power," said Nasreen Jilani, a student-aged activist who carried a black umbrella with stickers of many of the different causes on it including anti-globalization and anti-war messages including, "We all need to work together."

Jilani said she arrived from Atlanta with 60

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GW faculty salaries lag

by Tricia Parker
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GW's full-time faculty members earn less on average than most of its market basket schools, including New York and Boston universities, according to a report released Friday by the American Association of University Professors.

The report, published in the Friday edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, lists GW's average salary for a full professor as

\$103,300, about \$9,000 less than the average for private universities.

The report also said GW associate professors earn an average of \$74,200, about \$1,000 more than the national average, and assistant professors earn an average of \$58,400, about \$6,000 less than the national average.

GW ranks 10th out of 14 market basket schools - private schools GW typically compares itself to - in terms of average full-time faculty pay, said Donald

Lehman, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs.

Lehman said GW is continually working to increase faculty salaries and said the averages can be deceiving because they do not take the subtleties of faculty pay into account.

He said GW focuses its faculty salary increases on the AAUP's established standards for pay, instead of using calculated averages that do not take geography

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Registrar finds grade changing

by Mosheh Oinounou
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A student employee in the Registrar's Office was fired earlier this semester for changing grades, University officials confirmed last week. The University is still investigating the case and it is unclear if Student Judicial Services has acted on it.

University Registrar Dennis Geyer said the incident "appears to have affected five or less students" and said the office was tipped off by phone calls from a student and a faculty member.

Geyer said the student employee, who he said faces Student Judicial Services charges, did not have access to the system. An earlier audit indicates that the employees who have access to the computers had left them without logging off in the past.

Senior Assistant Dean Mike Walker, who heads SJS, said in an e-mail that he could not comment

on the case because "answering any questions would, I feel, put the student's confidentiality rights in jeopardy."

Geyer said after an audit of the system, the Registrar's Office is confident that no other grades were changed because the office can tie every change to the time and place an employee accessed the system. He said the office determined the scope of the incident within 24 hours of the phone call.

About five employees and no students have access to change grades, Geyer said.

Geyer said he is still working to encourage employees to log off but is not planning any major changes to software or procedures. He added that students should feel confident with the current security.

Geyer said the office conducts random audits, briefs employees on security procedures and conducts reviews of office procedures.

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Court strikes GW housing limit

by Amanda Mantone
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A federal judge last week lifted zoning restrictions that would have required GW to create at least 1,500 new beds for students in the next six months, clearing the way for building projects on campus to continue as planned.

U.S. District Court Judge Louis Oberdorfer called the D.C. zoning rules requiring GW to house 70 percent of undergraduates in on-campus housing "arbitrary and capricious."

The ruling is only a partial win after the judge rejected its argument that the campus plan and special zoning restrictions unconstitutionally violate its academic freedom.

The court noted in the April 12 ruling that the BZA unfairly ignores residence halls under construction or in planning for 2004-05 and buildings such as the Aston, Pennsylvania House, Hall on Virginia Avenue and City Hall

that the BZA considers to be "off-campus housing."

The court found no "rational underpinning" for the BZA's refusal to allow GW to count these facilities toward the 1,500 additional on-campus beds it must acquire to meet the 70 percent on-campus rate imposed by the board, according to court documents.

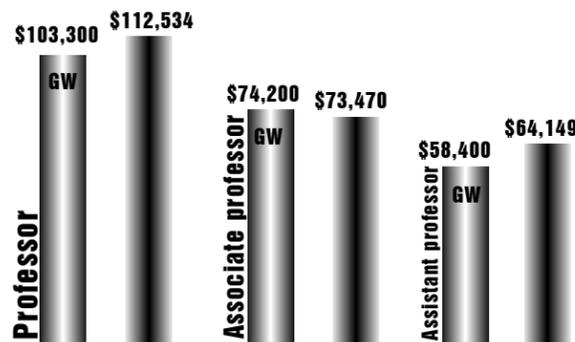
The court said GW should have enough time to develop housing to meet the 70 percent requirement. The ruling will give GW until 2009, when its next campus plan must be passed, to comply with the rule.

Oberdorfer ruled that prohibiting GW from counting the 1,400 beds in the four "off-campus" buildings meets the standard for denial of due process. The Elliott School of International Affairs, planned for completion in the fall, will add almost 200 beds, and the 23rd Street "Super Dorm" will

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COMPARING SALARIES

An Association of University Professors study released Friday shows GW behind the national average in professor and assistant professor pay. Officials report GW lags behind 10 of 14 market basket schools.



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