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Sophomore Joy Welan is helped by her father, Jeff Welan, who drove from Maryland to help her through large snow banks that built up on campus streets from the recent storm.

University shovels out

by Michael Barnett and Julie Gordon
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GW resumed classes Wednesday as University officials continued to clear snow and bring back student services after D.C.'s largest snowstorm since 1996. Several universities around the District, including Georgetown and American, also re-opened, but all D.C. public schools remained closed.

GW's facilities operations crews will shovel and plow snow for the next two or three days, but

the total financial cost of the clean-up has yet to be determined, said Warner Alston, assistant director for Facilities Operations.

Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz said GW budgets for "contingencies" such as snow emergencies but declined to disclose the amount of money the University sets aside.

Teams of workers salted the ground and shoveled when the precipitation started falling Saturday night and began using plows and snowblowers when they saw accumulation.

Alston said the city is in

charge of clearing streets, but in extreme cases University crews "cut past" the snow to the other side of the street so students could pass. About half of the operations staff worked around the clock with overtime pay since the weekend to shovel snow and clear sidewalks.

"(Right now) we're trying to make sure all our handicapped areas, parking areas, medical areas and parking garages are clear," Alston said. "The little islands of snow - (we're) trying to clear up

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SA candidates begin campaigns

■ Candidates not allowed to campaign door-to-door

by Mosheh Oinounou and Matt Windman
Hatchet Staff Writers

With postering set to begin Friday, Student Association candidates will be unable to campaign in residence halls before next week's election.

Joint Election Committee bylaws do not specify whether candidates can campaign in residence halls. The SA annually allows the Residence Hall Association to pass campaign rules for residence halls, which are reviewed by the JEC and then passed onto the SA Senate for final approval.

The Senate was likely to approve the measure Tuesday, but its meeting was canceled because of snow, SA Executive Vice President Eric Daleo said.

The elections are set for next Wednesday and Thursday.

Daleo said he hopes to reschedule a Senate meeting to approve the rules for campaigning in residence halls for next Tuesday to allow the presidential and vice presidential candidates to campaign during a probable runoff period. Door-to door

campaigning is not allowed on the election days.

Several candidates are disappointed that Daleo did not reschedule a Senate meeting this week.

"This is a huge disappointment on the part of the Student Association," said junior Steve Sobel, a candidate for SA president. "The SA has prevented students from participating in the political process."

"This is definitely a problem, but I am willing to work harder," said

sophomore Reid Wilson, a candidate for EVP. "This problem is another example that the current administration must go."

If no emergency meeting is held, the next scheduled meeting is set for March 4, a week after the general election.

Daleo said he proposed a Thursday meeting via e-mail

over the Senate listserv, but only two out of 26 senators said they would attend. He said about six or seven senators have agreed to a meeting next Tuesday, but he is skeptical the Senate will have a quorum of 20 to pass a bylaw change.

"I am working very hard to reschedule a meeting... I don't think any senators don't want the meeting to happen; it's just a matter of finding a time for everyone to meet," Daleo said.

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Election schedule

FEB. 21
Postering begins

FEB. 24
Candidate debate, MPA auditorium*

FEB 26-27
Elections, several online locations

MARCH 6-7
Runoff elections

*tentative



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Sophomore Wendell Cooper performs in the Hippodrome Wednesday night as part of a Liquid Arts show.

Wake up! Get some sleep

by Julie Gordon
University Editor

Freshman Jonathan Dyer calls himself a "social user." Freshman Shelly Bury says she's a "regular user." Getting only a few hours of sleep each night, some students regularly pop caffeine pills so they can stay awake to study.

Bury, who started taking caffeine pills last semester, said she is not addicted but takes one pill every day and gets headaches when she does not. Though she still gets tired, taking pills "just makes it easier."

Dyer, sipping a large caramel

frappuccino, said he only takes a pill when he has a lot of work or a paper to write.

"You get a pep in your step," Dyer said. "Everything moves a lot faster. It feels like your fingers move faster when you're typing."

Though some students choose coffee or soda, some said they turn to caffeine pills or prescription drugs like Adderall and Ritalin to stay awake and concentrate, especially with midterms approaching.

Susan Haney, outreach coordinator at Student Health Services, said students whom SHS treats for caffeine overdoses are usually fine after drinking fluids, but "some, in

extreme case(s)," are sent to the emergency room.

Anxiousness, cardiac problems, headaches, increased pulse rate, "the jitters" and shortened breath are side effects of caffeine use, Haney said. She suggests students looking to stop using caffeine "wean themselves" from the drug.

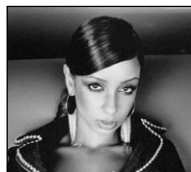
"If you drink caffeine all the time and stop, you could have some physical withdrawals, only for a couple of days," Haney said. "People often get severe headaches or feel weak (after stopping). It's addictive in that sense,

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