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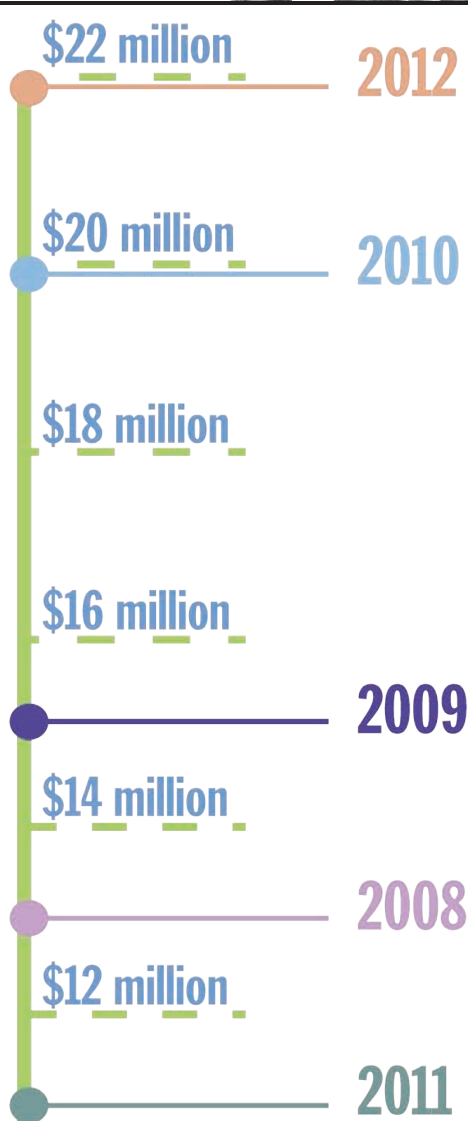
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Climbing faculty donations key to future fundraising

by CORY WEINBERG
Campus News Editor

Faculty and staff donations hit \$22 million last year, in line with a rapidly rising giving rate over the past five years.

The money came from 1,337 professors and staffers in 2012 – a 38 percent rise from five years ago – with most coming as gifts of \$1,000 or less. Some larger gifts were also tucked away in faculty wills.

Gifts from faculty hardly compare to the about half-billion dollars the University raised overall during that span, but GW's chief development officer said that base of support is crucial to attracting donors from outside the college.

"Sophisticated donors ask this question before they give: 'Tell me about those who are already giving and those closest to you,'" Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Mike

Morsberger said.

Morsberger said GW has solicited more faculty through emails and announcements since intensifying its fundraising focus over the last three years by pulling in more cash and adding staff and events. He said he can also point to a 100 percent giving rate among members of the Board of Trustees, University President Steven Knapp, vice presidents and deans.

Some schools have also formed committees to organize campaign drives – similar to the Senior Class Gift Campaign – to spur faculty to give back. The Columbian College of Arts and Sciences is starting its faculty committee this semester.

It will look to emulate the faculty fundraising success of the GW Law School, which has led the way with 95 percent of professors giving back more

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Gifts to engineering school fuel growth

Increased SEAS fundraising drives decade of expansion

by DELANEY WALSH
Hatchet Staff Writer

The School of Engineering and Applied Science has doubled its endowment to \$19.2 million over the last four years, helping to pay for a flood of new faculty, scholarships and a pricey new building.

As the University hypes up a new era for the engineering program, big goals and big investments seem to be paying off. The rapidly growing pool of funds has helped prop up new programs, a larger first-year class and dozens of new professors at the school with the third-smallest endowment.

About a quarter of engineering school alumni donated last fiscal year, an 11 percent increase from two years ago, according to recently released data. The school has rallied donors through heightened fundraising efforts that tell the story of the "tremendous growth happening at SEAS these days," Dean David Dolling said.

"People generally like to be part of a 'winning team,' but sometimes the early-stage growth doesn't make headlines. So it's our job to tell people about our successes and let them know just how significant the changes are here at SEAS," Dolling said.

The financial success also marks a major turnaround for a school that was losing money five years ago, brought down by dilapidated facilities, paltry research funding and lagging enrollment.

The school has looked to promote its recent growth by connecting students with alumni mentors, hosting

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | SAINT LOUIS 66, GW 58



CAMERON LANCASTER | HATCHET PHOTOGRAPHER

Top: Senior guard Lasan Kromah leaps to attempt a bucket during Saturday's game.
Above: Freshman forward Kevin Larsen battles Saint Louis defenders at the Smith Center.

No. 18 Saint Louis' hands GW loss with closing run

by ELIZABETH TRAYNOR
Sports Editor

There weren't any dramatic last-minute shots, or devastated players crumpling to the court. There weren't any shouts, or disbelieving glances at the scoreboard.

But there wasn't an upset, either. There wasn't a rush onto the court, and there weren't a few overjoyed players celebrating the sort of statement victory they've been seeking all season.

The quiet ending of GW's loss to No. 18/19 (AP/USA Today) Saint Louis didn't tell the whole story. As the two teams left the court, the Billikens walked away with a 66-58 victory. The Colonials walked away knowing they had, at one point, possessed a slim lead that brought with it the potential for an unexpected victory.

"Up three with seven minutes left, with three timeouts left, I thought we were in great shape," head coach Mike Lonergan said. "And we definitely had trouble getting to the line, trouble scoring. So once they got that lead, it's hard."

As Saint Louis got out to an early 6-0 start, the Colonials (12-15, 6-8 A-10) struggled to get inside. Shot after shot was stuffed, and the team's post play suffered.

But after the first media timeout, GW seemed to take the court with renewed energy, feeding off freshman forward Kevin Larsen and senior forward Isaiah Armwood. Larsen exploded for 10 first-half points, while Armwood patrolled the post, pulling down six boards. It was enough to push GW to a 20-14 first-half points-in-the-paint advantage, critical against the Billikens' more successful shooters.

Up six at halftime, Saint Louis gleaned much of its strength from two

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JORDAN EMONT | PHOTO EDITOR

The Interfraternity Council, led by president Casey Wood, left, teamed up with Allied in Pride, headed by Nick Gumas, right, to promote a more inclusive Greek life culture.

Fraternities to don drag to show LGBT support

by JEREMY DIAMOND
Contributing Editor

Fraternity brothers will trade in their letters Wednesday night for dresses, copious amounts of makeup and maybe even wigs to promote acceptance for LGBT students.

Leaders of the drag show, organized by GW's largest LGBT organization and 20 Greek chapters, said they hope the event will promote inclusivity and ward off stereotypes that students can't be both gay and Greek.

"It's to support, whether they're out or not, the LGBT members of our community," Interfraternity Council President Casey Wood said. "And I think it's a great way to embrace that no matter where you come from or who you are, there's always a place in Greek life for you."

The drag contest will raise funds for The Trevor Project, which combats LGBT youth suicide, along with an organization of the winning fraternity's choice. The event has already raised \$2,000 through chapters' participating fees, and it will charge \$5 per ticket.

Wood, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, touted the University's Greek community as open and ac-

The purpose of this event is not to help people spring out of the closet, its to make people feel more comfortable.

NICK GUMAS
President
GW Allied in Pride

cepting, thanks in part to a changing atmosphere honing in on philanthropy and embracing diversity rather than perpetuating "a culture around drinking."

"We had people in this community five or six years ago that didn't feel comfortable coming out, and now you have chapters that are renowned for having a large population of LGBT members," Wood said. "And that's awesome."

The event is the brainchild of Allied in Pride President Nick Gumas. He said he wants to make gay students feel more comfortable in their

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IN BRIEF

Local CVS, Walgreens apply to sell alcohol

The District's alcohol board is reviewing applications for two local pharmacies to sell beer and wine.

The CVS and Walgreens stores along Connecticut Avenue are applying for "Class B" liquor licenses from the city's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. The stores would have to set aside 50 percent – or at least 6,000 square feet – of their shelf space for fresh meat, fruits, vegetables and dairy products to fall under the category of a grocery store.

Under the license, no more than 15 percent of a store's sales may come from beer and wine purchases, according to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration.

The board held a public hearing Feb. 28, in which local grocers and city officials suggested changes to the current requirements, and the public can continue to submit suggestions to the board up to March 8.

One CVS in the District and two Walgreens stores already have licenses to sell beer and wine.

Managers at the CVS in the Shops at 2000 Penn declined a request to comment on whether they would consider applying for a liquor license.

The Walgreens by the Van Ness Metro station and CVS in Woodley Park are pushing for "Class B" liquor licenses, while more than 30 businesses with "Class A" licenses – liquor stores that sell spirits in addition to beer and wine – have begun to sell alcohol seven days a week.

In December 2012, D.C. joined 37 states nationwide in abolishing laws prohibiting alcohol sales on Sundays.

–Kristen Barnes

CORRECTIONS

In "Rental sales increase at GW bookstore," (p. 3, February 28, 2013) The Hatchet incorrectly reported that the GW bookstore saw a 5 percent slump in rental sales. It actually saw a 5 percent rise. Rentals during the spring of 2013 constituted 28 percent of total sales. Manager of the store Bob Blake also did not infer that the store turns a profit.

In "Elliott's former colleagues remember a quiet, determined University president," (Web, February 26, 2013) The Hatchet incorrectly reported that Lloyd Elliott was GW's 16th president. He was its 14th president. We regret this error.



SARA WAGNER | HATCHET PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman Emily Mato posts an inspirational mantra as part of a TEDx event on the power of human connection. The half-day conference is one of thousands of independently organized TED presentations. GW's event was organized by students and took place in the Marvin Center.

QUOTABLE

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–Casey Wood, president of the Interfraternity Council on GW Greek life supporting LGBT students.

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Tuesday

Ron Paul

Hear about the future of the U.S. from the most influential voice of the Libertarian party.

Lisner Auditorium

• 7 p.m.

Diffusing Democracy

Join a Columbia University fellow to discuss the democratization of post-Communist nations and the promotion of global democracy.

1957 E St. Suite 412 • 4 p.m.

Media and Politics

Is the media an effective watchdog in rooting out corruption and exposing scandal? Join a panel of journalists and a presidential staffer who can draw the curtain on the affair.

Jack Morton Auditorium • 7 p.m.

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Possible Futures

Peer into the future of international relations with the chair of the National Intelligence Council as he looks toward potential global trends in 2030.

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‘Superdorm,’

850 students

200 apartments
and 400 singles

250 students will live in
affinity housing wings
(20-student wings with a large
common room and kitchen)

'Superdorm' design stresses affinity program

by ANUHYA BOBBA
Hatchet Reporter

When the new mega residence hall opens along H Street in 2016, student groups will be able to plan events around the breakfast table and hold impromptu meetings in their hallways. Seven floors of the \$130 million building, known around campus as the “superdorm,” will be dedicated

to living and learning communities, which allow student organizations to house their members together. Nearly a third of the building will be divided into 20-student wings, each of which will include a large common room and kitchen space. Bedrooms will make up about half of each wing, with a common room in the middle and a kitchen at one end, according to recently

released draft designs. The building will also include 200 apartments and 400 singles. Its affinity program will include about 250 students, Director of GW Housing Programs Seth Weinshel said. Weinshel said the floor plan design will allow groups to hold meetings in their common rooms, cutting down on the demand for

campus space elsewhere. “Sharing community space with other people will add to the groups’ success,” Weinshel said. The building’s design will be finalized this semester after the plans are vetted by the city’s historic preservation committee and zoning commission. The building will merge The West End with The Schenley and Crawford Hall, with construction

beginning this summer. The University has increasingly stressed the learning component of housing, requiring that students involved are part of registered organizations or sports teams to avoid cases in which students take advantage of the system just to live alongside their friends. The design is the first at GW to prioritize the affinity housing program, a goal in

the 10-year strategic plan. President of Green GW Isabelle Riu said the design will help her group grow closer while also providing “a casual feel” to smaller committee meetings. She added that it would provide extra storage space for a group she said is currently in the Marvin Center “cramped in an office” that Green GW must share with five other groups. ♦

University to offer grants for unpaid interns

by ILANA KATZ
Hatchet Reporter

Not getting a paycheck for your internship next semester? GW wants to help. The University will dole out grants ranging between \$1,000 and \$3,000 to a handful of students starting next month to open opportunities to take on unpaid positions. Assistant Provost for University Career Services Rachel Brown said she did not yet know how many awards would be available because the office is still fundraising. She said mostly alumni and parents have contributed to the grant pool, but declined to say how much has been raised so far. Brown, who was hired

last month to head GW’s career center, said the grants are intended for students who otherwise would have turned away unpaid opportunities due to other expenses, like rent and tuition. “There may be students who just never thought about [interning] for financial reasons, so I think it may help to broaden students’ ideas of what’s possible,” Brown said. When picking applicants, Brown said the career center would look at students’ financial needs and the internship’s connection to each individual’s academic and career goals. Senior Associate Provost and Dean of Student Affairs Peter Konwerski, who has overseen the career center overhaul, called the grants

“a huge resource.” He said he expects the awards to primarily go to students who earned positions in the government and in nonprofits, which do not typically pay their college staffers. Unpaid internships, sometimes criticized as a way for employers to get around fair-wage laws, came under fire from the U.S. Department of Labor in 2010, which mandated that the work be educational. Peer institutions like New York University give out \$1,000 during fall, spring and summer semesters to students interning in industries that typically don’t have the funds to pay interns, like public service and the arts. Two years after GW launched a task force to im-

prove career support, the University is now at the starting line of a \$20 million investment into career offices over the next decade. It also launched an overhaul last year to merge the 11 school-based career offices across GW to help students pursue interests in fields outside their majors. Senior Devon Brown said compensation is always a factor when applying to internships, because it was hard to put in time for free. He said he wished the program existed earlier. “It would make the internship search much less stressful, as I could focus solely on the value of the experience and would not have to take into account the money as much,” he said. ♦

Bill targets sexual assault on campuses

Universities will be required to report dating violence

by BRIANNA GURCIULLO
Assistant News Editor

Congress set higher standards for university crime reporting and sexual assault prevention when it approved the Violence Against Women Act Thursday, after months of partisan squabbling. Under the newly reauthorized act, universities will be required to include instances of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking in their annual security reports. The changes will go into effect for the 2014-2015 academic year.

“We need to fully digest the bill and what has been reauthorized and, more than what has been reauthorized, what has been added,” Deputy Title IX Coordinator Tara Pereira said. She added that in the early versions of the bill, GW was “above and beyond anything that they would expect of a campus,” and look over the final draft to ensure GW is in line with those standards as well. Pereira added that her office plans to include more details about the legislation in training sessions for first responders – those most likely to have students, faculty or staff disclose an incidence of sexual violence to them. The law would also continue federal funding for non-University resources, such as the D.C. Rape Crisis Center, she said.

Part of the bill, the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act, is geared toward sexual crimes on college campuses. It calls for more stringent guidelines for informing victims of their legal rights and upholding sexual assault prevention policies. It also require universities to educate students on how they can intervene as bystanders in a situation of sexual violence. Universities are already required to report campus crime under the Clery Act, passed in 1990 to lay out across-the-board rules for compiling crime data and issuing warnings.

Daniel Carter, former senior vice president of the nonprofit Security on Campus, said the act would

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DANIEL CARTER
Former Senior Vice President Security on Campus

modernize the Clery Act for the 21st century and outline best practices for school to respond to sexual violence. “What the campus act is intended to do is eliminate the cultures on campus that tolerate sexual violence,” he said. “It’s more like getting an inoculation for the disease instead of treating the disease.”

Carter, an expert on the Clery Act, added that the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act was first introduced in 2010, driven by an investigation of sexual assault on college campuses and the murder of University of Virginia senior Yeardley Love, who was murdered by ex-boyfriend that year.

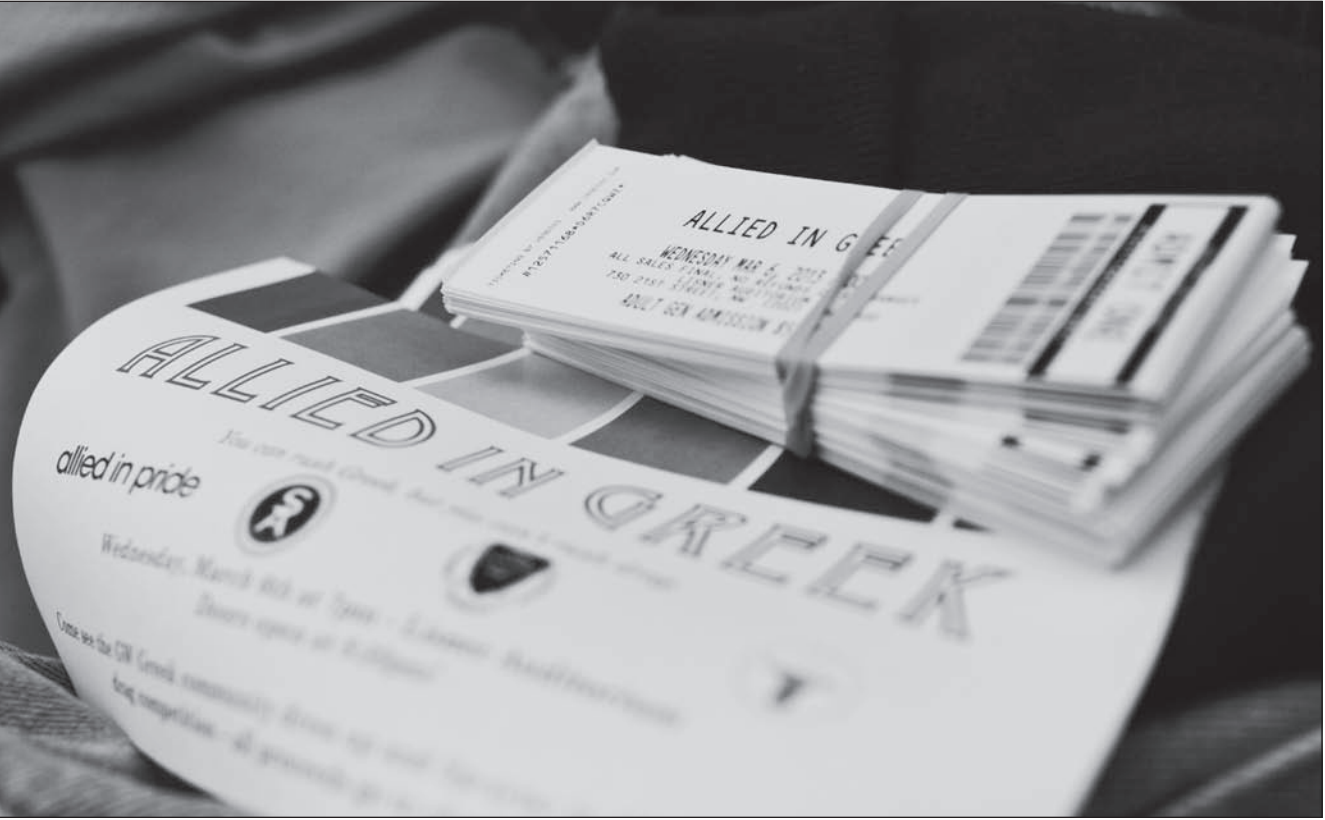
The House of Representatives voted 286 to 138 in favor of the bipartisan Senate bill last week.

President Barack Obama is expected to give his stamp of approval this week.

“Renewing this bill is an important step towards making sure no one in America is forced to live in fear, and I look forward to signing it into law as soon as it hits my desk,” Obama said in White House press release.

The approval came after a Republican substitution, which left out the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act, among other provisions, failed in the House. Republicans argued their version gave more consideration to the rights of accused sex offenders.

Vice President Joe Biden penned the original law as a Delaware senator in 1994, which gave \$1.6 billion toward the investigation of violent crimes against women and also covered male victims of domestic violence. ♦



Jordan Emont | Photo Editor
Allied in Greek will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Lisner Auditorium. Greek fraternity members will dress in drag as part of a fundraiser.

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chapters, even if they choose not to come out to their fraternity brothers. The sophomore said Greek life tends to breed a culture of machismo. “I know there are a lot of LGBT members who are Greek, but for one reason or the other, maybe don’t feel as comfortable as non-Greek students to express themselves,” Gumas, who is not in a fraternity, said. But he added, “The purpose of this event is not to help people spring out of the closet, it’s to make people feel more accepted.” Chapter presidents said they hope an event, instead of a speech or presentation, will be a more engaging way to

promote tolerance. Pi Kappa Phi president Trey O’Callaghan said his fraternity is hoping to redefine negative stereotypes that could be associated with Greek life. “Our participation in the Allied in Pride event is our way of demonstrating that GW Greek life stands behind the LGBT community,” he said. While the event celebrates drag queen culture, Gumas said the event goes back to the roots of the LGBT movement, when drag queens led New York City riots in 1969 and catapulted the struggle for gay rights onto the national agenda. Oz Fishman, an openly gay member of Sigma Chi, said he initially had reservations about the event, think-

ing it could potentially reinforce stereotypes of gay men, but he said he realized that was unlikely to happen at a campus like GW. “Everyone has enough gay friends and enough of an understanding of how people choose to identify with their sexuality,” Fishman said. He added that gay students choose to join Greek life for the same reasons as straight students, and said he never felt prejudice as a member of Greek life. “My sexual orientation is just as much a part of my identity as anybody [else’s],” Fishman said. Sophomore Michael Morgan, a member of Beta Theta Pi who will star as a drag queen, grew up in conservative eastern Washington state, but said coming to GW

helped change his views on gay rights. “A lot of times fraternities are attributed stigmas of homophobia, and there are definitely precedents for that, but it will be good to combat that ideology,” Morgan said, adding that his sister is “married to another lady very happily.” Morgan’s chapter president, Colin O’Brien, agreed that it was an important cause. “Allied in Pride’s idea for this event is a refreshing shake-up,” O’Brien said. “It will help us to make it clear to the GW community at large that Greek life is welcoming to all people, period.” The 11 fraternity participants will each introduce their most stunning straight drag queen at 7 p.m. in the Lisner Auditorium. ♦

STAFF EDITORIAL



THUMBS UP/
THUMBS DOWN

The Hatchet's monthly wrap-up of GW's ups and downs.

Sequester

Whether you blame the White House or Congress for its inability to cut a deal over the sequester, the federal government got orders Friday to shave \$85 million from its budget. Luckily, GW is prepared to absorb the effects of the shrinking federal funding: The University saw a 4.6 percent increase in research dollars this year and has a significant amount of cash on hand in case of any cuts in federal funding. This means the University will likely be more insulated than other institutions of higher education.

GW Law School

Former GW Law School Dean Paul Schiff Berman took a new position last November as vice provost for online education and academic innovation. Faculty told The Hatchet in February that there was friction between Berman and professors, who were on the verge of conducting a vote of no confidence against the dean.

The professors did not indicate any problems with Berman's initiatives. Rather, they were concerned by the lack of dialogue between the dean and the faculty, along with his supposed unwillingness to collaborate on major initiatives.

Regardless of the accusations and tensions, unrest in the law school can only harm students. Whomever the University chooses as the next leader of the law school, we hope he or she will make a more concerted effort to maintain a dialogue with faculty.

Career Center

The University Career Center is in the midst of an overhaul, focusing on reaching out to more employers to recruit GW students.

The combination of new programs and the hiring of Associate Assistant Provost Rachel Brown, who started overseeing the department last month, are encouraging. While past students would have benefitted from these initiatives, it is a promising move for future students.

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Dean Search

The names of individuals who could soon head the University's largest college are being kept under wraps. After initially announcing that the six candidates to replace Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Dean Peg Barratt this May would hold public meetings, administrators reversed course.

It is understandable that the University wants the process to remain as confidential as possible during the early stages so that applicants will not feel as though their current professional positions are in jeopardy. But setting a precedent of decision-making shrouded in secrecy is harmful to the community, especially since candidates have been disclosed in past dean searches.

It's a shame the University has decided to forgo transparency in this decision, because all students – save for the select few who have been privy to private meetings – will not have the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the candidates or voice their concerns before a final decision is made.

GW Law must innovate to help its students

Alex Schneider
Writer

The GW Law School's version of "Saturday Night Live," called "Law Revue," sold itself as a show of snark and humor, a break from the stresses of school.

The effort was tremendous, poking fun at common law school experiences. But for all the clever inside jokes about courses, school events and study habits Feb. 23, I heard something else too.

In front of administrators, faculty and fellow students, the actors despaired at their chances of securing legal jobs.

This was a cry for help. What began with humor ended in bitterness.

There was "How Screwed You Are" based on the One Direction hit, "What Makes You Beautiful," adapted by Corey Ershow, the show's director.

"You will be begging for jobs like you won't believe," the song went. "You don't know... you don't know how screwed you are."

Then, there was Trent Butte's "We Learned Law," set to Rihanna's "We Found Love."

"We learned law in a hopeless place, employment fell at a record pace, we learned law in a hopeless place, only doors slammin' in your face," they sang.

When in the middle of the show, an actor said, "I need a job," an audience member yelled back, "Me too!"

These performances were meant to be funny. But after sitting through skit after skit, each decrying the job prospects of law graduates, I was left wondering whether anyone else in the room had the same unease about the show's message.

And with Interim Dean Gregory Maggs sitting in the audience, the message was direct and clear: Despite all the programs, initiatives,

info sessions and resources, students are scared. The administration has a duty to respond.

The law school has taken several steps to help its students with the introduction of the Inns of Court program earlier this year, placing students in groups with peers and an advisory board to teach them practical skills. Equally helpful was the move to tailor students' education to better accommodate their academic and professional interests.

There's an argument to be made that the legal job market is beyond the control of anyone who was gathered in that room – that it is weak and that no matter what GW does, its students will have a tough time come May.

I don't buy it. I don't buy that a school with some of the most impressive legal minds can't innovate to help its students.

Innovate by changing the curriculum, by individualizing education, by changing enrollment levels, by increasing programs that target non-traditional legal jobs and by aggressively matching employers to students.

At the very least, any dean – interim or otherwise – should guarantee that the Pathways to Practice program that pays alumni to gain work experience will continue beyond next year.

I don't think law students are "screwed" or "hopeless." And as a student, I'm betting real money on it. But if I were a law dean who watched that show, I would work extra hard to make that case.

—The writer is a first-year student at the GW Law School.

What Tinder takes away from dating

Leah Gillon
Writer

When I first heard my friends were using the new dating app Tinder, I thought, "Finally. Grindr for everyone."

Tinder matches users within a close radius to each other by displaying a few profile pictures from Facebook accompanied by a list of their mutual friends and interests.

However, it's more than an app – it's a game. With minimal information about someone, you determine if you would like to "keep playing" by pressing a green heart. If you're not interested, you simply press a red X, at which point the word "nope" flashes across the screen.

Dating can be uncomfortable and awkward, and some people simply don't like putting themselves out there. That's why Tinder can be a tempting and convenient option for some people.

But as an app intended to spark immediate connections, Tinder removes a very critical step: the initial feeling of discomfort and unease of all new relationships.

Yes, dating can be daunting at first, but that nervousness is also what makes it fun. Instead of pushing both sides out of their comfort zones, Tinder sidesteps any initial awkwardness by eliminating the need to gather the courage to introduce yourself to a person.

Tinder acts as a shield against rejection. You can

hide behind your iPhone instead of asking someone out. It's a buffer against the awkward moments when you're unsure whether you should introduce yourself or continue hanging on to the wall.

Dating isn't easy, but it's this difficulty that also makes it worthwhile.

Whether Tinder will become a way for future generations to meet their spouses or if it's just a passing fad, I'm not sure. But one thing I know is that relationships are complicated and intimate, and the process of seeking partners to share this experience with is often enigmatic.

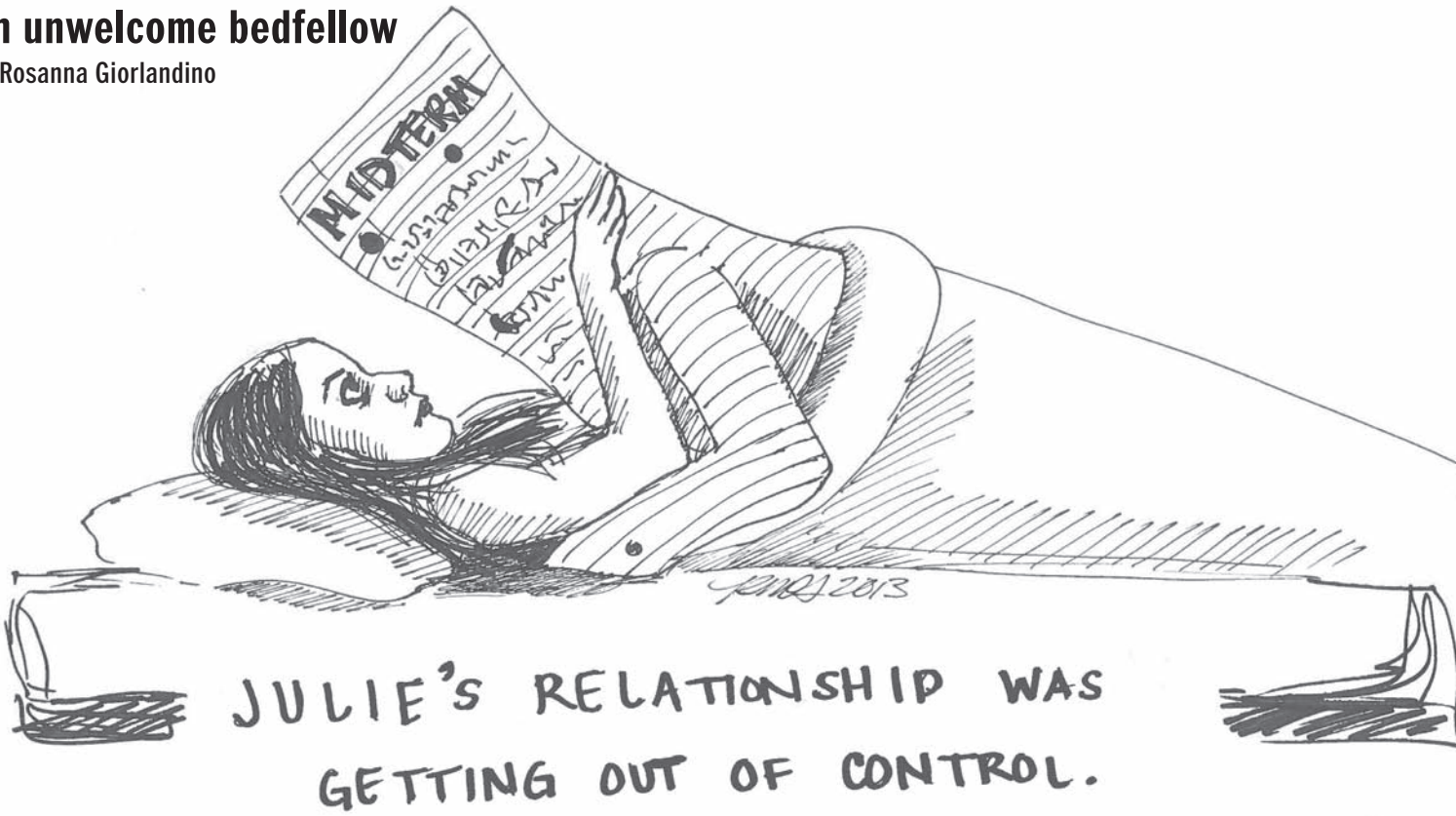
But reducing an integral aspect of the dating experience to something you play on your phone diminishes the thrill of approaching a new person for the first time and actually working up the courage to ask him or her out on a date. Technology is supposed to make life easier, but by adding shortcuts, we actually take away the raw humanity of the experience – the high that comes with dating.

Just because something is uncomfortable doesn't mean it isn't worth it.

—The writer is a freshman in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

An unwelcome bedfellow

by Rosanna Giorlandino



The metrics that matter when applying to college

Annu Subramanian
Senior Columnist



It's a nerve-wracking time to be a high school senior.

Across the country, seniors are waiting anxiously to hear back from their dream colleges. And for many, that school is GW.

I remember what it was like four years ago, checking the mail daily to see if the envelope I received from my dream college was large and full of promise, or sealed in a small package, an envelope tiny enough to just hold the single-leaf offering regrets.

Four years ago, I received a barrage of advice from college students and graduates alike. But I was never told how to choose a school based on the metrics that signal growth in a university.

I chose to go to GW based on the metrics I thought had the most value: I optimized GW's location in the District, the perceived quality of my department and the fact that the cherry blossoms were in full, gorgeous bloom when I toured campus.

I failed, however, to consider my degree's long-term value.

When you're looking at prospective schools, it's not enough to think about how a school will benefit you today. You must also consider how it will serve you after you graduate.

Whether you're applying to college as a high school senior, considering switching your major or looking to transfer from GW entirely, there are a few helpful indicators of university growth to look out for.

Student-faculty ratio is crucial.

There are always exceptions, but I find that the best learning happens in small classes with involved discussions. It's also a factor in national rankings, eyed by people who know what matters most in a diploma.

Student-faculty ratio, and on top of that, the number of pro-

fessor hires to a certain department or school, speak volumes about a university's goals for the future. You don't have to mine through the academic strategic plan to know some of GW's own academic priorities. Just look at the number of professors hired to make the best of the upcoming Science and Engineering Hall.

In addition, look into how much of that faculty is full-time. At GW, adjunct professors are very influential. Whether or not you're fortunate enough to take classes from a part-time professor and NASA scientist or someone who works at the New York Times, the University's D.C. location is primed to welcome the best possible adjunct faculty. But if research matters to you, consider that adjuncts are not expected to take on a research load or advise students.

Ask yourself what metrics you care about when it comes to professors. Find out how diverse the faculty is: Look at their political views, prior experience, race or gender. Look to see if they are widely recognized for

your specific interests.

Endowment and fundraising determine a university's growth. Look at a school's current endowment, and projected endowment through capital campaigns. Any school that seeks to stay competitive and evolve will push forward with fundraising in a big way. New hires mean a school like GW is moving in a positive direction, which could mean a higher ranking and a stronger reputation down the road.

Choosing a school is tough, and going with what feels right for you might be the best metric of all. I attribute my happiness at GW as much to my major as my luck with my freshman year roommate assignment and involvement in student organizations. But still, there's no substitute for a school that's on the rise.

So take a look and see how your dream school adds up. You might be surprised by the answers you find.

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ELISE APELIAN | HATCHET STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Two suspects were arrested outside Ivory Tower Friday for entering unlocked rooms in Fulbright Hall, two blocks away

UPD arrest residence hall laptop burglars

by BRIANNA GURCIULLO
Assistant News Editor

University Police Department officers arrested two women near Ivory Tower Friday for allegedly entering several unlocked rooms in a nearby hall.

Police did not catch the third suspect – last seen leaving Fulbright Hall – who officers believe stole a MacBook Pro, according to a Safety and Security Alert.

The three suspects entered Fulbright by following a resident and then opening unlocked doors, asking for “Erica” or “Eric.” Students told officers that the women entered a total of five rooms, University spokeswoman Michelle Sherrard wrote in an email. The student whose laptop was stolen said he was asleep when his room was broken into.

Students alerted UPD to

the women Friday afternoon, and officers arrived as the suspects tried to flee.

Residence hall thefts saw an uptick earlier this semester when at least 10 electronic items were stolen from unlocked rooms in three halls. University Police Chief Kevin Hay said then that students should be more vigilant, keep doors closed from strangers and prevent people from “tailgating” into their halls.

When asked which residence halls were guarded and at what times of the day, Hay declined to comment, though he released that information in fall 2011. He added that the level of deployments changes occasionally, like when GW amp up its police force around inauguration last month.

—Tiana Pigford, Aaron Goodtree, Colleen Murphy and Robert Todaro contributed to this report.

Civil War project links scholars, artists with Arena Stage

by JASMINE BAKER
Hatchet Reporter

The University will partner with one of D.C.’s flagship theaters to explore the artistic and academic meaning of the Civil War on its 150th anniversary.

The National Civil War Project will link GW with Arena Stage to create courses, seminars and a dozen Civil War productions over the next three years to examine modern and historical warfare.

Alumna Liz Lerman, a renowned choreographer who earned her Master of Arts degree in dance from GW in 1982, spearheaded the nationwide project. It will also kick off similar efforts at the University of Maryland and Harvard and Emory universities in collaboration with local theaters.

“This is a groundbreaking – what I would term – ‘radical collaboration,’” Molly Smith, artistic director of Arena Stage, said Thursday. “By the end of this project, we’ll have a significant body of Civil War plays and projects. These projects will be informed by the scholars we’re working with, and will be richer because of the intersection between scholars and artists.”

Student playwrights and performers will compete starting next year for a \$1,000 commission to produce a Civil War-themed production at Arena Stage, the nation’s largest company focusing on American work.

Interdisciplinary classes on the Civil War in arts, history and social sciences will also take off at GW in fall 2014. Those courses could be offered as University Writing, Writing in the Disciplines or special topics courses. GW will also host a national conference on the topic at Arena Stage in December.

Lerman announced the project Thursday at Arena Stage with University President Steven Knapp.



ELISE APELIAN | HATCHET STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Davone Tines performs Thursday during an event announcing GW's partnership with the local theater Arena Stage to commemorate the Civil War.

“This project will serve as a national model for collaborations in the future at other universities and in other cities across the country besides our initial four cities,” Knapp said.

Leslie Jacobson, a professor of theater, has spent two years setting up the project with the help of professors mostly from the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

She said the project could also expand to the GW School of Nursing and the Elliott School of International Affairs by tying the concept of civil wars to modern political discussion.

“We seem to be in some sort of gridlock now in this nation about how to move forward. If it isn’t an actual violent war with enemies, it’s a war of ideas seeming to be totally incompatible with each other,” Jacobson said. “We are using the

arts to have a meaningful dialogue about the Civil War, and wars in our past, present and future.”

University spokeswoman Angela Olson said the project would be funded by the partner schools, donations and grants, but declined to reveal the total projected cost of the initiative.

For GW, it’s also a big opportunity to build up its emphasis on arts and humanities alongside investments in science and engineering.

The University also has ties with city art institutions such as the Phillips Collection and the Smithsonian Institution. It started up an arts initiative last year, bringing artists-in-residence to campus and trying to make GW more of a hub for arts and cultural study.


“It may sound small, but the universities and

theaters that are in the same city – they don’t get to spend time in each other’s worlds enough,” Lerman said at the event. She is also producing a dance-theater piece called “Healing Wars,” which looks at the impact of war on doctors and psychologists who help heal battle wounds.

Kerric Harvey, an associate professor of media and public affairs, said she will develop a course on the topic and work with students to write a play that will be performed at Civil War sites around D.C.

She said she saw the announcement as not only a signal that the University supports the arts and social sciences, but also that it recognizes the relationship between the two fields.

“You can’t understand what people have done unless you understand how they feel,” she added. ♦



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If you haven't interned on the Hill or visited the Capitol Building, take a tour and see Congress in action – or inaction, as some joke.

Margaret Kahn

Hop on the Blue or Orange lines to the Capitol South Metro station and take in the skyline. Capitol tours are easy to arrange: Simply contact your state representative or senator. If you go during the week, you might be able to take a smaller, more intimate tour with a Congressional staffer and even get a peek at Congress in session.

If you opt for a larger weekend visit, a tour guide will lead you through the Crypt of the Capitol, the Rotunda and National Statuary Hall.

After your history lesson, whet your appetite at the appropriately named We, The Pizza, which offers, hands-down, the best pizza I have tried so far in the District. My prior D.C. experiences having been the average Fuel Pizza, Jumbo Slice and Pizza Movers, I almost gave up hope of finding a stellar pizza experience here.

We, The Pizza, a relaxed joint owned by former "Top Chef" contestant Spike Mendelsohn, proved me wrong. Its chewy, large slices will leave you wanting more. My mom and I tried the White Pie and the Fresh Buffalo Mozz & Roasted Tomato Pie, which was excellent.

Wash your slice down with one of the restaurant's signature

handmade sodas. I sampled the Ubet Manhattan Egg Cream, made with a layer of pure chocolate syrup under soda water and milky goodness. The restaurant doesn't deliver

to Foggy Bottom, but trust me, this pizza is worth the trip for take-out. Its smell alone will win you admirers on the Metro ride back.

For a full taste of the Capitol Hill neighborhood, walk down to Eastern Market, the city's oldest continually operated fresh food public market. Every weekend, the open-air mecca features farmer-sold fresh produce, antique housewares, vintage clothing and handmade arts and crafts.

Though there are more than 140 arts and crafts vendors in the Weekend Outdoor Market, my two favorites are Jeannette Landphair and Curtis Baity. Landphair makes magnets and ceramic coasters out of vintage Washington postcards and off-beat newspaper clippings. She also paints beautiful canvases of the District's famous cherry blossoms. Baity crafts funky light switch covers covered with any logo, magazine cover, celebrity or historical figure you could imagine.

Spending most of my time in the workers' paradise of Foggy Bottom, I often wonder where residents' houses are located. Wander through the back streets of the Capitol Hill Historic District and get lost within the picturesque, dollhouse-like row of houses. This neighborhood is one of the largest historic districts in the country, filled with early 19th-century manor houses and townhouses. As dusk falls and gaslights ignite, you'll feel as if you've wandered back to the Victorian Age.

End the evening at Lincoln Park, nestled in the center of the community. Now mostly used as a dog park and jogging area, the urban green space is complete with a centerpiece statue of Abraham Lincoln himself. ♦



SCOTT FIGATNER | HATCHET PHOTOGRAPHER

Capitol South offers more than just tourist-laden federal buildings. Stop by We, The Pizza for one of D.C.'s best slices, or head to the historic Lincoln Park to take in the greenery alongside pictorial neighborhood townhouses.

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'Seeing red' one click at a time

by **JULIE ALDERMAN**
Hatchet Staff Writer

As students scramble to find summer internships, Shoshana Weissmann is entering hundreds of jobs and internships into a web bank for young Republicans.

Weissmann, a sophomore, is the co-founder of Network Red, a database that helps D.C. Republicans find jobs and internships working on campaigns or for Congress, news organizations, conservative think tanks or interest groups like the Heritage Foundation and the National Rifle Association.

Now the deputy political director of volunteer coordination for the Casale Group, a political consulting firm, Weissmann worked on several campaigns last year, including that of Frank Scaturro for Congress, Wendy Long for U.S. Senate and Mitt Romney for president.

"There's a lot of resources out there, but I don't think that people are finding positions in the way they should," Weissmann said. "And that's not their fault – nobody

knows how to do it until you're already in politics. And that's what we're trying to help people with."

Network Red started off as a listserv Weissmann created last year entitled "GOP in D.C.," which aimed to direct her D.C. friends toward internships and volunteer opportunities. As the list expanded, Weissmann, along with her friend, junior Elie Litvin, created a new title and decided it would be easier to navigate and more organized as a website, NetworkRed.com.

As the other co-founder, Litvin said it was important to create a resource that assembled young, politically right-leaning minds to better assist the party.

"We are filling a vacuum for a centralized hub that is tailored exclusively towards connecting people with Republican-specific opportunities in the D.C. area," Litvin said.

Litvin, who served as a Russian interpreter for Romney's gubernatorial race, uses his connections to find opportunities and to help employ-

ers find young, fresh minds.

Having worked on the Scott Brown for Senate campaign's consulting team in 2009 and for the Romney campaign this past election cycle at digital consulting firm Targeted Victory.

"Being a Republican from Massachusetts is like boot camp for a conservative. It really forces you to think outside the box and be innovative in politics," Litvin said.

With 300 website viewers monthly three months in, Weissmann and Litvin plan to expand the site by offering a resume bank, creating an advisory board and launching a blog within the next few months.

Weissmann said her experience in politics has taught her not to burn bridges, a lesson she aims to illustrate through the networking venture.

"I started Network Red to help people, and I want to give people a chance to do stuff I've done and stuff I haven't been able to do. The best way to help the party – help our ideology – is to help each other," she said. ♦



SCOTT FIGATNER | HATCHET PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior Elie Litvin and sophomore Shoshana Weissmann are taking their extensive political experience to the web, connecting young conservatives with G.O.P. job and internship opportunities in D.C.

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than \$100,000 last fall, a total that includes start-up funds for scholarships and international students.

The effort has also spurred the formation of a dozen-member committee and an elaborate campaign. Other schools conduct smaller efforts by tapping one or two faculty members to try to pump up support, development office spokeswoman Patricia Danver said.

The development office could not provide other schools' faculty giving rates.

Nearly three-quarters of law professors opt to give regular gifts to the school out of their paychecks, institutionalizing their donations.

They are the University's wealthiest faculty base. Associate law professors earned \$161,770 on average two years ago, about 28 percent more than their counterparts at GW's next highest-paying school.

Nicole Fratianne, the law school's associate director of development, said a six-week fall campaign bolstered the faculty giving rate to near-perfection, up 5 percent from the year before and 48 percent two years ago.

"It's setting the bar for our donors and supporters of the law school. When they ask, we can say that [faculty] give at a high rate," Fratianne said. "It's friendly competition, and [it's] also inspiring."

Growth in academic programs, research, student life and construction projects all hinge on fundraising successes. GW's strategic plan alone will require between \$300 million and \$400 million over the next decade.

Yvonne Captain-Hidalgo, an associate professor of Spanish and international affairs, said faculty have no-

"When you do care about the institution and want to see it thrive, you do give in a variety of ways."

CAROL SIGELMAN

Professor

Department of Psychology

ticed an increased "push" for fundraising dollars recently.

She said she has donated "small amounts of money" to the Elliott School of International Affairs over the last three years and Gelman Library for the last five years. For the Elliott School, she said she wants to help the programs with which she works closely, while her library gifts show appreciation for the staff.

"Even though I think our library isn't the most modern, I do know there are ways [staff members] are trying to make the library the best it can be," she said. "The staff there, to me, is the greatest asset the library has. They go out of their way repeatedly so people get the kinds of things they need."

Carol Sigelman, a professor of psychology, said she started donating about a decade ago, but added that she created larger endowed funds for undergraduate research five years ago with her husband Lee, a former political science department chair who died in 2009.

"As I remember, in earlier years, there wasn't much of an effort on the part of [the] development office to encourage faculty giving. They're thinking more about that," she said. "When you do care about the institution and want to see it thrive, you do give in a variety of ways." ♦

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more alumni events and giving its alumni association a voice in planning for the school's future.

Dolling said these ties have allowed him to show off achievements such as a record first-year class of undergraduates, 37 new professors in four years, 40 percent more research expenditures so far this year and plans for a \$275 million, 480,000 square-foot building. But the school still has work to do to gain prestige, at only No. 85 on the U.S. News & World Report ranking of best undergraduate engineering programs, making investments and donations critical.

"Engineers understand that you often need to look at things in relationship to each other – how the various parts interact with and affect the others – and they see that an investment in one area can reinforce and positively affect another area," Dolling said.

The financial surge in the engineering school comes as the University has only fundraised about \$6 million of the \$100 million, as of December, needed to pay for the Science and Engineering Hall, the most expensive campus building to date. GW will pay for the rest of the \$275 million building through lease payments from The Avenue and recoveries of the overhead costs of research.

While the University has courted big donors and corporations to give to the building, which will open in 2015, some are opting to give to programs instead.

Construction mogul James Clark, Forbes magazine's No. 328 richest man in America, donated \$8 million two years ago to build an undergraduate engineering scholarship program. Clark's company, Clark Construction, is under contract to build the 14-floor hall.

"What's ironic is that he's building the building, but he didn't give money to the building. He gave money to

the program," Executive Vice President and Treasurer Lou Katz said. "Everybody has something where they think they can make the biggest difference. Everyone wants to give money to something that they think will make a difference, even if it's not our preconceived notion."

Katz added that the school will embrace the money whether it's for the hall or for academic programs. Buildings are a one-time expense, he said, while program costs are ongoing, making those donations just as critical.

The school's development office has also strived to forge ties with corporations to win big gifts. Companies like Lockheed Martin, IBM, Rolls Royce and Ford Motor Company all gave more than \$1 million recently.

Provost Steven Lerman said in December that the building's construction, which the Board of Trustees approved in 2010, was "instrumental" to the upsurge in donations.

"We have had some donors say that the building changed their mind. That's the one concrete anecdote we've heard more than once," Lerman said.

To appeal to other potential donors, Dolling said, the school is focusing on matching them with priorities that fit their interests. For some, this might include new scholarship programs or naming opportunities.

Francis Cevasco, who earned his Master of Science degree in civil engineering in 1970, said he gives back annually to thank the school for an education that has helped him even in a career as an international analyst.

Cevasco said he planned to donate regardless of the new building, and is not sure whether his donations will go to the construction. He said he thinks the building might spur other alumni to do so.

"Some people are willing to contribute just because it's the right thing to do," he said. "Others like to see physical manifestations of where their money is going." ♦

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10 Papa's partner
14 Sounds of satisfaction
15 Fields
16 Hwys.
17 "___ bien!"
18 Film units
19 Cats and gerbils, e.g.
20 *Substance marketed under the name NutraSweet
22 Stiller's partner in comedy
23 What "can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes," per Mark Twain
24 "Fightin' words
26 Libra's symbol
29 Ashes container

Down

31 Religious councils
35 Aptly named fruit
39 *Coach's clichéd reminder
42 Teed off
43 Bridge player's combo
44 Bygone flier
45 Go pft!, as an engine
47 ___ rod (molding with a twined serpent design)
49 *Chess ending
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10 Advertising figure with a monocle
11 Bothered greatly
12 About 39 inches, in England
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25 What a Spanish orchestra produces
26 Retired fliers
27 Pacific salmon
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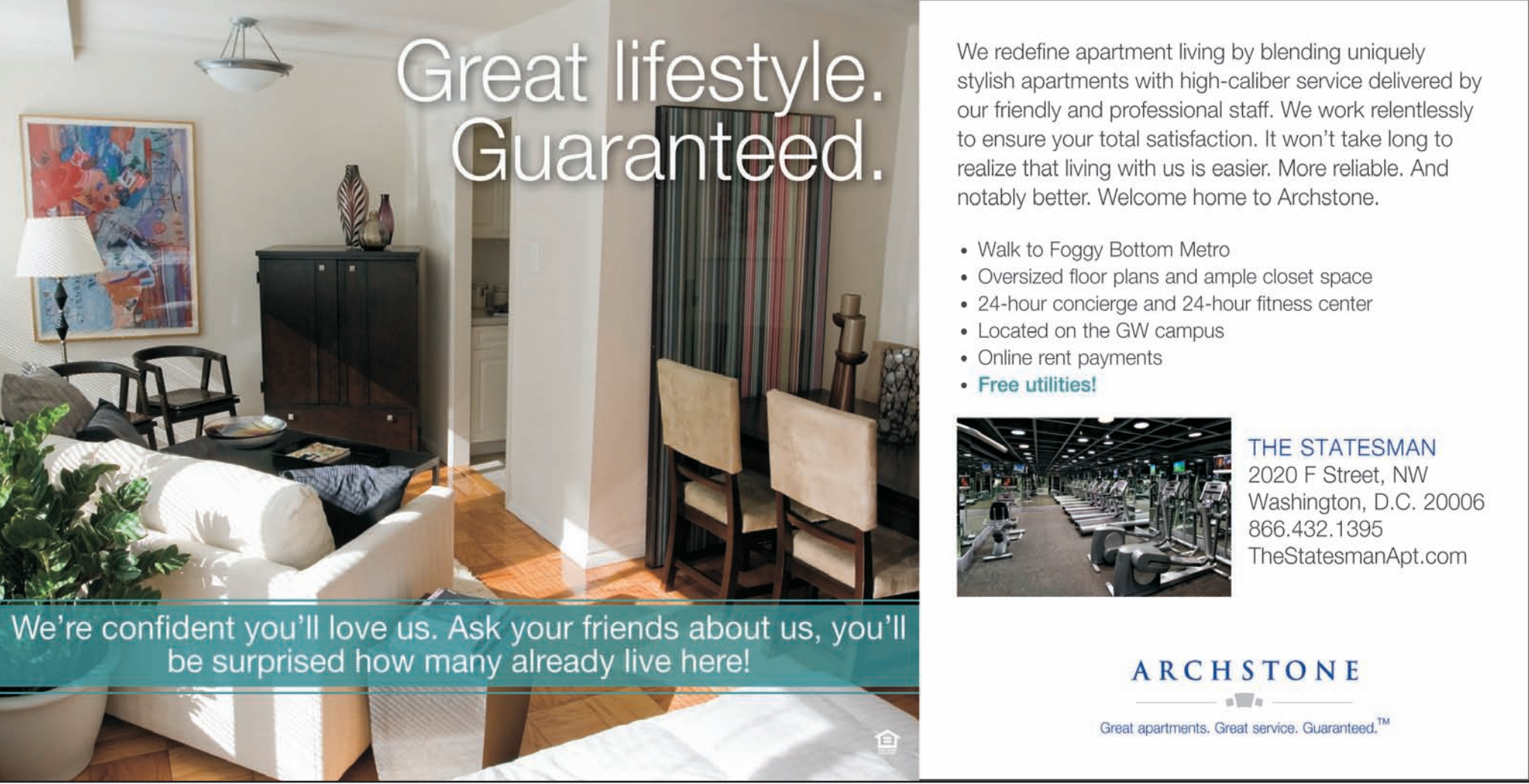
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Veterans shine in GW's final regular season contest

by **NICK ONG**
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With the first half coming to a close, and only a two second differential between the shot and game clocks, senior guard Danni Jackson lost the handle on the ball, quickly recovered and fired up an unorthodox desperation three. It banked in.

With a 19-point lead, that's just how the game was going for the Colonials. But they soon learned how quickly a double-digit lead can start to dwindle away.

"We had stopped even putting our hands up, we had dropped them," head coach Jonathan Tsipis said. "And it was time for us to take some punches."

In the end, some strong leadership from the very seniors being honored on the final game of the regular season allowed GW to weather the storm and capture the victory, 68-55.

When the game opened, GW looked ready for the start of playoff basketball, running and executing on both ends of the court.

The Colonials were patient on offense, continually moving

and sending crisp passes until a crack in Saint Louis' defense was revealed. On defense, they turned up the intensity.

Playing much of the first half in a full court press, GW hounded the Billikens' ball handlers, grabbed five steals and immediately went into transition mode, where they scored 13 points off turnovers.

"We just came out with the mindset that we were gonna really control the glass and get out in transition," Tsipis said.

Megan Nipe was – literally – perfect in the first half, scoring 16 points off of 7-for-7 shooting. Whether lurking along the perimeter or driving off a screen, Nipe couldn't help but find the bottom of the net.

"I just think my teammates did a great job of getting me open, and when I was open, getting me the ball," Nipe said.

Following Nipe's lead, the rest of the offense was just as in sync, shooting 63 percent from the field in the first.

As the second half got underway, it appeared as though the Colonials had become a bit too comfortable with their large first-half lead. The offense began running at a slower pace,

and the guards consistently settled for long jumpers early in the possession.

"I think the things we got away from were [that] we didn't rebound the ball well and we didn't attack in transition or off the ball screen," Tsipis said. "We got too complacent to run the offense and that gave them a little more momentum."

Saint Louis quickly went on a 10-0 run, and the 19-point lead was now down to 10. Tsipis went back to the full court press to put an end to the storm, but GW still couldn't get the offensive spark back, and the lead was cut to just seven.

Looking for anything to get momentum back on the Colonials' side, fifth-year graduate student forward Sara Mostafa stepped up to the challenge. Mostafa scored on three straight GW possessions, and drew two "and-one" opportunities in the process.

GW was now back on the attack, driving the lane to get some easy buckets and preventing the Billikens from going on another run to close out the game.

Nipe finished with a career-high 20 points on 9-of-14 shooting. Mostafa finished

her regular season career with 13 points and eight rebounds, getting help from another inside presence, senior Shi-Heria Shipp, who scored 10 points and had nine boards. Jackson was the fourth Colonial in double-figures, scoring 17 points to go along with six rebounds and four assists.

Nipe, Jackson and Shipp intend to petition for a fifth year of eligibility, looking to stay with the Colonials for one more season.

The barrage of scoring shows the many options that Tsipis will have heading into the postseason. Nipe may have been the hot hand tonight, but high-scoring games from multiple Colonials this season prove that any one of them can burst out.

GW is seeded eighth heading into the A-10 tournament, and will face Richmond at 11:30 a.m. Friday.

"It's been a season of a lot of firsts, obviously my first season, an opportunity for us to get the most wins in conference in the last four years and the most overall wins," Tsipis said. "And now it leads to another season of firsts, that we want to go and get that first A-10 win." ♦



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Graduate student forward Sara Mostafa releases a shot Sunday.

Baseball team swept as new facilities open at Barcroft Park

by **BRENNAN MURRAY**
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The ribbon was cut, the first pitch hurled and new head coach Gregg Ritchie claimed his post against the fence at the near end of the Colonials' dugout.

In GW's inaugural series at Barcroft Park, amid partly sunny skies, the stage was set for the home team to succeed.

After dropping six consecutive road games to open the season, the Colonials (0-9) returned to Arlington with all eyes on rectifying the goose egg in its 2013 win column, claiming their first victory and regaining some crucial early season confidence.

But Quinnipiac had an agenda of its own, spoiling the good vibes that lingered in the stadium until the end of the weekend. Dominant Bobcats pitching held GW to just five runs over the first two games, and clutch hitting came through for them late in the third. The Colonials fell 8-3, 4-2 and 4-3 in game three, ultimately departing Barcroft on Sunday



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Freshman Max Kaplow hurls a pitch Sunday afternoon.

as victims of a third consecutive sweep.

"This shouldn't be a disappointment. It should be something that drives these guys to get better everyday," Ritchie said.

Allowing early leads proved lethal in the first two games for GW. The Colonials' pitching surrendered six runs in the first five frames on Fri-

day afternoon, rendering an offensive comeback a difficult task for a struggling lineup. Despite GW plating one runner in the fourth, the eighth and then again in the home half of the ninth, the deficit remained at five when the Bobcats recorded the final out of the game.

Game two on Saturday was preceded by the official opening ceremonies for the park, an

exciting moment for a GW team that played all of last season amid noise and construction.

As soon as the festivities subsided though, Quinnipiac's bats resumed where they left off, tagging GW for a run in the first, second, and two in fourth. Though freshman Luke Staub fanned six batters through seven innings of work, run support from his teammates was minimal. GW stranded two runners in the sixth and failed to accumulate base runners in the frames that followed.

Game two ended a lot like game one, with the Colonials falling short of overcoming their opponent's early run production.

"It's not about wanting it or badly wanting it, it's about playing consistent baseball and getting a win," Ritchie said. "It doesn't matter whether you have ten wins or ten losses. You want to win every day."

For the majority of the game Sunday, GW avoided the issues that prevented the team's success during the first two games of the series. Freshman Max Kaplow, starting on the mound for

his third time this season, put together one of the best pitching performances of the year, keeping the Bobcats scoreless through five innings and striking out seven Bobcats before he left the hill in the ninth.

In terms of offense, the Colonials were the ones who got out in front early. After a double from senior infielder Matthew Murakami in the bottom of the third, freshman catcher Matthieu Rob  rt ripped an RBI single that put GW on top 1-0. After the Bobcats tied it in the sixth with a run of their own, senior first baseman Derek Brown drove in the go-ahead run with a double down the line that put the Colonials back up 2-1.

Though GW only needed three outs in the top of the ninth to hold the Bobcats at bay, two consecutive walks set up a huge inning for Quinnipiac. After a triple scored the two runners on base, the Bobcats scored one more on a sacrifice fly, ultimately returning to the dugout with a 4-2 edge.

The Colonials struck with- in one run in the bottom of the

ninth after a Tyler McCarthy ground ball scored freshman shortstop Nolan Lodden. But with two outs and a runner on third, GW failed to bring the tying run to the plate. Kaplow, who displayed mixed feelings about his own performance, said his team is putting in the work but just not seeing the results yet.

"The effort put on by this team is remarkable," Kaplow said. "But wanting isn't everything. The physical and the effort is definitely there, but I just think there's a certain mental block that we need to break through."

Ritchie, on the other hand, pointed to consistency. Once the Colonials can become more consistent in game-deciding situations, he said, his team will see better results.

"You play game speed practice for some of the things that created issues for you – bunt plays, or some at bats with two strikes – but you just keep going with the same routine that you know is correct," Ritchie said. "You just create consistency with it." ♦

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shooting areas where it was able to dominate GW: from three and from the charity stripe. The Billikens made four treys over the course of the first, and further widened the gap thanks to GW's 3-for-7 line on free throws.

"Their guards were actually straight line driving us, taking us to the rim," Lonergan said. "I knew in the second half, we were going to try to play some 1-3-1 to keep that from happening. Because we can't get enough help the way their bigs shoot threes. Their bigs play like guards."

Out of the break, the Colonials refocused on attacking their opponent, turning on the sort of pressure that's stymied them so many times this season.

Switching into a more physical style, GW was able to disrupt Saint Louis' game: setting screens, posting up and cutting down the Billikens' ability to drive through the lane. It paid off: Saint Louis struggled to regain an offensive rhythm, and the Colonials took advantage of that on the other end rising a 16-4 run to a slim one-point lead.

"We were trying to speed up the tempo with the 1-3-1, and really get the ball out of the shooter's hands," senior guard Lasan Kromah said.

And for a while, the game stayed that tight. As Saint Louis started to find ways around GW's zone and through its double-teams, the two teams traded baskets. The lead volleyed back and forth, never by more than a point or two.

Slowly, though, the Billikens began to pull away. A trickle of scoring gradually turned into a stream, and combined with ill-timed Colonial turnovers, Saint Louis closed on a 21-10 run to put the game away.

"We were trying to play

physical," Lonergan said. "We missed some easy shots, our guys felt they were getting fouled. We just didn't get any calls. It's tough."

Much of Saint Louis' advantage came at the line. Though GW was able to control the perimeter more tightly, allowing just one three-pointer in the second half, the team was crippled by its 53.3 percent free throw shooting.

The Billikens shot 87.5 percent from the charity stripe – and scored many of those points down their crucial final stretch.

"I thought we just had some defensive breakdowns, and they had a lot of free throws," Kromah said. "And they made a lot of free throws. And we were sending them to the line a lot."

The Colonials found some offensive success in the paint, with Larsen leading the charge again for 14 points and four boards. Armwood recorded five blocks on the day, adding 10 rebounds.

Senior guard Dwayne Smith and Kromah added 10 and 12 points, respectively. The two were responsible for all but three of the Colonial bench's points in the game, the sort of veteran presence Lonergan looks for in his seniors.

"We want to leave here saying that we did something for our school, something to remember in years going on," Kromah said. "It's really important for us. We try to get the young guys focused, too."

But at this point in the season, moral victories can ring hollow.

With a postseason bid and a trip to Brooklyn on the line, Lonergan and his players want just one thing – for the final scoreboard to show a Colonial victory.

"This time of the season, there's no time for a moral victory. We have to get some wins under our belt," Kromah said. "These next two games are going to be really important for us." ♦

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