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Building name task force members eager to address issue in 'systematic' way

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Members of the Board of Trustees' new task force on building naming policies say they will spend the year developing recommendations to guide name change procedures moving forward.

The Task Force on Naming, which officials announced Thursday, includes 17 members who will deliver recommendations to the board about principles to guide naming, name change procedures and circumstances that merit consideration of name change requests by the end of the academic year. Taskforce members include students and faculty who have previously voiced support for changing the Colonials moniker or some campus building names with "problematic" pasts.

Board Chair Grace Speights, an ex-officio member of the group, said discussions surrounding the task force's creation took place "over many months." She said officials launched the group following years of national debate around "acknowledging and confronting history" at universities across the

country.

"Institutions of higher education have led the charge in these areas as they have considered renaming buildings, facilities and other public spaces," she said in an email. "GW has its own history that we must explore, and we need a framework in place to be able to advance these discussions."

The members of the commission include four officials like Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement Caroline Laguerre-Brown and Vice President for External Relations Lorraine Voles, four trustees, an emeritus trustee, three students, three faculty and two alumni.

Speights said task force membership was intentionally selected to include a "diverse" selection of members of the GW community. She said community members will receive more information about how to give feedback to members of the group after the task force has convened.

She said the group will spend the year drafting recommendations and will submit their findings to the board for review by the end of the year.



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The recommendations will be issued before GW celebrates its bicentennial in 2021.

"Over the coming months, the task force will meet regularly and provide opportunities for community input," she said in an email.

Trustee Mark Chichester, the chair of the task force, did not return multiple requests for comment.

The task force's creation comes after Student Association leaders proposed a set of guidelines for administrators to adopt regarding building names. The proposed rules state that officials should revoke building names if the individual for whom the building was named has engaged in behavior "inconsistent" with GW's values that "jeopardizes the University's reputation and public

trust."

Denver Brunzman, an associate professor of history who serves on the task force, said administrators invited him to participate, and the group is in the process of scheduling their first meetings.

Brunzman has previously expressed his support for changing the Colonials moniker, but officials have been cautious to take a public stance on that movement.

"By setting up this task force and setting up guidelines, it will ultimately help with any future name change that will be seen as credible and something that people can have trust and that it went through a fair process," Brunzman said.

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Student leaders express mixed reactions to bill tackling anti-Semitism

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Some Jewish student leaders said they weren't adequately included in conversations about a Student Association resolution last week that urged the University to fight anti-Semitism.

The SA senate overwhelmingly green-lighted a resolution demanding that officials add faith-based discrimination workshops to required first-year diversity trainings and codify an SA task force to address anti-Semitism on campus. SA leaders said they consulted Jewish student leaders before voting on the resolution, but some students said they didn't have enough time to offer feedback about the legislation and that SA members didn't fully address their concerns about the resolution's language.

Louie Kahn, CCAS-U and a sponsor of the legislation, said that in the aftermath of an anti-Semitic video that circulated earlier this month, officials' investigation into the incident alongside student efforts will help prevent future incidents.

"If GW just addresses some of these things from the onset, you'll be able to avoid things like what happened in that video," he said.

Student organizations and the SA held forums in the days following the Snapchat incident to address student concerns that anti-Semitism on campus is not isolated to the recent video.

SA President SJ Matthews filed an executive order Nov. 17 to create a "Task Force on Combating Anti-Semitism," which will be comprised of SA members, student leaders and student body members who will propose "institutional changes" to address the issue.

Zachary Nosanchuk – the SA's vice president for undergraduate policy, an endorser of the resolution and a former Hatchet opinions writer – said he is currently working with Matthews and Julia Kerrigan, the SA's director of interfaith engagement and task force chair, to decide which three student body

members will serve in the group.

Nosanchuk said the leaders might create a public application for students to apply to serve on the task force, and the Jewish Student Association will select some representatives for the group.

"We want to have a pluralistic first view of the Jewish community here because we can't just appoint someone from GW for Israel," he said. "It's very difficult because we want to get diversity. We know that in three seats, we're not going to get every Jew at GW."

Kahn, CCAS-U and a legislation sponsor, said the task force will "formalize" a group within the SA to address anti-Semitism to ensure the task force will not dissolve over time.

"I do not think it should be a topic that goes ignored," he said. "Any form of hate needs to be addressed on this campus and I would say anti-Semitism is no exception."

Kahn said legislation sponsors met with Jewish students, like JVP members and other students earlier this month to discuss the legislation that passed last week. He said an "overwhelming majority" of Jewish students he met with said they would be upset if the legislation did not include that the state of Israel has a right to exist – a clause that was removed before the resolution passed after students pushed back.

"I would just say from a personal perspective, I think that many Jewish students on this campus associate their identity with Israel, and that if we didn't include that, I think would be a disservice to those students," he said.

Some Jewish students said they were not given "adequate time" to review the resolution and that the SA did not take their concerns about the proposed language into consideration before the vote.

Gabriela Rossner, a coordinating committee member of Jewish Voice for Peace, said none of the resolution's sponsors reached out to JVP about the legislation's content. She said JVP members had to obtain contact information for the sponsors from other SA members.

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Panhel leaders silent about sorority diversity trainings

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A semester after Panhellenic Association social events were put on hold for mandated diversity and inclusion programming, leaders and officials will not discuss details of the sessions.

After a racist Snapchat post from a then-sorority president's account surfaced in September, officials suspended Panhel sororities from participating in informal fall recruitment and social events and required chapters to attend diversity discussion sessions. But after a semester's worth of trainings, Panhel leaders have remained tight-lipped about the content of the sessions, and officials will not disclose who was involved with program planning.

Colette Coleman, the associate dean of students, said Fraternity and Sorority Life officials worked with University "partners" from late September to early November to hold community cultural trainings for Panhel members. She did not specify who the University partners are.

Coleman said sorority members spent time "reflecting on both their positive and negative histories" in the sessions. She said the programming included but was not limited to 13 sessions on

subjects like restorative justice and understanding microaggressions.

Members also participated in a day of service and attended the University's annual diversity summit, she said.

"They also engaged in meaningful discussions about how to address the experiences of their members and the larger GW community," she said in an email.

She said Panhel brought experts in to facilitate conversations among sorority members about diversity problems that are pervasive on a "broader level" than on-campus issues.

"We feel that members of the community met and exceeded the requirements asked of them, and engaged in meaningful dialogue," she said.

Coleman declined to say the minimum number of educational sessions sorority members were required to attend this semester or how many members from each chapter needed to attend sessions. She also declined to say what repercussions a sorority would face if the chapter did not meet the minimum requirements for how many women attended sessions or the number of sessions members attended.

She declined to say what, if any, requirements for diversity trainings chapters will have to complete next semester.



LILLIAN BAUTISTA | CONTRIBUTING PHOTO EDITOR
Panhellenic Association leaders declined to talk about conversation surrounding diversity and inclusion sessions mandated by the University earlier this semester.

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In an email sent to sorority members earlier this semester, officials said chapters must participate in diversity and inclusion events, like a presentation and conference on "what is and is not appropriate to wear and say in preparation for Halloween" during Greek Week last month.

"We are very excited for all four councils to come together to celebrate diversity, scholarship, service and fun!"

the email states.

Eight Panhel chapter presidents did not return multiple requests for comment. Kerri Corcoran, the president of Chi Omega and a former Hatchet editor, and Alexa Saberito, the president of Sigma Delta Tau, declined to comment.

Panhel President Sarah Sem, who stepped into her role last month after the former president resigned to take a leave of absence, did not return multiple requests for comment. Nine executive

board members listed on the Fraternity and Sorority Life website did not return requests for comment, and one delegate listed on the website said she graduated in May.

Of the 11 Panhel delegates listed on the website, 10 did not return requests for comment, and one said she left her post to study abroad this semester.

The National Panhellenic Conference did not return a request for comment.

Peter Lake, the chair and

director of the Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy at Stetson University, said requiring student groups to hold mandatory trainings about "equal opportunity issues" is becoming common among student organizations. He said schools generally offer new trainings during the semester, rather than before the semester begins, as a response to a specific incident.

Lake said a national growing focus on diversity trainings could be a result of growing Title IX policies, which "paved the way" for large-scale trainings and a more in-depth approach to addressing diversity, inclusion and multiculturalism on campuses. He said diversity trainings have also increased conversations around topics like bias response teams, which document bias incidents.

Officials implemented a University bias incident reporting system in February 2019, almost a year after a racist Snapchat featuring two members of Alpha Phi spread across campus.

"The feeling is that you want to get as in front of this as you can to avoid things blowing up into major issues," he said. "Social justice is driving the conversation on campus this year in a way that I haven't seen probably since the 1960s."

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CRIME LOG

THREATS TO DO BODILY HARM

District House

Multiple – Multiple

Open Case

A female student reported to the GW Police Department that she received direct threats from a male student.

Case open

THEFT I/FROM BUILDING

Gelman Library

11/16/2019 – 1:10 a.m.

Closed Case

A female student reported that someone stole her two bags of clothes from a study room after she left them unattended. After GWPD officers identified the male student who took the bags, he returned the stolen property.

Referred to the Division of Student Affairs

THEFT I/FROM BUILDING

Elliott School of International Affairs

11/16/2019 – 10 p.m.

Open Case

A female student reported to GWPD that someone stole her wallet.

Case open

SIMPLE ASSAULT (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE), LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION, DRUG LAW VIOLATION

Madison Hall

11/21/2019 – 1:10 a.m.

Closed Case

GWPD and Metropolitan Police Department officers responded to a report that a female student attempted to commit suicide after hitting her female roommate. The student admitted to consuming a variety of drugs and alcohol, GWPD officers said. The student suffered a panic attack and consumed an “unknown amount of anti-depressant medicine,” according to an MPD report. EMeRG transported her to the GW Hospital for further medical assessment.

Referred to Division of Student Affairs

– Compiled by Kateryna Stepanenko

On-campus affordable housing units maintain high tenant retention after three years

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Three years after the University added affordable housing units to campus, the homes are still filled with tenants.

Officials converted seven townhouses on F Street into one-, two- and three-bedroom affordable housing units in 2016 as part of GW's negotiation with the city to demolish and reconstruct Rice Hall, which previously housed administrative offices. Property management officials said the majority of tenants in the units are either the first or second group of residents to live in the townhouses.

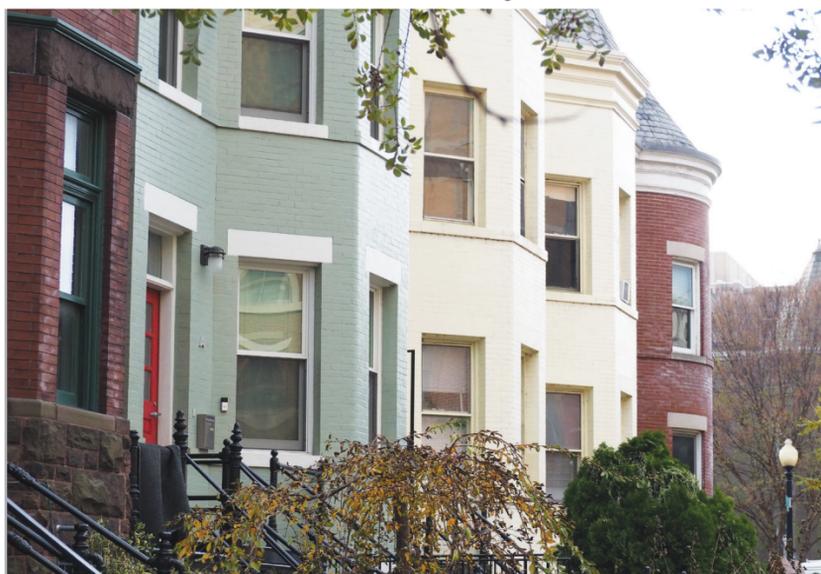
University spokeswoman Crystal Nosal said the University added the affordable housing units in 2016 for residents earning up to 80 percent of the average median income in the District.

A single tenant's income cannot exceed \$68,000 – 80 percent of the area median income for the D.C. metropolitan area – to be eligible for assistance under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in 2019, while a family of two's income cannot exceed about \$77,680 to be eligible, according to Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines. The income limit for a family of four is about \$97,000, HUD guidelines state.

“GW hired Nest D.C. to market and lease the apartments in accordance with District Housing and Community Development requirements,” Nosal said in an email. “Nest is trained and certified to process such leases per DHCD standards and works closely with DHCD on the application process.”

She said officials are not planning to add more affordable housing units on campus in the near future but are instead focusing on improving student housing. Construction on Thurston Hall's renovation is slated to begin at the end of the academic year.

“While no specific feedback from tenants has been



Officials said most of the residents who initially occupied the affordable housing units on campus have stayed. GRACE HRONIN | PHOTOGRAPHER

shared to Nest or the University, the project was commended several times during its initial creation for both creating multi-room affordable housing apartments, which are not as common in D.C., and also contributing to the overall inventory of affordable housing,” Nosal said.

Arnetta Talley, a 73-year-old U.S. Navy retiree who moved into a one-bedroom affordable unit last November, said the low-rate housing has allowed her to set aside between \$100 and \$200 per month for emergencies since she moved to Foggy Bottom from California a year ago.

“When I moved from California, I had to leave everything behind, and I am building everything up and that is where my income is going right now,” Talley said.

She said her son, who lives in North Carolina, arranged for her to move back to D.C. after living in California for 20 years. She said her son helped finance the furniture she needed to move into the new place, but she's covered the rest of her housing expenses.

“He took care of everything here and sent things to me, and all I had to do was

sign the papers,” she said.

Kelly Cureton, a 35-year-old tenant living in one of the F Street homes, said she moved from Southeast D.C. with her teenage son in 2017 and has lived in the space since. She said that despite the rent price, she works at a print and ship warehouse to pay bills.

“That's why I just got a job because though it is affordable, you still have to have money to pay things like bills,” she said.

Cureton said she and her son have enjoyed living on GW's campus because he's had opportunities to attend GW basketball games and meet several of GW's basketball players.

“It's just so many different opportunities,” she said. “For instance, he can look out the window and see the college students across the street and know that he has a future to go to college because he wants to go to college as well.”

Lydia La Motta – the assistant director of on-boarding at Nest D.C., which the University hired to market the space to potential tenants – said the company manages day-to-day marketing for

housing units, including affordable housing, in the D.C. area and facilitates tours for potential tenants.

Nest D.C. markets the on-campus affordable housing units on specific websites like Social Serve – a non-profit bilingual call center that connects individuals with housing options and second-chance employment – Zillow and Hot Pads, La Motta said.

La Motta said Nest D.C. typically has trouble finding couples that meet the affordable housing income criteria because the District income cap for two people is only about \$10,000 more than the requirement for someone living alone.

Nest D.C. receives inquiries from students because of F Street's prominent location on campus, but student loans and support from family members eliminate undergraduate students from living in these buildings, she said.

“As you add another adult onto your household, you are only allowed to add about 10 grand to your maximum income, and so it makes it really hard for families to make enough money but still pay the rent,” La Motta said.

Study abroad program at Hong Kong university indefinitely suspended

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REPORTER

Officials are bringing students studying abroad in Hong Kong back home and canceling classes amid ongoing protests about a now-retracted bill that would have allowed the Chinese government to extradite Hong Kong citizens.

Administrators at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, one of GW's partner institutions for its Hong Kong study abroad programs, announced earlier this month that they are canceling classes for the remainder of the term. Donna Scarboro, GW's associate provost for international programs, said the students studying at the school are “in transit” to other locations, and GW's study abroad programs in Hong Kong will be suspended indefinitely.

“Spring programs in Hong Kong are suspended and we do not know at this time how long the suspension will last,” Scarboro said in an email.

Protesters barricaded themselves inside the school earlier this month and threw bricks and makeshift explosives to block riot police

from entering. More than 1,000 protesters have been arrested, and more than 200 have been injured during the protests.

Scarboro said two students were enrolled at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and are now moving either to the United States or to another location “of their choice.” Three other students in Hong Kong at other institutions have departed or plan to depart soon, and no GW students have been harmed in the protests, she said.

She said students studying there this semester will still receive credit for their coursework this semester as long as they pass their classes and therefore will not need to be reimbursed for the program's sudden end.

“CUHK is working with students to allow them to finish their semester remotely,” she said.

Study abroad experts said student safety is a top consideration in university-sponsored programs but added that terminating a study abroad program because of civil unrest is unusual because most situations do not warrant such a significant response.

Amy Klinger, an associate professor of education at Ashland University in Ohio, said administrators face a dilemma between giving students autonomy to make their own decisions about staying in a program and ensuring their safety.

“I think the administration has to err on the side of keeping the students, keeping the kids where we know they can be safe, as opposed to sending them off to a place where they have no jurisdiction,” she said.

Klinger said officials' decision to cancel programs in light of protests is “situational” and should be based on clear, established safety and security protocols that determine at what point student safety is in jeopardy.

Police have beaten and shot protesters with rubber bullets and, in turn, have received burns after protesters splashed them with a corrosive liquid, NBC News reported last month.

Lauren Prema, the assistant director of the Center for International Education at Salem State University in Massachusetts, said administrators at her school are “constantly monitoring ac-



Officials said students currently studying abroad in Hong Kong are traveling to other locations amid ongoing protests in the area. LILLIAN BAUTISTA | CONTRIBUTING PHOTO EDITOR

tivities around the world” to determine whether students will be safe in the countries where they are studying abroad.

Prema said her office also takes U.S. State Department travel advisories into account when considering students' safety abroad, especially in countries like Liberia, which

the State Department considers to be a “high risk” location.

“If a program is high-risk at the State Department, then we'd have really intense risk management, like a full profile done of the area,” she said. “We have the faculty leaders do a full profile for risk assessment.”

State Department officials issued a travel warning earlier this month to American citizens who intend to travel to Hong Kong.

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IN BRIEF

Engineering faculty work to develop plan to attract women, minorities to SEAS

Faculty in two departments in the School of Engineering and Applied Science are developing a plan to increase the number of women and minority students in STEM programs at GW starting next semester.

The effort, which will be undertaken by members of the computer science and biomedical engineering departments, is part of a national campaign to develop plans to boost women and underrepresented minorities in computer science. Faculty said the cohort will develop a plan throughout the next calendar year to help officials learn about best practices for diversity and sustain the school's position as a national leader in representation.

“Promoting diversity in all areas is a national issue,” Rachele Heller, a professor of computer science, said in an email. “It's important for our national competitiveness, for creativity in the computer science discipline and for encouraging new ideas.”

Heller said the organization sponsoring the program, the National Center for Women and Information Technol-

ogy, brings together computer science departments similar in size and structure to create plans to increase the number of women and minorities in the field.

Heller, who also heads a SEAS center focused on improving outcomes for women in engineering, said affiliated faculty have not yet begun to develop the plan, so it is too early in the process to discuss what the plan will include or how it will be implemented in the department and school.

The effort was announced in the SEAS weekly newsletter earlier this month. Four faculty members, including Heller, will work with consultants at NCWIT, and the center will provide \$10,000 to assist with the costs of implementing the plan.

“Women make up more than 45 percent of each of our last two incoming classes,” she said. “That said, we need to sustain, and perhaps, grow this number to continue to be a national leader.”

Heller said the percentage of women in engineering is disproportionately low relative to the percentage of women

majoring in other STEM disciplines at GW. The total percentage of women majoring in STEM fields at GW clocks in at about 30 percent, according to institutional data.

She said the department's participation in the cohort indicates the school's relative success attracting women and minority students, adding that officials have strived to recruit more female students over the past few years. Heller added that the initiative will provide opportunities for new ideas to tackle the issue in the computer science discipline.

Women received about 20 percent of all bachelor's degrees in engineering in 2015, according to the American Society for Engineering Education.

Heller said the faculty members involved hope to apply what they learn to help other departments within SEAS boost their representation as well.

Heller declined to say what her role in designing the plan will be. She also declined to say what the partnership's next steps involve.

–Yankun Zhao

Officials express 'concerns' about proposed foreign gift guidelines

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Officials said they have "concerns" about newly proposed federal guidelines for reporting foreign gifts to the U.S. Department of Education.

Thirty higher education organizations wrote a letter to the department objecting to the proposal, which would provide formal guidance to comply with a section of the Higher Education Act that requires universities to report foreign gifts exceeding \$250,000. University spokeswoman Crystal Nosal said GW shares "several concerns" described in the letter, which argues that the new guidance burdens universities with a "significant increase" in cost.

"After reviewing the notice, it is clear that these new requirements will have a significant impact on universities," Nosal said in an email.

Organizations signing onto the letter believe the proposed guidelines exceed the department's legal authority under Section 117 of the Higher Education Act to collect the information and confer no "discernible benefits," according to the letter.

Nosal said that if the proposed rules are finalized as is, GW will need to hire additional staff to collect the data the University is required to report under the "greatly expanded" rule, and "several" departments will have to begin additional tracking and internal reporting to record the necessary data. The Division of Development and Alumni Relations, which oversees philanthropy and fundraising, currently has at



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Officials said they are concerned about proposed guidelines that govern mandatory foreign gift and contract reporting above \$250,000.

least 13 open positions.

Nosal added that GW has consistently reported foreign income as required by the law, but the Education Department has previously issued "little guidance" on how to comply with the act.

"The notice was proposed with little input from the higher education community," Nosal said. "Hopefully, the Department of Education will listen to some of the concerns raised and work with the higher education community to identify an appropriate scope and process for reporting."

Nosal declined to say the amount GW has received in foreign gifts, but disclosures with the Department of Education reveal that the University accepted about \$135.3 million in foreign gifts or contracts exceeding \$250,000

between June 2013 and June 2019.

A Department of Education spokesperson did not return requests for comment.

The letter – written by the American Council on Education, which includes GW as a member, and undersigned by 29 other organizations – states that the proposal could lead to "differing reasonable interpretations" of foreign gift reporting requirements, some of which exceed the scope of the requirements enumerated in the Higher Education Act.

An American Council on Education spokesperson declined to comment, deferring to the letter.

"Aspects of the proposed information collection would go far beyond the plain language of Sec. 117, clearly directing institutions to

make disclosures – with no statutory basis – of a vastly expanded amount of information and documents," the letter states.

The letter states that the proposed rule possibly implies that all foreign gifts and contracts must be reported, even though the law requires that administrators report only amounts that exceed \$250,000.

The groups argued in the letter that the guidelines – which would require disclosure of foreign gifts for organizations that "operate substantially for the benefit" of a university – potentially "unlawfully" expand the definition of a higher education institution to include related organizations like alumni associations and athletic boosters.

"The department's infor-

mation collection request requires such a large amount of information that it will actually undermine, as opposed to increase, the transparency of the relationships colleges and universities have with foreign individuals and entities," the letter states.

The signers also claimed the proposal would require universities to divulge intellectual property and proprietary information by requiring "true" copies of foreign contracts without guaranteeing confidentiality.

The letter also states that the department "vastly" underestimates the burden and cost of the proposed reporting requirements. The department estimates the burden at 10 hours per response, according to the proposed rule.

"This will be an enormously burdensome, costly and difficult task, particularly for larger institutions, where there could be hundreds or more of such documents during each six-month reporting time frame," the groups wrote.

About 40 other organizations, universities and individuals wrote to the Department of Education during the 60-day comment period, which ended Nov. 6.

Sarah Mangelsdorf, the president of the University of Rochester, said her university is "deeply concerned" about the proposal because it would require her institution to hire additional staff and divulge information beyond the scope of the law.

She said the proposal "suggests" that institutions will need to report individual tuition payments from foreign students and "possibly" payments from foreign

patients for medical care.

"This reporting would not only be incredibly time consuming to make, but it would likely violate the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act," Mangelsdorf said in a letter.

Henry Stoeber, the president and chief executive officer of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges said the proposal "exceeds" the Education Department's authority and imposes "unreasonable" and "unjustified" requirements that institutions do not have the information to answer.

"AGB's member boards and the institutions they oversee are willing to work with the Department to comply with Sec. 117 to provide statutorily required disclosure," Stoeber wrote in a letter. "However, the effects of complying with this information collection could result in significant challenges for boards and diminish the focus on successfully serving their students."

Stoeber said the guidelines would require universities to disclose identifying information regarding foreign donors, at "odds" with longstanding guarantees for anonymity at "many" institutions, according to the letter.

"Practically speaking, this would preclude any anonymous gifts from foreign individuals, even very modest gifts, which is likely to have a chilling effect on the willingness of such donors to make charitable contributions at a time when affordability is a key issue on campuses and among policymakers," Stoeber wrote.

Clause about Israel's right to exist sparks controversy among students

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Rossner said many clauses concerning anti-Semitism were created from JVP members' suggestions two days before the meeting, but the group did not see a finalized copy of the legislation until the morning of the vote.

"Our voices were heard on issues they agree with," she said. "It's the fact that, when they were unable to hear our voices, when we had political differences, even though they're supposed to be our political representatives, that we truly had issue with."

Rossner said the clauses labeling Israel a "racist endeavor" and characterizing criticism of Israel as anti-Semitic apply a double standard to the state. She said the group advocated that students should be able to criticize Israel like they would any other country without being labeled anti-Semitic.

She said SA Sen. AJ Link, Law-G who proposed to add JVP's suggestions to the legisla-

tion, pulled her and another JVP member out of the meeting and said the SA senate would agree to include JVP's amendment proposals if the legislation could include a clause stating that Israel has a right to exist.

She said the move was "inherently undemocratic" because the senators only consulted two JVP members but not other Jewish students or senate members.

"We made the decision that it should be voted on and we're glad that we asked for democracy to happen," she said.

Noah Shufutinsky, the vice president of GW for Israel, said senators' decision to strike the clause containing the State Department's definition of anti-Semitism, which claims Israel is "inherently a racist endeavor," is concerning and shows that senators ignored students' experiences of "bigotry" on campus.

Shufutinsky said Jewish students spoke for hours about the importance of the clause, so removing the statement demonstrates that

some senators, who are meant to represent all students, "refused to take a stand for Jewish students."

"This delegitimization is holding Jewish students to a double standard that categorizes our very existence and right to self-determination as a 'racist endeavor' which is another way of using the guise of anti-Zionism to disenfranchise Jewish students," Shufutinsky said in an email.

Shufutinsky said the decision reinforces anti-Semitism's prevalence on campus, which is being ignored or not addressed to its fullest. He said members of GW for Israel will continue to advocate for their community and express that student leaders should take students' concerns about anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism "seriously."

"The Jewish community at GW is strong and GW for Israel will continue to be a resource for students to express and celebrate their connection to our homeland, regardless of outside actions," he said.



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The rate at which GW discounts tuition for students is about 10 percentage points lower than the national average of about 50 percent for private schools, according to a report from a credit rating agency.

GW's tuition discount clocks in about 10 points below national average

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REPORTER

GW's tuition discount rate for first-year students is more than 11 percent lower than the national average for private universities, according to a new report.

Ben Toll, the interim dean of undergraduate admissions, said GW's tuition discount rate for first-year students this fall – the average discount given to students through scholarships and grants off of the full price of tuition – was 39.8 percent, lower than the nationwide average for private schools at 51 percent, according to a report from credit rating company Moody's. Higher education experts said the lower rate indicates a strong interest in attending GW, which allows officials to extend a lower discount to incoming students.

"With this rate, GW is able to recruit and retain a diverse mix of high-quality undergraduate students from across the country and around the world," Toll said in an email.

Toll said the annual tuition discount rate is based on admitted students' academic quality and demonstrated need. GW does not meet 100 percent of demonstrated need-based aid, according to the Office of Student Financial Assistance's website.

Tuition rates at GW have historically increased by about 3 percent per year. Officials eliminated its fixed tuition policy this year, effective with the Class of 2024.

Toll declined to say why

GW's tuition discount rate for this year's freshman class is lower than the national average of private universities. He declined to say if officials will change the tuition discount rate in the future.

Education finance experts said a lower tuition discount rate allows a university to promote a sticker price that is more reflective of the actual cost of attendance.

Martin Van Der Werf, an associate director at Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce, said the lower rate is a "pretty healthy sign" for GW because it shows that the University does not need to offer a very high tuition discount to entice accepted students to commit to attending GW.

"If I'm giving away my product to half my students at half price, you know it's the sign of a college that's really struggling to find students and get students to come," Van Der Werf said. "Typically, the reason discount rates have been rising so much is because colleges find that the only way they can get students to enroll is by giving them a bigger discount off the sticker price."

Van Der Werf said lower discount rates indicate that GW is attracting students with a "higher ability" to pay the cost of attendance, which allows the University to give greater discounts to lower-income students who need more financial aid.

Colleen Ganjian, the founder of DC College Counseling, said a lower discount rate makes the

sticker price more reflective of the average student's actual cost of attendance, adding that GW has fallen from the list of the top 10 most expensive private schools in the United States. The difference between the national average and GW's discount rate will not have very significant effects, she said.

"I think that when we're talking about these numbers, I personally don't think that this is going to have much of a difference," she said.

Nate Johnson, the founder and principal consultant of the consulting firm Postsecondary Analytics, said private universities often choose a tuition discount rate that allows them to converge in price with other institutions.

"Their sticker prices end up being the same or within a few thousand dollars, where the real differences in what it costs is in the net price or how much they discount that," Johnson said.

Johnson added that tuition payments are a University's main source of income, but endowments can help offset costs and allow officials to offer more aid. GW's endowment hit nearly \$1.8 billion at the end of fiscal year 2019 but has grown slower than many of its peer institutions.

"You can find a higher discount rate either at universities that have large endowments, like Harvard and Yale, or universities that have much lower cost, which might include some less selective universities," he said.

IN BRIEF

On-campus jobs to be listed on new University-managed system

On-campus jobs will be listed on a new University-managed recruiting system instead of Handshake starting in December, according to a University release.

The new Student Employment Talent Management System, which is managed by the Center for Career Services' Student Employment unit, will list both federal work-study jobs and on-campus positions open to all students starting Dec. 3. The new system will be accessed through the career services center's website, the release states.

The streamlined process will create shorter wait times between receiving a job offer and beginning in the job. Handshake will continue to advertise off-campus job and internship opportunities and career events, according to the release.

"Handshake will remain the primary source for students finding off-campus jobs and internships, career events, coaching appointments and career development resources across all schools," the email states.

The system will allow students to narrow their search results when job searching – students can filter by keyword, location on campus or whether the position is a work-study. The system also combines the process from job searches up until being officially hired, with checklists for students to "more easily track" required actions prior to employment, according to the release.

—Ilena Peng

GW degrees worth an extra \$1.4 million in income over 40 years: report

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GW graduates can expect to make about an additional \$1.4 million over 40 years after receiving their degree, according to a new report.

The report – developed by Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce – ranked the value of colleges' degrees to measure the "worth" of a college credential and placed GW degrees at No. 71 out of 4,500 colleges and universities over a 40-year span. Higher education experts said strong internship programs and effective career placement can improve the value of a university's degree.

The researchers who developed the report used net present value – which discounts income earned in the future by the rate of interest to determine its value in the present – to determine the value of the degrees. The report finds that over 40 years, GW outpaced nine of its 12 peer institutions, falling below Georgetown and Tufts universities and the University of Southern California.

University spokeswoman Crystal Nosal did not return a request for comment.

Over a 10-year horizon, a degree from GW ranks No. 2,018 overall with a net present value of \$114,000, according to the report. The report states that over the short term, community colleges and other two-year institutions tend to have higher rankings because degrees from those institutions "generate strong earnings quickly after students finish their credentials."

Robert Kelchen, an associate professor of higher education in the Department of Education Leadership, Management and Policy at Seton Hall University, said a high degree value demonstrates that graduates can anticipate large expected income gains that far exceed the costs of obtaining their degree.

"College prices vary somewhat, but the biggest influence of return on investment is a high salary after college," he said in an email.

He added that institutions can raise their degrees' net present values by cutting the cost of attendance and investing greater amounts of resources on career services efforts. More than 80 percent of students at GW have activated their profiles on Handshake, the University's job-finding platform, higher than the activation rate at similarly-ranked schools also using the platform.

"Colleges could reduce the price of attending college by reducing tuition or increasing financial aid," he said. "But the larger effect would likely be to improve the quality of education, internship and career services to help more students graduate and get good jobs after graduation."

Douglas Webber, the director of graduate studies at Temple University's Department of Economics and the co-editor of Economics of Education Review, said universities with highly valued degrees often are successful at helping students land a high-paying job upon graduation.

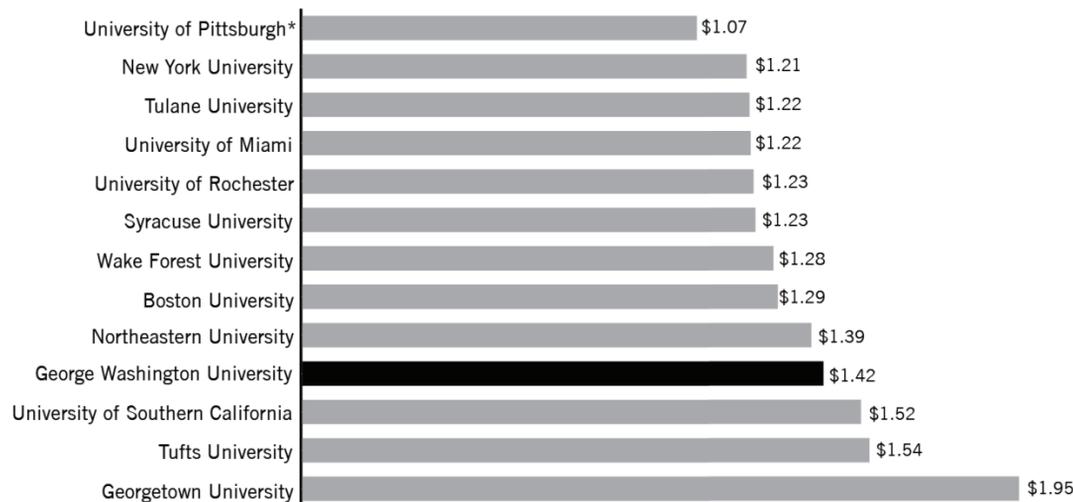
The starting salary for GW graduates hit \$56,500

this year, an annual increase of about 4.3 percent and slightly above the national average for college graduates.

Webber added that having solid foundational work experience through an internship is crucial to prepare for those good jobs, he said.

"I think internships are the best way out of college to get not just a job, but to get a good job," he said. "The colleges could do a better job of building these kinds of infrastructure for internships, as you know that that could absolutely raise the net pres-

Net present value of a GW degree over 40 years



Millions of dollars

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A Georgetown University report places the value of GW degrees at No. 71 out of 4,500 colleges and universities over a 40-year span.

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ent value of a degree."

GW placed 16th in U.S. News and World Report's most recent ranking for the best college internship programs. Sixty-eight percent of GW students who graduated between 2015 and 2017 interned during their time at the University, according to GW's career services website.

Webber said schools that focus on specialized academic fields – like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Albany College of Pharmacy or the Maine Maritime Academy – often rank high

in lists of degrees by value because the specialized degree students obtain from these schools is needed in the job market.

"They are specializing in the fields that are very, very lucrative," he said. "But those are also highly selective schools that give you arguably the world's best education."

Kaitlin Mulhere, a reporter and a special projects editor at Money magazine, said all colleges publish cost of attendance figures, but it is more difficult for applicants

and students to find and comprehend the return on investment they will obtain from paying for and completing their degrees.

Mulhere said the report is an especially helpful tool for high school students who are applying to college, because it can help them understand the return on investment of attending a specific school.

"So the report helps, because it tells essentially what a college degree should give you and if it's a valuable degree with many years of higher earnings," she said.



HATCHET FILE PHOTO BY ERIC LEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Officials said the 39 alumni appointed to counsel the University president have met twice and will provide suggestions on GW's top priorities.

Council of high-profile alumni advises officials on major initiatives

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High-profile alumni serving on the Leadership Advisory Council said they counseled top officials on major decisions like enrollment cuts in the group's first year.

The council, launched in April, comprises 39 "distinguished" alumni invited by University President Thomas LeBlanc to advise top officials on decisions to "further GW's efforts to achieve preeminence," according to the council's website. Officials said the alumni on the council are assisting University leaders in formulating strategies and making progress on top initiatives.

Patricia Carocci, the senior associate vice president of alumni relations and annual giving, said the council, previously named the "President's Council," is in its early stages and has met twice, once in April and once in November.

"During the meetings, the council participates in activities that showcase GW programs and provides insights from their professional life and personal GW experience to assist University leaders," Carocci said in an email.

Carocci said the councilmembers "strengthen GW" by providing insights to top officials and serving as a "sounding board." The members also benefit from networking with one another through their collaborative work, she said.

The councilmembers serve as founders and executives of major companies and organizations like the

New York Yankees and The Metropolitan Museum of Art, according to the council's website.

Jonathan Kahan, an alumnus and a partner at the law firm Hogan Lovells, said he has been "heavily involved" with advising top officials in his role on the president's council and the GW Law School's Dean's Advisory Council. He said he joined the council to bring GW to the "highest level" of excellence by assisting LeBlanc in his priorities.

"I was extremely impressed at that time with how thoughtful he was, especially in regards to students – student spirit, student experience, all of those issues," Kahan said. "I thought it would be a good opportunity to further those discussions."

He said that at the council's two meetings, LeBlanc led an open discussion about the major changes that he wanted to propose for the University, like reducing the undergraduate population by nearly 20 percent over five years.

Kahan said the council discussed the benefits of the reduction with officials, like easier registration and a higher likelihood that students would get their top choices for housing.

He added that no specific goals have been set for the coming year, but members of the council are keeping open lines of communication with one another.

Kahan said the council has helped involve alumni in GW's operations and planning by including their perspective directly in decision-making, which could

help boost fundraising levels. GW saw its third-best fundraising year on record in fiscal year 2019, but the University's alumni giving rate has clocked in at the lowest among its 12 peer institutions for at least two consecutive years.

"It has connected a lot of alumni together," he said. "It helps build loyalty and maybe it'll also lead to alumni development and giving to the school."

Amanda Antico, the founder of consulting firm EvolvED and an alumna, said faculty and staff gave the council a guided tour of the Science and Engineering Hall at their most recent meeting Nov. 8. She said they were touring SEH, which opened nearly five years ago, to see the new building and likely to complement their discussions of LeBlanc's plans to increase the proportion of STEM students over the next five years.

"He wanted those of us who had left campus many years ago to see the STEM building," Antico said. "He just wants people to see campus and see what's happening."

She said officials plan to focus the council on advising the president on his five strategic initiatives, like philanthropy and constituent engagement and the student experience, and the four pillars of the next strategic plan, like faculty and undergraduate education.

"What I would guess is that at each session moving forward, we will focus on one or two of the pillars and how we can assist, guide or council one or two of those pillars," Antico said.

Task force plans to solicit community input: students

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Brunsmann added that allowing the community to provide feedback to the task force is a "positive measure" because it will help build trust in the process and allow everyone to voice their opinions.

"Even though the committee is diverse and that it represents many constituencies, it can never represent everyone," he said. "By making that opportunity available, I think that's really smart."

Shelby Singleton, a student serving on the task force and the Student Association's former vice president for diversity and inclusion, said creating the group is an "amazing" step in realigning GW's policies with its values. Singleton helped restart a SA task force on the issue and called on University President Thomas LeBlanc, who serves as an ex-officio member of the new group, to form the University-wide task force last October.

"It's really important to make sure that the current GW that we have – the administration, our values – match who we actually are and the values that the student body holds and the values that we want to attract to this institution," she said.

Singleton said she hopes the task force will analyze GW's entire history and take into account the perspectives of the student body and alumni

through community feedback to create the "best framework" for the University moving forward.

She added that she hopes members of the GW community not serving on the task force will reach out to members to provide their input because she wants all stakeholders to feel that GW represents their interests on the issue. "I definitely think it's a great group of people to be able to spearhead this, and even if there are certain voices that aren't represented on the task force, there are definitely people on the task force that have connections to those communities and can make sure that we can pull their voices and their opinions," Singleton said.

André Gonzales, the SA's director of legacy review, said administrators approached him at the end of October after SA President SJ Matthews suggested to officials that he serve on the task force. Gonzales chairs a SA task force launched in September that researches monikers to replace the Colonials.

"Although this isn't necessarily specifically about the Colonial, this is a larger conversation about, 'How do we want to approach these items? How do we want to work together, and how are we going to do this in a systematic way?'" he said.

Student leaders have called for changes to other building names on campus like Lisner Auditorium – named after former

trustee Abram Lisner who donated to and supported segregation at the theater – and the Cloyd Heck Marvin Center – named after the former University president who doubled enrollment and increased the endowment eightfold but openly supported the University's segregation policies.

Gonzales said the task force comes at a "pivotal point" in the University's history, as GW will celebrate its bicentennial in 2021.

"It's really just making sure that we're having that substantial dialogue right now in this present moment so that we know that once that bicentennial comes around, we did everything possible to make sure that we can be proud of this institution," Gonzales said.

Camila Tapias, a graduate student and presidential student liaison, said the task force's recommendations will set the "foundation" for future conversations about name changes by setting clear guidelines.

"It will be very complicated without having instructions and without having that criteria for how you decide when and under what circumstances we will change the name," Tapias said. "So this will definitely help for the future for whatever it is that we are considering to make the job easier for a lot of people and to really understand how we're going to do it."

IN BRIEF

Alumni relations student workers accidentally terminated during Colonials Weekend

Officials accidentally terminated "several" student workers in the Division of Development and Alumni Relations earlier this year.

University spokeswoman Crystal Nosal confirmed the accidental terminations, adding that the students have been rehired and paid for the hours they worked. Division of Development and Alumni Relations staff first noticed the issue during Colonials Weekend when students had a difficult time clocking-in for work, she said.

"Upon further investigation it was determined that the students were marked as terminated in the HR system and their information had to be re-submitted," Nosal said in an email. "No students were terminated from the system intentionally or for cause."

Nosal declined to say how many student workers in the Division of Development and Alumni Relations were terminated since the start of the semester. She declined to say how many students the division currently employs.

—Zach Schonfeld

Nursing school enrolls seven students in inaugural doctoral program

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The School of Nursing now offers a nursing doctoral program, according to a nursing school release last week.

Kathleen Griffith, the assistant dean for the nursing doctoral program, said the doctoral program enrolled its first cohort of seven students this fall, and the school will accept applications for the 2020-2021 academic year until Jan. 15. Nursing experts said increasing the number of doctoral programs will address nationwide nursing-scientist shortages and help nurses complete patient care in accordance with the best available evidence-based care practices.

Griffith said nursing school officials received approval from the Board of Trustees in May 2018 to begin the program and spent the last year examining market trends in nursing doctoral programs and deciding how to format the program. She said graduates of nursing research doctorate programs drive “practice and policy” change in the nursing field.

“Without enough nurse scientists asking and answering the requisite questions, the evolution of our profession cannot continue,” Griffith said in an email.

She said nursing school officials created the program to boost the number of nursing scientists and educators in the workforce. Griffith

added that a wave of aging nursing professors will retire in the coming years, so schools will lack the number of nursing faculty members to admit all “qualified” program applicants.

Colleges and universities nationwide face nursing faculty shortages, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing website.

“We have a great need to expand the number of scientists in nursing who will be able to influence human health at the clinical and policy levels,” Griffith said.

Griffith said program participants must complete 57 credits for coursework and dissertation work. She said students spend their first two years in the program completing courses, like research methods and philosophy of science, as a cohort and then begin individual dissertation work.

She added that the educational and research skills nursing doctoral faculty teach students help the program’s graduates conduct research in fields like human health, health policy and nursing education. Griffith said graduates will be equipped to influence health policy in settings like academia, industry and the U.S. government.

“By offering a nursing Ph.D. program at GW, we are able to shape Ph.D. education in a dynamic, interprofessional environment that includes other academic programs in the health sciences, including public health and medicine,

among others,” she said.

Nursing experts said doctoral programs in the field teach students how to conduct scientific studies and qualify participants to become professors, which will bring advanced knowledge to workplaces in the nursing field and improve the quality of care nurses provide to patients.

Theresa Beckie, the associate dean of the doctoral program at the University of South Florida, said the Ph.D. program will grant more nursing students the opportunity to conduct medical research and produce more nursing scientists, which will alleviate nationwide shortages.

“Just like physician-scientists are doing their work, our nurse scientists are doing scientific inquiry and coming up with new knowledge that nurses can apply in the field and take forward,” Beckie said.

She said nursing scientists research topics like neonatal care – health care for premature babies – and socioeconomic health disparities that guide how nurses can best treat underserved populations. Beckie added that patients and nurses will “suffer” if current nursing scientist shortages continue.

In 2018, about 7,000 nursing students pursued a DNP degree, but only about 800 students enrolled in nursing doctoral programs, according to a report from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

DNP programs focus on specific aspects of nursing



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Nursing experts said the inaugural doctoral nursing program will help combat nationwide shortages of nursing professionals.

practice, like nursing administration or caring for specific populations, but nursing doctoral programs address research and academic initiatives, according to the Duke University School of Nursing website.

“There’s no question that we need bright, energetic scientists to carry the profession forward into the next generation,” Beckie said.

Kristina Thomas Dreifuerst, the director of the nursing doctoral program at Marquette University, said enrollment in nursing doctoral programs, which emphasize teaching and research skills rather than ad-

vanced nursing practice education like DNP programs, is largely stagnant.

Nursing school officials are phasing out certain DNP program options to expand focus on advanced nursing practice tracks within the Masters of Nursing Science program.

Dreifuerst said the research nursing scientists conduct provides practicing DNP graduates with the knowledge necessary to administer the best available evidence-based care to patients.

“It is really the cream of the crop, and it’s really the group of nurses who will carry the discipline forward,”

Dreifuerst said. “These are nurses who are really developing and disseminating knowledge about nursing.”

Lois Loescher, the director of the nursing doctoral program at the University of Arizona, said nursing doctoral programs teach students how to write grant proposals and design nursing science studies, which will prepare students to lead research teams.

“It’s important for the nursing discipline to have a voice at the table on research teams that will have an impact on healthcare outcomes from the specific diseases,” Loescher said.



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Sherrie Wallington, an assistant professor of nursing, will study why black female D.C. residents screened for breast cancer don’t pursue follow-up treatment.

Nursing professor researches breast cancer mortality rates

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A nursing professor received a \$50,000 grant to study breast cancer mortality rates among black women in D.C., according to a release on the nursing school website last week.

The Clinical and Translational Science Institute at Children’s National Hospital awarded Sherrie Wallington, an assistant professor of nursing, a grant to study why black female D.C. residents screened for breast cancer don’t pursue follow-up treatment. Breast cancer mortality experts said black women face financial pressures, like requesting time off from work and access to transportation to health care facilities, which could lead to disparities in breast cancer mortality.

“Women are coming in to get screened and then, after diagnosis, we’re somehow losing them,” Wallington said in the release. “They’re not coming back for recommended treatment or follow-up.”

The research team will begin conducting focus groups and reviewing electronic health data of cancer treatment outcomes this June, according to the release. Wallington said in the release that she hopes to gain insight into why breast cancer mortality rates are higher among black women, despite the fact that white women are 20 percent less likely to undergo breast cancer screenings.

“This study may tease out factors that impede women from coming back to seek the recommended treatment after they’ve been diagnosed,” Wallington said in the release.

Wallington was not available for comment.

Breast cancer mortality experts said economic barriers could contribute to why black women don’t receive recommended follow-up treatments.

Lucio Miele, department head of the Department of Genetics at Louisiana State University, said making time to receive follow-up treatments and getting to and from appointments are problems that black women experience disproportionately to other populations and could keep them from attending follow-up appointments after the initial screening.

“For instance, to get radiation therapy you need to be able to show up for your treatments, and if you can’t because you’re working or because you don’t have money for transportation, then you’re not going to be compliant with radiation therapy,” Miele said.

He said researchers should take an interdisciplinary approach – involving experts in biostatistics, epidemiology and clinical data analysis – to study breast cancer mortality rates because several factors could contribute to the racial disparity in mortality rates.

“It’s actually a group of multiple diseases that are heterogeneous, both in terms of the types of genetic lesions that these tumors have and in terms of response to treatment and prognosis, so you can’t lump everything under one category,” he said.

Christopher Louis, an assistant professor of health law, policy and management at Boston University, said researchers should use

several methods – like health data analyses, surveys and patient interviews – to gain a “comprehensive” understanding of why black women face higher breast cancer mortality rates.

He said late-stage cancer diagnoses and lower screening rates could put black women at a higher risk of mortality than other populations. Louis said factors like transportation expenses and insurance costs, which black women face at higher rates than other populations, could contribute to why some black women typically don’t go to their doctors for follow-up treatments.

A 2018 study from the American Cancer Society found that a lack of private and Medicare insurance and “unfavorable” tumor characteristics were the most important factors contributing to disparities in breast cancer mortality rates.

“Some women lack trust in clinicians or health care providers, costs of care and transportation issues are among the most commonly referenced reasons for a lack of follow-up after a positive screening for breast cancer,” he said in an email.

John Cawley, a professor of policy analysis and management at Cornell University, said researchers have proven that black women face higher rates of breast cancer mortality than other populations but have not agreed on a clear reason for the disparity.

“What’s needed is research that better explains why these disparities exist and gives us better information about how to address them, how to reduce them,” he said.

Women in engineering center ramps up programming

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The Center for Women in Engineering is increasing its activities and offerings this semester with new online resources and workshops.

The center, housed in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, now has its own office in Tompkins Hall and is hosting a series of career-focused workshops throughout the year. Faculty affiliated with the center said they are still defining some of their goals but are fundamentally focused on fighting the “old understanding” that engineering is a field for men by attracting more women to the discipline through the workshops.

Rachelle Heller, the center’s director and a research professor of computer science, said the center will finish off its series of six workshops on skills needed for careers in engineering next semester. She said the series will conclude with two events focused on salary negotiation.

“The SEAS Center for Women in Engineering has been ramping up, and we’re continuing to build our presence and programming,” Heller said in an email.

The center opened in May to hold discussions and professional development workshops to increase the number of female students and faculty in engineering. Female engineering students and faculty are more likely to face more obstacles in the workforce like pay inequality, according to the center’s website.

About 30 percent of stu-

dents in SEAS are female, according to institutional data.

Heller said SEAS officials provided the center’s new space on the first floor of Tompkins, which allows for “foot traffic” from students between classes. She said the space is being used for small meetings among center members and to disseminate information about the center and provide snacks to interested students.

Heller said more than 25 people, including undergraduate and graduate students, have attended the center’s workshops so far. She added that staff members have hosted workshops on unconscious bias and microaggressions for SEAS faculty and student leaders. She also said they are holding similar ones for the school’s staff and hope to offer the workshops to alumni next semester.

She said the center brought on an assistant director, Taly Walsh, who began her position at the center last month. Walsh is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the center, according to the newsletter sent out by center staff earlier this month.

“Taly began on Oct. 7 and has been invaluable in setting up our new space, taking over the operation of the website, initiating systematic emails and supporting communication with the advisory boards and goal setting,” the newsletter states.

Mona Zaghoul, a professor of engineering and applied science, said the center’s programming focuses on showing women that they can have a successful career in engineer-

ing. She said many in the field believe women cannot be successful engineers, and many women do not realize they can have a “rewarding career” in the field.

Zaghoul added that the discipline at large is improving and is “certainly better than it was 10 years ago.”

“The plan is to show young women that engineering is a very rewarding career, and it is not only for men,” Zaghoul said.

Kim Roddis, a professor of civil and environmental engineering, said the members’ main goal is to attract anybody who has the desire and willingness to put in the work to become an engineer.

Roddis said that like many other women in STEM, she has had personal experiences of being “the only woman in the room.” She said the center’s leaders want to reduce the incidents of that feeling by “leveraging the existing positive environment” that has “dramatically” increased the number of female students in SEAS.

The proportion of female students in SEAS has increased by about four percentage points in the past 10 years, according to institutional data.

Roddis said officials demonstrate their commitment toward equality by offering many female faculty leadership roles at GW, including herself. She added that male students are welcome to use the center’s resources because it is beneficial for them to see strong women in leadership roles.

“The world needs more good engineers to solve the problems that are facing the world,” Roddis said.



COURTESY OF RACHELLE HELLER

Rachelle Heller, a research professor of computer science, said the Center for Women in Engineering will offer more workshops for women to build up the skills they will need in the workforce.

Students should not pay GW tuition when they study abroad

Officials emphasize experiencing cultures outside of the United States, so much so that about half of the GW community studied abroad in 2017. Studying abroad is an integral part of many students' college experiences, but the hefty price tag could prevent students from taking up the opportunity. Some of those financial issues could be remedied if students paid the tuition price of the school

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where they choose to study. Students who study abroad are charged the same tuition they would pay at GW. This means that students in the Class of 2022 are expected to pay a yearly tuition of \$55,140 both on campus or abroad. On top of GW's tuition, students are required to pay a fee covering extra costs like housing and transportation, which ranges from \$850 to \$8,150. Universities in other countries cost less, but students are still charged the same price. As a participant in the Global Bachelor's Program, I will study abroad for up to three semesters, starting with Shanghai this Spring. I will be enrolled at Fudan University in China, which averages between \$8,000 to \$11,000 per year – astronomically lower than GW's tuition. Students should not have to pay home tuition while they study at an institution

that is cheaper than GW. Allowing students to pay the tuition of the school at which they study would decrease the financial burden and incentivize more students to take advantage of opportunities outside the country. The Office of Study Abroad states that the University charges students for the resources provided, like advising and processing applications. While students benefit from the assistance, there is no reason for them to pay excessively high fees. The better approach is for students to directly pay the study abroad program or university at which they study and pay GW a flat logistics or study abroad fee that does not include a full GW tuition. The University also suggests that students can continue to pay for resources like the library and career services. But students do not have access to the professors at GW nor do they have the ability to participate in University events. Students should not be expected to pay for services they are no longer using. Students should pay for a GW education, not just a GW degree. Some students choose to participate in provider programs through the Office for Study Abroad that allows them to take courses that count toward their credit at GW exclusively with the program or through a host or local institution. The Council on International Educational Exchange is a popular



Cartoon by Jeanne Francesca Dela Cruz

provider program which offers more than 200 study abroad programs across the globe and covers costs like tuition, housing, insurance, excursions, orientation and academic advising. The programs typically range from \$15,000 to \$20,000. But instead of just paying the provider

program, GW is the middleman in the transaction, and students must pay the full cost of home tuition and the additional fee. In particular, CIEE charges about \$16,450 for a semester in Seville, Spain. Instead of paying this straightforward and relatively affordable

price, GW students need to pay a tuition of \$27,570 and about \$6,000 in additional fees, totaling \$33,830 for one semester abroad. Alternatively, the money students would owe GW can be better spent on flights and textbooks. When GW students study abroad, they can pay up to

double the amount of what students on the same program from other American universities are paying – even though they will receive the same education for that semester, participate in the same excursions and receive the same insurance coverage. When GW students go abroad, they will pay more than students from other universities in the U.S. while receiving the same education in the semester they are abroad. As a school committed to providing students with educational opportunities abroad, GW should follow the lead of other universities and increase study abroad affordability. Harvard, Yale and Princeton universities only require students to pay the cost of tuition and associated fees to the program or university at which their students are attending. Similarly, three of GW's peer schools – the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Southern California and Tufts University – allow students to pay tuition based on the type of program they choose. GW is in a position to follow existing and more affordable programs at other universities. Students should not be compelled to choose between the experience of a lifetime or financial security. GW must encourage students to study abroad and ensure students can afford to take advantage of the opportunity. – Shir Levy, a sophomore majoring in international affairs and economics, is an opinions writer.

Cancel culture is not an effective way to incite change

STAFF EDITORIAL

Over the past couple of years, several insensitive incidents have caused widespread hurt and led students to speak out about issues ranging from racism to sexual assault on campus. And after each event, students responded with plans to reform campus culture – but some instances also led students to demand that entire groups or students be cut out of the picture. In February 2018, three members of Alpha Phi were involved with a racist Snapchat that sparked a firestorm on campus. Less than a week later, students were calling for the entire chapter to be removed from campus, and members of the sorority vowed to remove the women from Alpha Phi. Earlier this semester, students demanded that then-president of Phi Sigma Sigma be removed from her position after she posted a racist Snapchat. A few days later, she resigned from the presidency, and sorority members left the chapter en masse. Most recently, the Feminist Student Union urged first-year students to avoid the Panhellenic Association and Interfraternity Council rush processes, recounting repeated incidents of sexual assault and racism in Greek chapters on posters scattered throughout campus. Students responded with the right intentions – they wanted reform and they wanted it immediately. But canceling groups and people entirely because of their actions does not always lead to reform. It often causes division. Former President Barack Obama has spoken out about cancel culture, particularly on college campuses, saying the issue justifies judging people as a means to create change. Obama is right in that cancel culture prompts people to draw quick conclusions and take sides and conflates larger problems without considering the nuances of particular situations. Most of all, he said cancel culture does not make an honest effort to change the behavior or the group

being canceled. The issue walks a fine line between activism and character assassination, and it is often easier to cancel first and ask questions later. Cancel culture is not productive, but using problematic events as a starting point for activism is. Although student leaders called for expulsions or chapter removals in some instances, they also started a dialogue that was more effective than dismissing the parties involved. Student Association leaders listed action items, like giving multicultural Greek chapters townhouses, that officials acted upon in the aftermath of the event involving Alpha Phi. After an anti-Semitic Snapchat video circulated campus earlier this month, student leaders again worked to address the issue by creating a task force and holding conversations about the presence of hate against Jewish students on campus. It is true that not every response to problematic events qualifies as cancel culture, but students should still recognize what kind of response is productive and what is not. When students demanded that Alpha Phi be removed from campus, it did not necessarily help solve the widespread problem of racism on campus. It was a knee-jerk reaction that, while calling on officials to take several steps to address racism, was not a productive solution. Student leaders alienated the students who needed to be part of the conversation about racism on campus. They could have better spent the time continuing the conversation they began about race on campus instead of villainizing the entire chapter. When the Feminist Student Union called on students to reject rush and recruitment through posters hung around campus, it divided students. Students involved with Greek life and students who are not were pitted against one another, and there was no conversation between both parties on how to solve long-running problems within fraternities and sororities. FSU could have pushed for ways to address issues like sexual assault and binge drinking instead of telling people to boycott Panhel and IFC. It is right to criticize students or organizations and feel hurt by what they said or did, but students can criticize without rallying against people or institutions. Calling to eliminate people or organizations that students find problematic is an easy way to approach situations that spur campus-wide outrage. It is much more difficult to initiate genuine activism – and continue pushing for changes months after something has occurred – to lead reform on campus. There have been problematic incidents that led to change across the country and on campus. When people came forward with incidents of sexual harassment, the #MeToo movement spread across the country and encouraged other people to speak out about their workplace harassment. On campus, student leaders responded to racist and anti-Semitic incidents with tangible action items to teach others about these issues and created a formalized conversation about words and actions that are not tolerated. Students should continue using issues as vehicles for change but refrain from shutting out people and institutions entirely. Students have continuously called to rename the Marvin Center and Lisner Auditorium – both named after individuals with racist pasts – which led to the creation of a University task force. Students have pushed for education on racism, and officials implemented diversity trainings and created a bias incident reporting system to handle future events. Starting conversations surrounding problematic situations or mistaken individuals can bring about systemic change and shine light onto a previously unseen issue. But demanding expulsions and disbandments is ineffective.

ed to RAs, GWPD used relatively lax alcohol policies to decide whether to report students who were drinking underage, which officials said led to a 50 percent reduction in alcohol policy violations. But now, RAs are reprimanding students more than before. In my experience, some large parties are still broken up by GWPD. At a recent party, a friend of mine described how GWPD ushered everyone out of the room and into the hallway, then lined up a few of the most intoxicated students to administer breathalyzer tests. This targeted reporting, aimed at keeping students safe rather than citing as many students as possible, is much more effective than the blanket reporting required from RAs. RAs are meant to be friendly faces and people who freshmen can come to for advice or conflict resolution. Community rounds were designed to make it easier for RAs to form these kinds of close relationships by giving them a chance to check in with students around the building. Forcing RAs to report and discipline their students is counter to this goal. RAs have no choice but to act as the law enforcement authority, and this kind of responsibility will inevitably strain the trust and relationships RAs should build. RAs are supposed to be a student's go-to for support, and they should not be people that cause worry from residents. Community rounds were designed to make students feel more comfortable and bring RAs closer to the students in their halls. Instead, they create an atmosphere of distrust and reintroduce a policy of over-reporting that is harsh and ineffective. RAs should not be expected to reprimand students more than GWPD officers have in the past. – Joseph Andrews, a freshman majoring in political science, is an opinions writer.

RA alcohol policies cause over-reporting and mistrust with residents

Giving every single student in a cramped Thurston party an alcohol violation may seem crazy, but the new resident adviser agreement makes it a reality.

Joseph Andrews

Writer

Officials overhauled the RA agreement last spring, requiring RAs to walk the halls to check for parties and misconduct. While these rounds are intended to make students feel more comfortable by replacing uniformed officers with peers, they also give RAs strict obligations to search for and report students who violate alcohol policies for a disciplinary infraction – a harsh way to enforce underage drinking. GW Police Department officers could use their judgement to decide how and if to discipline students. But RAs are required to search every room and discipline every student, which inherently over-monitors students. A semester after the new rules took effect, it is clear that RAs should also be able to use their judgment before reprimanding students for underage drinking – not every Thurston Hall party is worth involving officials. Once RAs have entered the room, they are required to gather students together into a common space to record their names and information on their GW identification cards. While it was an unwritten rule that GWPD would often issue informal warnings or simply end a party, RAs are essentially required to initiate disciplinary proceedings against every student in the room, according to the guidebook. Punishment can result in an informal warning, but it can also result in a censure that is written in a student's academic record. Before responsibilities for alcohol violations were delegat-

GAMES OF THE WEEK



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs.
Coppin State
Sunday 12 p.m.
Women's basketball heads to Delaware for the first game of its New England road trip.



MEN'S BASKETBALL vs.
South Carolina
Sunday 12 p.m.
The Colonials look to avenge their 35-point loss last season against the Gamecocks.

NUMBER CRUNCH

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The number of Colonials who slid into the top 10 of a GW individual career record

Women's basketball welcomes 10-year-old as part of bonding program

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SPORTS EDITOR

Ten-year-old Mikaylah Poole signed a National Letter of Intent to join the women's basketball program Friday as part of a program aimed at fostering connections between children who face medical challenges and college teams.

Poole and her family connected with Team Impact, an organization that helps children "gain support as they face medical challenges" by pairing them with a college athletic program. Junior guard Lexus Levy said Poole, who experiences Crohn's disease, and her new teammates instantly bonded, holding dance battles and creating Tik Tok videos to support her on and off the court.

"We've only hung out about two to three times, but she's like a little sister to me already," Levy said. "I think she looks up to everybody on this team and has become part of the family."

Levy, along with redshirt junior forward Sarah Overcash, junior forward Neila Luma, freshman forward Faith Blethen and sophomore center Kayla Mokwuah comprised the leadership group that welcomed Poole to the team. The five players showed her the locker room, where a dance battle ensued.

"She loves to dance, so



The Colonials connected with 10-year-old Mikaylah Poole as part of the team's collaboration with Team Impact, an organization that pairs children experiencing medical challenges with college athletic programs.

we had music playing in the locker room," assistant coach Ganiyat Adeduntan said. "We probably spent 15, 20 minutes just hanging out, dancing – she was getting a chance to spend some time with them."

Adeduntan said she first heard about Team Impact when she worked in Boston, where the company is headquartered. She added that as the community service liaison for the team at GW, she wanted to involve women's basketball in the organiza-

tion. "When I got here, I was like, 'This is going to be a great experience for our players and for our coaching staff too,'" Adeduntan said. "So I reached out to them and it's been two years in waiting."

Team Impact works to pair children with athletic programs near them, developing an increased support system for children with chronic illnesses and their families and a widened world view for the student-athletes and coaches and a

lasting friendship between both parties.

"Our goal is to help these children and their families experience life beyond illness by increasing a sense of normalcy, optimism, confidence and belonging, combined with the thrill of college sports," the organization's website states.

Adeduntan added that the team spent two years waiting to be paired with a child because the program did not have a large reach in D.C. She said Team Impact

came to D.C. to alert hospital personnel, like nurses and doctors, about the program to spread the message to patients.

In her press conference, Poole recalled one of her favorite memories with the team, when members of the leadership team, Adeduntan and director of basketball operations Christina Richardson surprised her with a visit to the hospital.

Adeduntan added that Poole exemplifies strength and resilience during their visit and throughout her life, which gives the team a strong role model to mimic in their own lives and on the court.

"When they're facing things on the court, they're able to refer back to, 'Hey, Mikaylah knows how to push through every single day and she's going strong,'" Adeduntan said.

Poole came to a few of the team's practices and games, and she watches the team play when it travels on the road, Ganiyat said. She added that as Poole and players become more comfortable with each other, the leadership group will plan separate events and activities with her.

"Whenever we're doing something with the team, I'll make sure that Mikaylah's involved," Adeduntan said.

In the press conference, head coach Jennifer Rizzotti

said the team values players and recruits who display perseverance, determination and a great spirit – three qualities she said Poole exudes.

She added that Poole's support system doesn't stop with the women's basketball program but extends throughout the athletic department. Poole is welcome to attend volleyball and women's rowing teams to get connected with other squads, she said.

"We're proud to have you here to be a part of us and we look forward to our journey together and supporting each other through whatever battles we go through," Rizzotti said.

When the press conference ended, Poole, her sister, Levy and Mokwuah propped up a phone and started making Tik Toks.

Poole's mom, Kim, said the experience with Team Impact and the women's basketball program has been "hands-down awesome."

"Mikaylah's journey has been a tough one at start, but since connecting with Team Impact and, again, the class act organization here at GW with the women's basketball organization and just seeing the University itself, has really strengthened Mikaylah, the family and made the whole process just easier," she said.

Men's basketball earns wins at Bahamas tournament

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Men's basketball snapped a three-game losing streak, nabbing two wins to cap off the Islands of the Bahamas Showcase.

The Colonials (3-4) opened the tournament with a loss to UMKC (4-4). The team turned it around on the second day, topping Evansville (4-3). GW carried its momentum into the third and final day of the tournament, earning a win against Milwaukee (5-3).

The squad shot more than 40 percent from the field and more than 36 percent from the three-point line throughout the weekend.

Redshirt senior guard Arnel Potter exploded for the Colonials over the three-game span, bumping his average points per game from 2.67 to 12.33 points. Potter also joined the 1,000 point club over the weekend.

"He has a great experience factor," head coach Jamion Christian said. "He really fits into our system and our scheme of how we want to score the ball."

Friday

Men's basketball kicked off the tournament with a loss to UMKC Friday.

The Colonials held the lead for a majority of the game, but an explosive run in the final five minutes by the Kangaroos propelled them to a 74-68 victory.

GW's defense locked the Kangaroos in the first half, forcing 10 turnovers and holding UMKC to a 23 percent clip from the field. But the Kangaroos nabbed 51 points on .621 shooting from the field and gave up only four turnovers in the second frame.

Christian said the team maintained offensive consistency for the majority of the game, but a lapse in the second half prevented the team from taking home a victory.

"For the first time all year we were really consistent with how we executed offensively," Christian said. "So I'm really enthused with our team and I thought we put together a really good show. We had one bad stretch in the second half that we can correct."

Redshirt senior guard Arnel Potter notched 23 minutes on the floor. He nabbed 20 points, five rebounds and six assists on the night. Potter had a combined nine minutes of playing time in the first two games of the season.

Junior guard Maceo Jack and freshman forward Jamison Battle also had double-digit nights, combining for 27 points.

Saturday

The Colonials bounced back in their second game of the tournament, earning a 78-70 win over

Evansville.

The team dominated the Purple Aces in the first half, shooting at a .536 clip from the field and going 6-for-12 from the three-point line. The Colonials went on several runs throughout the half before building up a 45-30 lead at the half.

Jack led all scorers in the first frame with 14 points on 60 percent shooting from deep.

In the second half, the Colonials stayed hot, going 10-of-21 from the field and 4-of-8 from beyond the arc. Jack tacked on eight more points and Potter added 13 more points for a team-leading 25 points.

The team couldn't curb senior guard K.J. Riley in the second half. He boosted his six-point first-half performance with a 22-point second half for a game-leading 28 points.

The Kangaroos struggled to sink shots from the outside throughout the game. They made one triple in the first half and one triple in the second, shooting just 14.3 percent.

Christian said the team played 40 minutes of basketball and adapted to lessen the miscues it faced against UMKC.

"It was great to be able to acknowledge some things that we need to get better and then be able to go out in the game to perform it," Christian said.

Sunday

With one game left to play, the Colonials beat Milwaukee 66-63 thanks to a 22-point effort from Potter.

Potter earned his first start of the season for the team, replacing freshman guard Jameer Nelson Jr. in the lineup.

Battle recorded a double-double with 12 rebounds and 12 points. Jack and junior forward Ace Stallings notched nine points apiece. Stallings scored all nine points in the first half in 11 minutes of play.

Before the game, the Panthers shot 35.1 percent from the three-point line. But the Colonials held Milwaukee to a season-low of 15.8 percent. The team improved its shooting from deep throughout the game and ended the contest sinking 36.8 percent of its shots.

The Colonials capitalized on the Panthers' 14 turnovers, netting 17 points off turnovers.

The team was without senior forward Arnaldo Toro, who sustained an injury in the game against Morgan State Nov. 16. Christian said Toro is being evaluated each day.

"He'll definitely play next week," Christian said. "So just trying to do what's right for our athletes."

Christian said the team increased its consistency throughout the tournament.

"You want to constantly be growing, constantly building and we're able to do that," Christian said.

The Colonials are back in action Dec. 1 at South Carolina. Tip-off is slated for 2 p.m.



Graduate student guard Ariel Stephenson is an anchor for a starting lineup comprised of mostly younger players.

Young core starts after key women's basketball players sustain injuries

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Women's basketball has looked toward its younger crop of players to fill in for a battered veteran lineup.

Injuries have plagued the Colonials (3-3), with three of their former starters sitting on the sidelines. Underclassmen have accounted for a majority of the team's offense, but the return of graduate student Ariel Stephenson has provided an anchor on both the offensive and defensive ends.

"Defensively, she's such a calming presence because she's constantly talking," head coach Jennifer Rizzotti said.

The Colonials currently hold a scoring margin of minus eight, averaging just 57 points to their opponents' 65 per game. Players have outshot their opponents despite scoring fewer points, hitting 41 percent from the field and 39 percent from behind the arc compared to their opponents' 39 percent and 29 percent, respectively.

Freshmen, redshirt freshmen and sophomores comprise 64.8 percent of the team's total offense. Redshirt freshman guard Tori Hyde and freshman forward Faith Blethen lead the team in minutes, averaging more than 30 minutes on the court.

Rizzotti said that while the brunt of the offensive and defensive load has fallen on the young members of the team, the players' mental toughness has helped keep them steady on the court.

"These young guys, they're not just the future of our program, but they're the 'now' of our

program," Rizzotti said. "And they came in with an expectation of being better than we were last year."

Stephenson's return has also bolstered the squad. She stepped on the court for the first time in the team's win over Memphis Nov. 17. Rizzotti said Stephenson and graduate student forward Alexandra Maund provide years of experience they can pass down to the young core of the team and help improve the squad's overall chemistry.

"If our freshmen can learn over the course of the next three months from our two graduate transfers, Alex and Ariel, we're going to be in a much better place over the course of the next couple years because they bring a wealth of experience," Rizzotti said.

Stephenson has averaged 21.3 minutes per game and eight points per game. Rizzotti added that Stephenson is not up to form physically yet, but her mental toughness in late-game situations has aided the team in close games.

Redshirt junior guard Sydney Zambrotta started the season as a cog in the Colonial's starting offense, contributing 29 minutes per game and leading the team with 13.3 points per game. But her recent stress fracture has thrown a wrench into the lineup sheet, placing her in a boot for a "few weeks," Rizzotti said.

Rizzotti said sophomore guard Maddie Loder has stepped up since Zambrotta's injury, highlighting her ability to score while driving toward the basket and from outside the arc during the road win over

Memphis.

Loder notched a season-high 18 points in the team's win against Memphis and is shooting at a .455 clip from beyond the arc, going 5-of-11 on the year. She has also made 12-of-19 shots from the field.

Maund was also a starter until she suffered an ankle injury in the Colonials' home game against Princeton Nov. 10. Prior to her injury, she has averaged 20 minutes and nine points per game.

"Alex should be the first one to return," Rizzotti said. "We're not sure when that will be yet but she's probably a week or two out."

Rizzotti said junior forward Neila Luma is unlikely to return for six weeks because of her recent knee sprain after a game against Maryland. Luma was a go-to defender for the Colonial defense, averaging 25.6 minutes and five rebounds per game.

Rizzotti said the team aims to bring everyone back to good health when Atlantic 10 play rolls around. The squad's conference schedule begins Jan. 4 at George Mason.

She added that she hopes the injuries will serve as a learning experience for the team as they work to return to full strength.

"With all these young guys gathering all these minutes right now, it's just going to make us better when we start to insert our older players back into the lineup," Rizzotti said.

The Colonials will return to the court at the Smith Center next Sunday against Coppin State. Tip-off is slated for 2 p.m.

Men's water polo falls in conference championship to Bucknell

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For the first time since 2017, the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference champions will not hail from GW.

The Colonials (22-9, 9-3) managed four goals against Bucknell, marking their lowest goal total in a single match in more than two years. Junior utility player Andras Levai scored a team-leading three goals and sophomore utility player DJ Davis chipped in with one goal.

Competing for a title is nothing new for the Colonials, who boast two MAWPC titles and two NCAA tournament appearances in the past three years. But this loss breaks the team's streak of championships, and players will now not be eligible to compete for the NCAA crown.

Despite the outcome, head coach Barry King pointed out the positives of the season and remained optimistic about the program's outlook.

"In its totality it's still a pretty successful year, we're still the only program that's played in the championship 4 year," head coach Barry King said. "So I think we'll be fine."

This marks the first



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Sophomore utility player Nick Schroeder throws the ball during a game in early November.

season without a conference title under King, who is closing out his third season at the helm.

"I don't think this singular result is going to stop us from continuing to be successful and build a program and have the success be sustainable," King said. "The bottom line is we shot the ball poorly at the worst time you could possibly shoot the ball poorly."

Last year, GW claimed the MAWPC championship over Bucknell in a 11-10 buzzer beater. They also carried a slightly better record, ending 23-7 on the season versus this

season's record of 22-9.

The Colonials nabbed an 11-10 victory over the Bison two weeks ago. Compounded with GW's uncharacteristically stagnant offense, this decisive victory for the Bison was an upset for the Colonials.

"All the credit in the world to Bucknell," King said. "You know what they had designed to take away from us they were closer to what they wanted to do as a team than we were. That's the bottom line of the whole thing."

King added that the missed chances early on made players rush offensive pushes and prevent-

ed them from getting into a groove.

"We missed a couple good opportunities early and then started to press and rush from there," King said. "We just never in a good flow and then when we didn't make stops early, that made us, put us on our heels even more so."

The Bison jumped out to an early lead, ending the first quarter up 4-1 on the Colonials. GW's lone goal came from a penalty shot by Levai with two minutes remaining in the quarter.

Bucknell's defense was able to ruin scoring

chances for the Colonials throughout the match, running out the shot clock after a steal by senior utility player Atakan Destici in the first quarter and intercepting several passes.

Sloppy ball handling and inaccurate shooting proved to make the difference for GW. Turnovers and missed shots wasted valuable opportunities and prevented the Colonials from gaining back points, King said.

"It really just came down to the fact that we didn't shoot the ball with any kind of confidence at all," King said.

GW scored early in the second quarter thanks to an outside skip shot from Davis. But a quick goal from Bucknell killed the Colonials' momentum. The Bisons were able to score another goal from a fast break only a few minutes later, giving them a 7-2 lead.

The Colonials earned multiple exclusions throughout the contest, and King was given a yellow card for voicing his discontent. Earlier this season, King was barred from coaching the Colonials' home opener against Fordham after receiving a red card in a previous contest.

With less than two minutes left in the third quarter, Levai snuck

GW's third goal past a two-handed diving attempt by Bucknell's goalkeeper. He struck again early in the fourth quarter, cutting Bucknell's lead in half with his third goal of the game.

The Colonials had been successful at blocking shots from the corner all game, stopping eight of nine chances before an exclusion against Destici gave Bucknell another corner throw. But GW's defensive luck ran out, and the Bison sealed GW's fate with their ninth and final goal of the contest.

"Up until 2 minutes and 40 seconds to go, we were just trying to score goals," King said. "It was just about getting the ball in the attacking zone as quickly as possible."

With three minutes left in the MAWPC final, Bucknell players only had to run out the clock to ensure their championship title.

The Colonials dominantly downed Johns Hopkins 17-9 Friday and Fordham 9-5 Saturday before facing Bucknell.

After the match, Levai, graduate student goalkeeper Matt Taylor and senior center Andrew Mavis were all selected for the First Team All-Tournament Team, while Destici was honored with a Second Team nomination.



JENNIFER CUYUCH | PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Salim Khan lost his match at the No. 2 spot on the ladder.

Men's and women's squash drop matches to Pennsylvania

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SPORTS EDITOR

Men's and women's squash dropped a weekend matchup to Pennsylvania Saturday to close out its four-game homestand.

The Quakers (4-0) swept the No. 9 men's team (1-3) 9-0 up and down the ladder. The No. 15 women's team (1-3) nabbed three victories but dropped the remaining six games against No. 7 Pennsylvania for a 6-3 finish.

On the men's side, junior Mohammad Alterki and junior Inaki De Larrauri extended their matches into extra games at No. 1 and No. 5 on the ladder, respectively, but the other seven Colonials fell in three games.

Junior Salim Khan battled with sophomore Aly Abou Eleinen at the No. 2 rung of the ladder, dropping the first two games by a slim two-point margin. The rallies were long and Khan and Eleinen hustled on the court to return the ball. After tak-

ing a 2-0 lead, Eleinen finished the match with an 11-6 victory over Khan.

At the No. 7 spot, freshman David Varela exchanged points with freshman Saksham Choudhary throughout the first game and took an 8-7 lead. Choudhary bounced back and captured the game 11-9. He continued to nab points and eventually won the second game 11-7 and the third game 11-3.

Junior Luke Stauffer was the only Colonial to take a game into extra points, losing 12-10 to freshman Tushar Shahani. He dropped all three games in his match.

On the women's side, junior Zoe Foo Yuk Han and senior Engy Elmandouh won in four and five games, respectively. Foo Yuk Han continued her win streak at the No. 1 spot on the ladder, extending it to four games. Elmandouh nabbed her second win of the season at the No. 2 rung on the ladder.

Junior Zoe Foo Yuk Han took on senior Jessica Davis.

The two played long rallies, working hard to earn points throughout the match. Back-and-forth games kept the contest close, but Foo Yuk Han battled back after Davis won the second, notching the next two to win 3-1.

The Colonials who won their matches extended the match into extra games. Senior Emma Tryon, junior Zuha Nazir and Foo Yuk Han forced a game into extra points.

Nazir dropped the first game in her match at the No. 4 spot, but she bounced back to win 3-2. Pennsylvania freshman Ashley Manning claimed the first game 11-4, but Nazir notched the second game by a four-point margin. Manning took an 11-6 game three wins before Nazir finished the match on a two-game win streak.

The Colonials will not play in December and will return to action back home Jan. 7 to take on Trinity College at 2 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Women's basketball nabs win over Georgetown

As the clock ticked down, a clutch free throw from graduate student Ariel Stephenson and a layup from redshirt freshman forward Mayowa Taiwo helped women's basketball propel over Georgetown Sunday.

The Colonials (3-3) bested Georgetown (1-4) 52-49 to earn their first home win of the season and their 800th win in program history. The squad held the Hoyas to 29.5 percent shooting from the field and 5 percent from deep.

The team opened the first quarter strong with an 8-0 run. The Colonials played a disciplined and aggressive style of defense, trying to keep the Hoyas out of the middle of the court.

"Our game plan coming was to not let them drive middle and close out with high hands," redshirt freshman guard Tori Hyduke said. "I think we executed that to the best of our ability and we did it well."

The Colonials crowded the paint and forced the Hoyas to take long three-point attempts. Georgetown finished the quarter 0-of-9 from the three-point range and finished the game 1-of-20 from beyond the arc.

The Colonials closed out the first quarter leading 16-10, but Georgetown battled back in the second quarter. The Hoyas found ways to reach the free-throw line, netting seven-of-seven from the charity stripe, and they capitalized on the Colonials' 11 turnovers to the tune of 11 points off turnovers. They ended the half up 27-25.

In an attempt to shut down Georgetown's drive down the middle of the court, the Colonials racked up 15 personal fouls, and the Hoyas added 12 points from the free-throw line.

"Some of it is in our control," redshirt freshman forward Mayowa Taiwo said. "So coming to scout, sometimes you're late sliding over to stop so you're going to cause a foul."

Coming out of halftime, the Colonials dramatically reduced their turnovers from 11 in the second quarter to 10 throughout the second half.

"We talked about that in the locker room," Hyduke said. "Just staying focused, not staring at who we're going to pass it to, cutting, getting open."

The team relied on strong three-point shooting to outscore Georgetown 16-6 in the third quarter, eliminating Georgetown's narrow lead. The Colonials shot at a higher clip from the three-point line than the free-throw line, shooting 46.2 percent from deep and 33.3 percent from the charity stripe.

"It'd be nice if we could cut our turnovers in half," Rizzotti said. "We'd score a lot more points. So secondly, when we do get to the line, we just haven't been very consistent. Sometimes it depends on who goes to the line."

Georgetown seized another two-point lead with three minutes and change left in the game. But Hyduke assisted sophomore center Kayla Mokwuah for a layup to knot the game at 47, and Stephenson stepped up with veteran defensive communication, rebounding and shooting to snatch the lead in the game's most crucial moments.

Stephenson notched five points, two rebounds and one assist in the game, and her contributions made down the stretch helped capture the victory. Her free throw shooting down the stretch helped the team stay on top.

Rizzotti said pressure free throws are the hardest aspect of basketball because you cannot simulate the situation in practice.

The team has been plagued by injuries, forcing Rizzotti to shuffle the lineup between freshmen and sophomores. Rizzotti said Stephenson's return from injury provided much-needed experience to the court.

"She's played in more college basketball games than anyone on our team, and some of them two classes combined probably," Rizzotti said.

The Colonials will hit the court again at the Smith Center Dec. 1 against Coppin State. Tip-off is slated for 2 p.m.

— Rohan Kandeshwarath

IN BRIEF

Junior guard to transfer from program five games into the season

Junior guard Justin Mazzulla is no longer with the men's basketball program, head coach Jamion Christian confirmed Saturday.

He was the only Colonial to start all 33 games last year, serving as a team captain and averaging 8.9 points and 33.4 minutes on the floor. This season, Mazzulla saw action in four games, averaging five points and shooting at a .600 clip from the

field and a .500 clip from deep.

Mazzulla did not respond to a request for comment.

He did not accompany the team on its trip to the Bahamas for the Islands of the Bahamas Invitational. Christian said he entered the transfer portal earlier in the week.

"We really love him," Christian said. "He's been a great player for our program the last few years.

So we wish him the best wherever he lands. He'll be a great player for them."

His minutes decreased over the course of the season. He earned a spot in the starting rotation against Towson and played a season-high 31 minutes. He played 14 minutes against Howard and American before seeing just five minutes on the court against Morgan State.

He took a season-high 10 points against American, going four-for-four from the field and two-for-two from the three-point line.

Mazzulla also served on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee as a general body member and was a member of the Leadership Academy..

—Emily Maise

THE HATCHET'S 2019 Holiday Guide

Tips and tricks on how to throw an affordable Friendsgiving

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Thanksgiving is all about spending time with loved ones and sharing delicious food. Most of the holiday is celebrated with family, but many people view their friends as their “chosen family.”

After celebrating Thanksgiving with family, throw a Friendsgiving with your peers at school or at home. Here are some tips on how to make sure this year's Friendsgiving is the best one yet.

Arriving in style

Friendsgiving is the time to ditch any of the boring customs of traditional Thanksgiving dinner that you just don't like. For me, the No. 1 pain of Thanksgiving is trying to stuff my face while wearing formal clothing. At Friendsgiving, set the dress code to whatever you want. If you find that food comas are more comfortable in sweatpants, tell your guests to arrive in their favorite PJs.

The dinner

My favorite way to celebrate Friendsgiving is with a potluck-style meal. Each friend can claim a different dish – appetizer, main course, dessert or drink – and show off their cooking skills or arrive at the dinner with the best Whole Foods dishes. If you're celebrating Friendsgiving at home the day after Thursday, you could tell your friends to each bring leftover food from their respective dinners and save some money.

Giving thanks

Friendsgiving is the ideal time to show appreciation for all of your friends. Place a jar at each person's place setting and hand out small pieces of paper and pens. Everyone

can write down what they are thankful for about their friends or about the year and drop the note in their respective jars. After dinner, each person can take turns reading the messages in their jars. At the end of the meal, each person will have a collection of notes to take home.

Ending on a sweet note

The only way to end a great meal is by eating great dessert. Use the end of Thanksgiving to transition into the rest of the holiday season with some classic desserts. You could pass around gingerbread men, which you can buy in pre-made, ready-to-decorate sets on Amazon – and tell each person to decorate their cookie to look like another person at the table. At the end, everyone can guess who is who.

If you want to keep your Friendsgiving dessert more traditional, try baking pumpkin pie bites. Take a pre-made pie crust and cut it into small circles that you can stick into a muffin tin. Then, top the mini crusts with your pumpkin fillings and bake. Top with whipped cream for a tasty mini pie.



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Where to eat Thanksgiving dinner at restaurants around D.C.

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If you're staying in the District for Thanksgiving, you don't have to revert to the Whole Foods hot bar to satisfy your cravings for a home-cooked meal. Read up on these restaurants to find a Thanksgiving meal that will make you feel at home.

Family-style feast: Carmines

Carmines is a family-style Italian restaurant that offers a Thanksgiving spread featuring an 18-pound turkey.

The feast includes staples like sausage and sage stuffing, homemade cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes with giblet gravy and sweet potatoes with marshmallows. It also includes sides of Brussels sprouts with caramelized onions and bacon, green beans with red peppers and hazelnuts and dill carrots. You can add an apple or pumpkin pie for \$20 if you believe no Thanksgiving is complete without dessert.

Feeds six to eight people, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., \$249 per family-style feast, 425 7th St. NW.

Southern classics: Georgia Brown's

If Southern comfort food is your idea of a Thanksgiving meal, make a reservation to enjoy a four-course meal at Georgia Brown's.

Guests can customize their Thanksgiving menu by choosing their different options of appetizer, entree and dessert. For appetizers, guests can try dishes like fried green tomatoes with herbed goat cheese and lemon aioli or a fall harvest salad with dried cherries, goat cheese and curried sweet potatoes. The entree list includes classics like fried or roasted turkey and glazed country ham and unconventional options like a vegan “Beyond Meatloaf.” Dessert options include peach cobbler, sweet potato cheesecake, southern bread pudding, sorbet and peppermint chocolate cake.

\$65 per person, a la carte prices vary, noon to 6:30 p.m., 950 15th St. NW.

A Potomac riverboat holiday meal: Spirit of Washington

The Spirit of Washington riverboat cruise will offer a buffet-style Thanksgiving meal, DJ entertainment, interactive games and views of the monuments.

Its Thanksgiving buffet has dishes like an arugula salad with candied pecans and goat cheese, roasted turkey with orange cranberry sauce and gravy, herb stuffing with rosemary and sage, hickory-smoked ham, a mashed potato bar and assorted desserts. If you're looking for a scenic experience to enhance your Thanksgiving meal, this lunchtime cruise is your best bet.

\$89 per person, cruise boards at 12:15 p.m. and lasts from 1 to 3 p.m., 580 Water St. SW, pier 4.

Simple menu with Asian flare: Brothers and Sisters

Inside the Line Hotel DC, the restaurant Brothers and Sisters will offer a simple Thanksgiving menu with three entree options.

Customers can choose from a Peking duck breast with cranberries, braised short-rib with turnips and shiitake mushrooms or a vegetarian butternut squash curry. Each entree is accompanied by ginger sweet potatoes, milk-bread stuffing, stir-fried Brussels sprout leaves, braised collard greens, a Waldorf salad, cornbread and a dessert of pumpkin pie.

\$45 per person, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. 1770 Euclid St. NW.



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Transition into the holidays

Inside the world's largest Christmas light maze

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Not a month after the Washington Nationals notched a historic World Series win, the baseball stadium has transformed into the world's largest Christmas light maze and holiday market.

Enchant is a park lit up with more than 3.5 million lights and includes a holiday market, an ice skating rink and a 100-foot-tall Christmas tree. Once visitors enter the maze, they can navigate their way out of the area or spend time ice skating and visiting more than 20 local vendors selling holiday treats.

The first Enchant light maze was constructed in Vancouver in 2016. Since then, the maze has grown in magnitude, adding venues in Seattle and St. Petersburg, Fla. in addition to the D.C. location. In the District, the maze is projected to attract more than 300,000 guests between its opening day on Nov. 22 and Dec. 29.

Jordan Birch, Enchant's director of business development, said each

year the maze and the ice skating rink inside the maze is built around a story or thematic idea. This year, the space is built around the story that Santa's nine reindeer have all gone missing, and it is up to the visitor to go on a scavenger hunt and find each of the reindeer scattered throughout the maze.

“The reason we do it as a scavenger hunt is it allows people to explore the entire area and immerse in the light and the experience,” Birch said. “Everything we do here is aimed to create magical memories, and we're really excited that we're going to bring that to D.C. folks.”

The maze receives a brand new design every year. Birch said Enchant hires all local staff to construct the spectacle, which takes 21 days to build.

“The great thing about what we do is every single piece in here is designed by our team,” he said. “There's nothing you can buy off the shelf. Everything is very unique, and that's the experience we create.”

Kenneth Hernandez, a carpenter

for Enchant, said at least 100 workers spent time constructing the light maze at a time. He said the construction team brought in materials like the Christmas tree and set up the ice skating rink by hand in below-freezing temperatures.

“The weather made setting up the tree difficult,” he said. “Each branch is an individual piece that needs to be attached.”

Visitors can also stop at more than two dozen local vendors like Ben's Chili Bowl and Founding Spirits. Customers can purchase goods ranging from Schokolat chocolates and Pearl Fine Teas to antiques from Far East Antiques.

Birch said he hopes including the vendors will help “reflect the community” at which the event takes place.

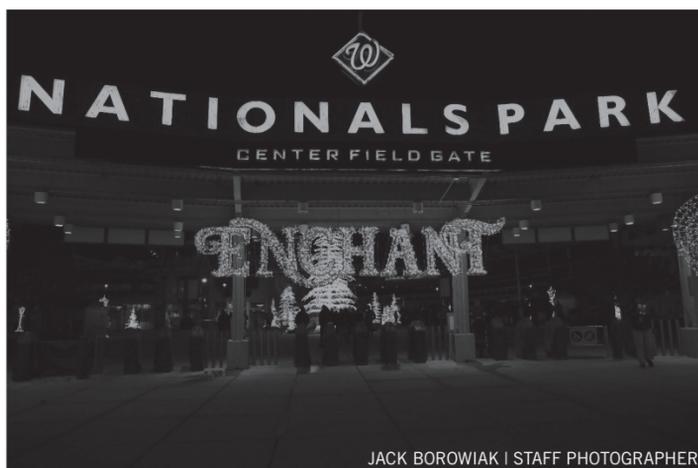
“It's really important for us to create a D.C. event, not an event in D.C.,” he said. “For us what that looks like is local artisans, local vendors who are from the area, providing their product, giving them a platform to sell and to reach these 300,000 plus people we're bringing in.”

Birch said Enchant's Christmas light mazes have all been set up at Major League Baseball stadiums. The field's drastic transformation during the holiday season intrigues people who would typically only visit to watch a game, he said.

“It's known everywhere far and wide around the cities where the ballparks are, and they are iconic buildings,” Birch said. “We're able to transform these spaces and create something brand new that people have never experienced before. So when they come in Enchant, they're going to see the ballpark in an entirely different way.”

Attendee Jessica Estepa said the inside of Enchant is a spectacle someone might expect in a movie. She said she was interested in visiting the attraction on opening night because she loves both Christmas and baseball, and the maze is located close to her home.

“I really love Christmas, and this is fantastic,” she said. “I also really love baseball, so this is everything I love in one big thing.”



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GW-inspired *gag gifts* to add laughter to your giving

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The holiday season is the best time for gift-giving. But presents don't always need to be serious or expensive.

Read up on some D.C.- and GW-inspired gag gifts that will add some lightheartedness to the usual pressure for holiday perfection.

Carvings gift card

For a gift that will win the hearts of freshmen, a Carvings gift card is the move. Your friend can purchase sodas, sandwiches, greasy foods and other Carvings treasures. It may even prevent a friend from depleting their GWorld too soon.

Washington, D.C. sweatshirt

Students live their scholarly lives and maybe forget that they study in one of the world's most powerful locations,



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so gift a classic D.C. souvenir to your pals. The classic "Washing-

ton, D.C." text in bubbly letters will make your friend look like they're

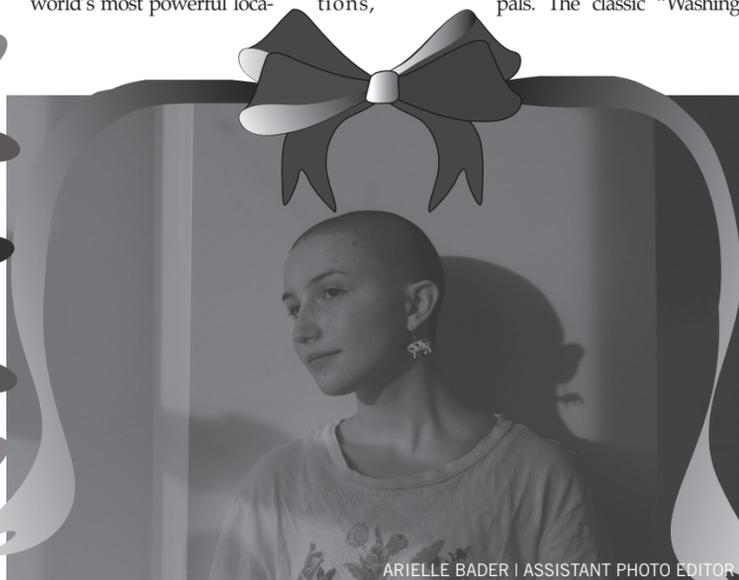
on an eighth-grade field trip to the District, so your friend can assimilate with the tourist crowds.

Krispy Kreme donuts

All around campus, like outside of the Foggy Bottom Metro stop or in the Shenkman Hall basement, you can find student organizations selling Krispy Kreme donuts to students and passersby. Be charitable and give your friend a box of Krispy Kreme donuts for the holidays – they'll appreciate your generosity to the student group.

Colonials socks

Give your friends a gift that will spark some additional controversy to the ongoing Colonials moniker name change discussion. The Colonials socks, also sold at the bookstore, are peak fashion and will help show off your friend's calves while keeping them warm as the temperatures cool.



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Support student side hustles: Gifts you can buy from students

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There are several places to find gifts for your friends and family on campus – and I'm not talking about the book store. Ranging from handmade earrings to t-shirts, students are running their own businesses on campus right out of their residence hall rooms. Support students' side hustles by purchasing one-of-a-kind presents from these student-owned businesses.

Eos Earrings

Junior Zoe Foote's earrings make for a homemade holiday gift for your fashionista friend. The business Eos Earrings, Foote's hobby-turned side gig, features earrings made from materials like fuzzy hearts, rooster beads and acrylic stars with gold flakes.

Foote said she uses the materials to create unconventional earring designs like mini-plastic wine bottles and orange slices.

"Anything can be an earring if you try hard enough," Foote said.

For holiday orders, Foote said she will post her new collection of earrings to her @eosearrings Instagram account at noon on Small Business Saturday – Nov. 30. Customers can direct message her to claim a pair, which cost anywhere from \$5 to \$15. Foote offers free pickup anywhere on campus or ships domestically for a \$5 flat rate, she said.

@eosearrings, \$5 to \$15. Payment: Venmo, PayPal, cash.

Never Mind Tees

For the stylish student on a budget, Never Mind Tees' artistic t-shirts, totes and bandanas are ideal gifts for roommates, friends and family.

Juniors Simon Handelman, Sienna Greenwell, Tara Peckham and Ari Golub design and handprint each item themselves. They design shirts with faces of themselves, pears and airplanes

printed across the shirts.

Customers can browse the designs on the @nvm_tees Instagram account and order through their website, nvm.ink. With tees and bandanas for \$10, totes for \$20 and free pickup, the group said they prioritize keeping their merchandise affordable.

"I think that's also part of the appeal," Peckham said. "For college students, a \$10 t-shirt is great."

Nvm.ink, \$10 to \$20. Payment: Venmo, PayPal.

Issa Fit

If you are looking to splurge a little on a special someone, sophomore Olivia Issa's custom clothes business is the place to look.

Issa's fashion business, Issa Fit, features simple but elegant tops, pants, dresses and jumpsuits all designed and sewn by Issa herself. Some pieces include a pink, two-textured eyelet sundress and a chic, black-linen jumpsuit.

Issa posts her designs on her business Instagram, @o_issa_fit, and interested customers can direct message her account to place an order. Tops start at \$30, and more complicated pieces like dresses and jumpsuits are priced higher at about \$80. Issa said all orders placed before the holidays will be sewn over winter break and will be available for pickup or shipping in January.

@o_issa_fit, \$30+. Payment: Venmo.

Secret Santa for every type of person

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When it comes to gift-giving for Secret Santa, sometimes it's the luck of the draw. You might get your favorite co-worker, your secret crush or a person you don't know at all. Whoever it is, The Hatchet has gift ideas for every type of person.

For your favorite coworker

Gift your favorite co-worker with something they could use in and out of the office. Opt for an animal-shaped pen holder (\$13) that could look like 14 different animals like pandas and hedgehogs. Pair the gift with a set of Muji colored pens (\$11) to place in the pen holder.

For your crush

Whether your crush loves movies, self-care or endless snacks, piece together a DIY gift basket to show them you know everything they like. This gift gives you the freedom of spending as much or as little as you want. In addition to their favorite snacks, you can add face masks (\$6), a winter accessories set (\$15) or any of these Urban Outfitters stocking stuffers for your femme crushes.

For a more masculine gift, add in this water-resistant armband iPhone case (\$10) to use while working out, an Adidas beanie (\$22) or a leather AirPods case (\$20).

For your boss

Whether you love or hate your boss, getting them the right gift could put you in their good graces. If you're willing to spend some extra money to fuel their caffeine cravings during long work hours, Amazon's Starbucks gift set (\$32) – which comes with a Star-

bucks mug and an assortment of coffee, tea and cookies in a wooden basket – does the trick.

For a less traditional gift, liven up your boss's desk with a fun desk toy like these Speks Magnetic 'Un-Blocks,' (\$14.95) which can be shaped into desk art or used to relieve stress for fidgety fingers.

For the adventurer

If your secret santa never says no to a new adventure, get them a ticket stub diary (\$12) so they can keep mementos from their travels and write about their trips. You could also gift them an illustrated travel journal (\$11) to mark down everything from flight details to reviews of the food to the tips from locals. They might also enjoy a collapsible, reusable water bottle from Que, which they can bring on every trip without taking up too much space.

For the person you don't like

It's hard to buy a gift for a person you really don't want to spend money on, but there are some ways to shop for them without giving away any negative feelings. You could rummage through your room and piece together some items that you've never used before. Or, buy them a snack pack (\$25) that chooses all the snacks for you and gets the process out of the way.



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Your gift guide for every night of *Hanukkah*

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Finding the right gifts may seem like a challenge, but even the smallest gestures can mean the world to someone else.

Hanukkah begins on Dec. 22 and ends on the evening of Dec. 30, so take the opportunity to give a small gift to a friend to celebrate each of the eight nights. Whether you recognize the holiday or have a friend who does, here is a rundown of gifts you could purchase for your friend or family member for each night of Hanukkah:

First night: Framed photo

Start off the festivities with something sentimental. You can't go wrong with a framed photo of you and the gift recipient. Choose your favorite photo of the two of you and print it at CVS. Then, head to Plaza Artist Materials & Picture

Framing, located only a few blocks north of campus, to pick out a frame. Plaza Artist Materials & Picture Framing, 1120 19th St. NW.

Second night: House plant

A simple house plant may seem boring, but a little green friend can brighten up any space in a second. Opt for a mini succulent or cactus for a desk or bedside table. Or, you can pick out something larger with more foliage like a heartleaf philodendron plant or a pink quill plant for the centerpiece of a kitchen table. Little Leaf, 1401 S St. NW.

Third night: Hanukkah home-sick candle

The smell of a candle instantly brings with it a memory. This Hanukkah candle, which smells like potato latkes topped with applesauce, will bring joy to your friend or family member all year round. Available online for \$29.95.

Fourth night: Hanukkah socks

Gift friends or family Hanukkah socks to wear throughout the holiday season. This goofy gift will make your family laugh at Jewish puns like "challah back girl" written across the socks. Available for \$18.70 at hotsox.com.

Fifth night: Polaroid camera

Capture special moments with friends and family throughout Hanukkah and the days to come with polaroid pictures. The small camera is easy to carry around no matter where you go. If you want to accessorize your Hanukkah-themed photo shoot, pick up some blue and white boas and dreidel head boppers. Available online for \$59.95.

Sixth night: Something sweet

You can never go wrong with food. A Hanukkah-themed advent calendar filled with candy will satisfy anyone's

sweet tooth over the eight nights of this holiday. Advent Calendar available online for \$21.95.

Seventh night: Donate to a charity in their name

In the spirit of giving to others, make a donation in somebody else's name to a local charity. Organizations in the D.C. area like Miriam's Kitchen or Habitat for Humanity help provide meals and shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

Eighth night: Journals

On the last night of Hanukkah, give out journals to your friends and family members so everyone can reflect on their memories from the previous seven evenings. Time spent during the holidays with friends and family members should be documented and treasured in writing so you can look back for years to come.

Holiday shows to attend around D.C. before you head home

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Heading off campus may feel like a distant thought as finals approach, but you can carve time out of your day to ring in the best time of the year.

From classic holiday ballet shows at Warner Theatre to Charlie Brown-themed jazz concerts to magical cirque performances, there's something for everyone to do before you go home to celebrate more with family.

'The Nutcracker' by The Washington Ballet

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Washington School of Ballet, and you can help celebrate at its annual performance of *The Nutcracker*. The show is set in 1882 Georgetown and features characters like George Washington and King George III. More than 100 talented dancers from the Washington School of Ballet will take the stage at the performance, which runs from Saturday to Dec. 29.

Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW, Nov. 30 to Dec. 29. Tickets range from \$31 to \$185.



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'A Charlie Brown Christmas' with The Eric Byrd Trio

The D.C.-based band The Eric Byrd Trio, which has received the honor of the Kennedy Center and U.S. State Department Jazz Ambassadors, is sponsored by the U.S. Embassy to play its music

across the world. For years, the group has performed the soundtrack to "A Charlie Brown Christmas" across the District. Band players will perform the album this year at The Hamilton LIVE.

The Hamilton Live, 600 14th St. NW, Dec. 1. Tickets from \$14.75 to \$34.75.

'The Christmas Revels: Celestial Fools'

The Washington Revels, a Washington-based theatre group dedicated to celebrating cultural traditions like Arab folk dance and African American storytelling, are performing "The Christmas Revels: Celestial Fools" in Lisner Auditorium. The show features three people who bring light to the darkest winter days through singing and dancing.

Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW, Dec. 7 to 8, Dec. 13 to 15. Tickets from \$9 to \$65.

National Symphony Orchestra: Ugly Sweater Holiday Concert

D.C.'s own National Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Anthem Dec. 11 wearing ugly Christmas sweaters to ring in the season. Join the orchestra and wear your own ugly sweater to the performance while you listen to holiday songs. The orchestra will also play a rendition of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" this week at the Kennedy Center, where you can also watch the movie on the big screen.

The Anthem, 901 Wharf St. SW, Dec. 11. Tickets from \$15 to \$35.

Snow & soul: a playlist for all the Christmas feels

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What is Christmas without some good ol' snow and soul music? The temperature is dropping, but here are a few smooth holiday sounds that will warm you up.

1. 'Let It Snow' by Boyz II Men
2. 'All I Want for Christmas is You' by Mariah Carey
3. 'O Holy Night' by Mariah Carey
4. 'Give Love on Christmas Day' by The Jackson Five
5. 'What Christmas Means to Me' by Stevie Wonder
6. 'One Wish (For Christmas)' by Whitney Houston
7. 'This Christmas Song' by Tamia
8. 'Winter Wonderland' by Andra Day
9. 'I Want to Come Home for Christmas' by Marvin Gaye
10. 'I Still Have You' by Charlie Wilson



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Top five must-watch cheesy holiday movies this season

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When it comes to the holiday season, watching classic films with friends and family may be one of the top activities on your list. Holiday films are cheesy and almost always end with a neat resolution. If you plan on revisiting the classics this December, here's a personal guide for which ones take the cake, ranked in order of most to least important to watch:

1. 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'

Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas" imagines an unconventional Christmas through dark fantasy. While other films have come before and after that imagine a "scary" Christmas, this one does it best.

2. 'Elf'

As one of the most GIF-worthy and meme-able Christmas films to date, Jon Favreau's "Elf" starring actor and comedian Will Ferrell presents Christmas with a comedic twist. The film subverts the fantasy of Christmas and relays holiday themes of love and family.

3. 'A Christmas Prince'

When this Netflix original film was released in 2017, it wasn't long before it became a trending Twitter hashtag full of memes and jokes poking fun at its cheesy romantic comedy elements.

The film features overly dramatic twists and turns and corny romantic tropes. But unlike the rest of the films

on this list, that is actually the movie's greatest strength. Hailed by many on social media as the film that is "so bad it's good," this movie unintentionally has become a must-see Christmas classic.

4. 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'

Originally based on a 1957 book by Dr. Seuss, this animated television movie tells the story of the Grinch, a bitter hermit who lives on top of a mountain overlooking the town of Whoville.

5. 'The Muppet Christmas Carol'

Based on the Charles Dickens 1843 novel "A Christmas Carol," the film takes a well-known Christmas tale and adds the zany and heartwarming appeal of the Muppets.

The original Dickens story has been told in many films over the years, but in this movie, the Muppets all work together to tell the story in a way conducive to young viewers.

Ways to give back at nonprofits around the District

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The holiday season is a time for giving, but not only to friends and families.

Food pantries fill up and some families seek out charities to find gifts they cannot afford to buy their children. Spread the holiday cheer and give back to the community this season by volunteering at pantries and food and clothing drives near campus.

Capital Area Food Bank

This nonprofit food bank provides groceries and meals to families and schools in the DMV area. It also supplies The Store - GW's student-led food pantry - with most of the materials it needs to run.

Capital Area Food Bank is always in need of volunteers to package food at its warehouse in Northeast D.C. and deliver food to families in need. You can sign up for shifts on its website calendar or attend the organization's "Face Hunger" workshop to learn more about the hardships of



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food insecurity.
4900 Puerto Rico Ave. NE, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thrive DC

Thrive DC works to prevent and end homelessness in D.C. by provid-

ing free meals, access to computer labs, job application workshops and group therapy to people experiencing homelessness. Thrive DC works with more than 250 clients each day and relies on more than 1,000 volunteers. Workers could complete adminis-

trative work, prepare and serve meals, distribute groceries, assist in its free farmers' markets or work with clients to help write resumes and prepare for job interviews. Interested volunteers are required to complete an hour-long orientation session. Monetary donations are also important to keep the organization running and funding its many programs.
1525 Newton St. NW, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Miriam's Kitchen

Miriam's Kitchen provides meals, housing and case management to people experiencing homelessness. Founded in 1983 by the Western Presbyterian Church, Unity Church and GW Hillel, Miriam's Kitchen serves breakfast and dinner Monday through Friday all year.

Volunteers can donate their time in the kitchen by serving or prepping meals, or by volunteering in guest services by distributing toiletries and fulfilling clothing orders or in Miriam's Studio by assisting the art therapist in the studio.

2401 Virginia Ave. NW, volunteer hours vary.



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Holiday-themed drinking games to get in the spirit

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If you're hosting a holiday party and are worried about how to break the ice, spice up a basic beer pong game with some holiday-themed drinking games. Here are some ideas on how to get into the Christmas spirit—literally and figuratively.

Santa's Hat

Take a drink each time a character in the movie appears to be "wearing" Santa's hat.

What you'll need: two Santa hats, a drink of your choice, your favorite Christmas movie

The rules:

- 1) Place a Santa hat on the left and right corners of the television.
- 2) Play the movie. You could go with holiday classics like "It's a Wonderful Life," "Home Alone," "The Santa Clause" or "Elf."
- 3) Each time a character in the movie moves to the edge of the screen where they appear to be "wearing" Santa's hat, players must take a drink.

'A Charlie Brown Christmas'

You'll be saying "good grief" after each round of this drinking game. Take a swig of a beverage of your choice whenever you hear one of the famed phrases from the "Charlie Brown Christmas" movie.

What you'll need: a "Charlie Brown Christmas" movie, a drink of your choice

The rules:

- Take a drink each time:
- 1) Someone says, "Good grief"
 - 2) Someone bullies Charlie Brown
 - 3) Someone says "Christmas"

Never Have I Evergreen

This holiday rendition of "Never Have I Ever" will reveal your friends' wildest holiday stories. Each person will announce something they've never done during the holiday season and if you've done it, you'll have to drink.

What you'll need: a drink of your choice

The rules:

- 1) Players take turns saying things they have never done during December, Christmas or Hanukkah. Players who have done the named act must take a drink. For

example, the first player might say, "Never have I ever gotten a picture with Santa."
2) Players who have snapped a picture with Santa Claus must drink.

Rein-beer Pong

Why play normal beer pong when you can add reindeer antlers and Christmas music? Use your antlers to defend your cups in Rein-beer pong.

What you'll need: reindeer antlers, two ping-pong balls, beer, 20 Solo cups, a table, four players

The rules:

- 1) Divide players into two teams
- 2) Each team arranges 10 cups in a pyramid formation on either side of the table. Fill each cup with the desired amount of beer. The objective of the game is to land the ball in each of the other team's cups. Once a ball lands into a cup, the cup is taken away and the opponent must drink the contents of that cup. Here's the catch: The defending team may use their reindeer antlers to block the balls from landing in the cups
- 3) The first team to land their balls in all 10 cups wins

All I want for Christmas is for you to...

Challenge your friends to this Mariah Carey-themed truth or dare. When a friend challenges you to a dare, you can either pursue it or take a drink.

What you'll need: a group of friends, a drink of choice

The rules:

- 1) Each player makes a Mariah Carey-style Christmas wish. For example, player one might announce, "All I want for Christmas is for [another player's name] to dance to Jingle Bell Rock and post it to SnapChat."
- 2) The player who is named can either give the person what they want for Christmas or take a drink.

Warm your heart DIY boozy holiday drink recipes

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Whether you're looking to enhance your holiday party's hot chocolate, spice up your pregames or snuggle in bed with a warm drink, here are several ways to upgrade your holiday drinks.

Eggless-nog

1 ½ shots brandy	½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 ½ shot heavy cream or almond milk	¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
½ shot simple syrup	1 cold espresso shot (optional)

To make this creamy drink, shake the brandy, cream, simple syrup, vanilla extract and optional espresso until the outside of the cup is cold and frosty. Strain the mixture into a glass filled with ice. Garnish with nutmeg, and your eggless-nog is complete.

Spiked hot chocolate

1 ½ shots bourbon	1 tablespoon chocolate syrup
1 packet dark hot chocolate mix	¼ teaspoon cinnamon
1 ½ cups hot milk	¼ cup mini marshmallows (optional)

In a mug, pour hot milk over hot chocolate mix and cinnamon and stir until combined. Add in bourbon and chocolate syrup and mix well. Top the drink with marshmallows.

Apple 'pie' cocktail

1 shot Fireball whiskey	1 shot vodka plus ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 shot vanilla vodka or	1 cup spiced apple cider

To make this simple and spiced cocktail, combine all of the ingredients in a cocktail shaker or large cup. Then, fill it with ice and shake until the cup is frosty, which takes about 30 seconds. Strain your cocktail into a glass filled with ice, and you have spiked apple pie in a cup.

Cranberry hot toddy

4 cups cranberry juice	1 teaspoon allspice
¾ cup cognac or dark rum	½ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ cup sugar	¼ teaspoon cinnamon

Add the cranberry juice, sugar, allspice ginger and cinnamon to a large saucepan and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and stir until all the sugar is dissolved. Cover and simmer on low for about 10 minutes. Reduce your heat to keep the drink warm and stir in the room temperature cognac before serving.

'Grinch' fizzy punch

2 bottles champagne	4 drops green food coloring
1 liter ginger ale	½ cup mint leaves for serving (optional)
1 quart lime sherbert	

Chill the champagne and ginger ale overnight. Take a large ice cream scoop and empty the lime sherbert into a large bowl. Then, pour over the bubbly booze and ginger ale. Add green food coloring and stir until thoroughly combined. Place four to five mint leaves in the bottom of champagne glasses for serving.

Holiday treats and dishes from around the world

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Cultures from around the world bring out signature desserts and dishes to celebrate the holiday season. If you're looking for a taste of holiday treats from places like Peru, India and Japan, here's a list of eight traditional dishes and where you can find them in the DMV.

Latkes

Latkes are a traditional fried potato cake served during Hanukkah. This crisp hash-brown-like cake is symbolic in its preparation. The oil used to cook the dish represents the miracle that founded the Jewish holiday when one day of oil burned and lit a menorah for eight days. Latkes are traditionally served with sour cream or applesauce.

Stop by Call Your Mother Deli at 3301 Georgia Ave NW to try three gluten-free cakes (\$7.50), served with seasonal jam and sour cream.

Spiced hot chocolate from Peru

Spiced hot chocolate is a traditional Christmas beverage served in Peru. Churches throughout the country prepare large batches of the drink and serve it alongside donations of panetone, an Italian bread.



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If you're looking for something spicy to sip while studying, stop by Oyamel Cocina Mexicana at 401 7th St. NW to try its take on "Chocolate Caliente" (\$4).

Kheer from India

Kheer, a sweet rice pudding, is served warm during Indian holiday festivities like Diwali. The dish is prepared by boiling rice and vermicelli with milk and sugar which is then

topped with cardamom, raisins and nuts. This hearty dessert is a sweet way to warm up.

Interested in trying kheer? Rasika at 1190 New Hampshire Ave. NW serves the dish family-style for \$10.

Kentucky Fried Chicken and strawberry shortcake from Japan

Yup, believed to have begun

in the 1970s alongside the American franchise's international debut, "Christmas Chicken" is a Japanese tradition. People in Japan order KFC weeks in advance and pick up the holiday feast along with a decorative Japanese strawberry shortcake.

The closest KFC to GW's Foggy campus is located at 1944 Bladensburg Road NE. If you're looking to celebrate the holidays with friends and a barrel of fried chicken, Baked & Wired also serves strawberry shortcake cupcakes for \$4.10 each, and Shortcake Bakery at 4700 Rhode Island Ave., Hyattsville, Md. serves the dessert by the slice.

Mincemeat pies from New Zealand

Mincemeat pies are a traditional New Zealander dish enjoyed throughout the year, but it's especially popular during the holiday season in New Zealand. A flaky puff pastry is filled with meat like lamb or chicken and stewed veggies.

If you're interested in trying mincemeat pies, stop by Kiwi Kuisine at 4550 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, Va., where you can enjoy a personal meat or vegetarian pie at lunch or dinner for \$6.50.