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## Student debt cancellation will aid borrowers but should be more equitable, experts say

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After President Joe Biden announced a \$10,000 student debt cancellation for eligible borrowers, experts said the move could have gone further to equitably distribute economic relief to Americans.

In a move that will likely affect tens of millions of borrowers, President Biden announced Wednesday that the federal government will forgive up to \$10,000 of student loan debt for individuals with an income below \$125,000 and up to \$20,000 of debt for Pell Grant recipients. Higher education and finance experts said while the program will relieve millions of Americans, the plan should be contingent on income so it can proportionally aid all borrowers.

The debt relief is intended to hold universities accountable for maintaining a "reasonable" cost of attendance and quality of education instead of maintaining a reputation for student debt, a White House news release states. Student loan borrowers received the option to pause monthly loan payments in March 2020 amid the COVID-19 outbreak, and the White House extended the pause through Dec. 31 last week in the federal order.

Steven Brint, a professor of sociology and public policy at the University of California, Riverside, said he is "skeptical" about the loan forgiveness program because the relief will be distributed to individuals from wealth-



Biden called the student loan cancellation program a "game-changer" in Rockville, Maryland Thursday. COURTESY OF JORDAN TOVIN

ier backgrounds who had the financial privilege of attending college, unlike their non-college-educated counterparts who may not have had access to the same opportunity.

"Unless it's really targeted towards people who are struggling I don't see the rationale for it myself," Brint said.

Difficulty repaying student loans falls disproportionately on Black borrowers, who on average owe \$25,000 more than white borrowers, according to a White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans study in 2016.

Higher education experts said the \$10,000 loan forgiveness may not benefit GW students who have taken out larger loans given the nearly \$80,000 cost of attendance.

"This plan offers targeted debt relief as part of a comprehensive effort to address the burden of

growing college costs and make the student loan system more manageable for working families," a White House release states.

Brint said a degree from private universities like GW provide a boost for post-graduate employment, but due to the competitive job market, some students might struggle to find a job in the five to 10 years out of college. He said income levels should determine the allocation of loan repayment programs to accommodate graduates who may not immediately find a job.

"There are going to be people who are going to be grateful for it, and there are certainly some people who will benefit and will get them on their feet," Brint said.

Robert Toutkoushian, a professor of higher education at the University of Georgia, said the government should automatical-

ly determine who is eligible for the program and prioritize forgiving loans for borrowers who did not graduate because their incomes tend to be lower than college graduates.

"It is a thorny and debatable issue," Toutkoushian said in an email. "There is no question that student borrowers will benefit from this program. People will always prefer to not pay for something."

He said the student loan forgiveness program will place the responsibility of loan repayment on the public instead of students who take out loans because the program will use funding from federal tax revenues. He said taxpayers could possibly criticize the program for placing their tax money toward the debt of a student who opted to go to an expensive university like GW.

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## Wrighton welcomes Class of 2026 at annual Convocation

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Interim University President Mark Wrighton officially welcomed the Class of 2026 at the University's Convocation ceremony at the Smith Center Saturday, Aug. 27.

More than 1,000 freshmen gathered at the event, where Wrighton, Provost Chris Bracey, nine of GW's deans and student speaker senior Rubin Roy addressed the class. Their speeches offered advice to incoming freshmen and welcomed them to GW, marking the completion of New Student Orientation and the start of their college careers at the University.

Wrighton urged students to take advantage of "only at GW" opportunities - like discussions with world leaders, scientists and artists - as the University begins its third century. He said GW's status as a research university allows students to access unique "resources, connections and support" that he hopes all freshmen utilize.

"You should take advantage of the opportunity to be involved in knowledge creation that will help to make the world a better place," he said.

Some freshmen coming to campus this year will move into newly refurbished Thurston Hall, which now features new community spaces, remodeled rooms and a dining hall that will open later in the fall after the residence hall underwent a two-year renovation.

Wrighton encouraged

students to take advice from GW's new summer reading book "The Power of Regret: How Looking Backward Moves Us Forward," which he said should teach them to avoid comparing themselves to their peers and use personal goals as motivation for success in college.

Wrighton urged students to collaborate with the GW community during the next four years to advocate for topics that are important to them, like racial justice, climate change or division on national issues.

"George Washington University strives to be an inclusive community every day," Wrighton said.

Blake Clark, an adjunct professor of music and director of choral activities, led attendees in vocal warmups and a three-part harmony in preparation to lead the new class in a performance of the alma mater and the GW fight song.

After Convocation, the Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service hosted GW's annual Welcome Day of Service where students volunteer at organizations around D.C., like the Armed Forces Retirement Home, peace education non-profit Little Friends for Peace and Brookland Middle School. Before buses transported students to their service sites, Nashman Center staff presented a video after the ceremony with information on the service venture and how to get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus.

"My expectation is that the GW community will always show respect for one another, even though we may disagree from time to time," Wrighton said.

## GWorld discount program gains visibility after District House dining rebrand

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After five new vendors opened in the basement of District House last Monday, Aug. 22, students said new discount promotions are increasing the visibility of a dining program they say has gone largely unnoticed for years.

The vendors - DH Pizza & Pasta Co., Crisp, True Burger, The Halal Shack and D.C. Taco House - offer "Meal Deals" for students to purchase an entree, drink and side for \$8, a discounted meal price advertised on screens above the ordering counters. GWorld vendors, including those previously in District House, have offered Meal Deals since 2016, but more than 10 students said they weren't aware of the discounts at the time and only started using the program after the dining hall reopened last week because of new signage.

For \$8, students can buy a burger, turkey burger or chicken tender entree from True Burger, two slices from DH Pizza, a grilled chicken or veggie bowl from Crisp, any rice or lettuce bowl with protein, whole fruit and a fountain beverage from Halal Shack or two chicken or veggie tacos from D.C. Taco. All of the vendors add a side and fountain drink with the entrees for no extra cost.

Senior Brandon Lee said the new vendors at District House publicly advertise their Meal Deal

offerings more than others on campus, and students are now more likely to use the discounts than in previous years.

"It's very cool that right when you walk into District, there's this big sign that says 'Meal Deals,'" Lee said. "It's always been this thing at GW, but nobody actually knew how to use it, so it's very cool that GW is making Meal Deals accessible."

The University collaborates with 18 other dining partners on and off campus to provide similar discounts through the Meal Deals program with \$6-12 meals at popular locations like &Pizza, Beefsteak and Flower Child.

Student Association President Christian Zidouemba said in an interview last week that the affordability of dining at District House presents a budget-friendly solution to GW's long problem with campus food insecurity. He said the vendors are more affordable meals than most off-campus dining options.

"This new dining system gives a lot of opportunities to our students to bond together and also come together as a community and decrease the food insecurity that we've had for far too long on our campus," Zidouemba said in the interview.

Dining at District House is restricted to GW community members this fall after the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory



AUDEN YURMAN | SENIOR PHOTO EDITOR

Students said the addition of the new dining vendors has allowed them to take advantage of the meal deals available to them.

Neighborhood Commission voted to approve the University's request to withdraw public access from the space last January. The change from GW sounded alarms for some

Foggy Bottom residents about the dwindling number of affordable dining options in the neighborhood.

A 225-seat, all-you-can-eat din-

ing hall in Thurston Hall will open in mid-September, followed by a 319-seat dining hall in Shenkman Hall in the spring, which will also be all you can eat.

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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

**CLIMATE SCIENCE AND THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN CLIMATE LITIGATION SEMINAR**  
Monday, Aug. 29 | 9 a.m. EDT | Lehman Auditorium | Free  
Tune into a lecture hosted by GW Law and the Climate Judiciary Project on climate science and transitioning between sources of energy.

**SUSTAINABLE STUDENT ORG FAIR**  
Friday, Sept. 2 | 4 p.m. EDT | The GW Museum and The Textile Museum | Free  
Join GW Sustainable Fashion for an event all about connecting with others who care about sustainability and organizing within fashion.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

August 25, 1986

Several freshmen had to sleep in study lounges after officials said they were unprepared to handle the number of incoming students.

## Presidential power struggle delayed summer progress, SA leaders say

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In the wake of a presidential power struggle that briefly consumed the Student Association this summer, SA leadership said they looked to research how to expand access to contraceptives and fill empty positions that stalled summer progress.

After the executive cabinet voted to remove SA President Christian Zidouemba — a move that the SA quickly overturned following the withdrawal of two votes — the SA Senate reduced ambiguity in the SA's governing documents in July to prevent future confusion over behavior that warrants presidential removal. As the summer progressed, the SA started brainstorming plans to expand contraceptive access on campus with a depleted staff of cabinet members and senators that leaders aim to restock in hopes of accomplishing more long-term initiatives.

At least seven of Zidouemba's cabinet members resigned in the fallout of the presidential power struggle, but despite nominating new members to replace them, the senate has yet to grant its confirmation. In the legislative branch, the SA filled 12 vacant seats after record-low voter and candidate turnout in the spring left the body nearly half empty.

Here are the highlights of the SA's summer work:

### Expanding access to contraceptives

Zidouemba said in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* this summer, his cabinet started communicating with Northeastern University to learn about how the school implemented vending machines on campus that distribute Plan B to students.

"Being able to bring those machines on our campus at a low cost is essential to me," he said. "And I think that it's a necessary first step."

Northeastern's Sexual Health Advocacy, Resources and Education program plans to install multiple vending machines on campus during the fall semester pending supply chain delays, and one vending machine is already distributing Plan B on campus.



FILE PHOTO BY ARIELLE BADER

The Student Association sought to increase access to contraceptives, replace executive cabinet members and fill senate vacancies this summer.

### Replacing executive cabinet members

Zidouemba said he nominated seven cabinet members to create a diverse cabinet of "people who want to make a change" to replace the at least seven who resigned in early July because they viewed him as unfit for the position and complicit in creating a "hostile" working environment. The senate has not yet confirmed Zidouemba's nominations but will consider them, pending two committee approvals, at its meeting Monday.

"I pride myself on bringing in people who have different backgrounds and can think intellectually," Zidouemba said.

During a pair of public meetings that the senate held in light of the rise and fall of the SA's power struggle, former cabinet members and other "witnesses" to Zidouemba's alleged behavior said he threatened to fire cabinet members and was "condescending" to certain SA leaders. But some other cabinet members who voted to remove Zidouemba claimed they were pressured to do so.

Zidouemba said he has nominated a student to the newly-created director of community service position to the SA executive cabinet to reach out to D.C. neighborhoods and help students "get outside of Foggy Bottom."

Zidouemba said the senate's confirmation process for his cabinet nominees delayed

his summer plans for the SA because he was unable to pursue the same initiatives without a larger executive team. He said previous SA administrations have been able to achieve more progress because of built-up, long-term initiatives, like the debut of U-Pass which took "almost 10 years" to coordinate.

Andrew Harding, one of Zidouemba's senior policy advisers, said the cabinet "lost months-worth of planning time" from the attempt to remove Zidouemba and the subsequent cabinet resignations, which interfered with the executive branch's plans to "examine the structure and culture of the SA." He said the executive branch planned to finalize the cabinet by the end of the summer, but the senate has yet to confirm several nominees.

Zidouemba has nominated Harding to replace the former Legislative General Dylan Basescu, who resigned this July during the power struggle. He said he has replaced all members of his cabinet, including creating a deputy chief of staff position, but the senate has not confirmed any replacements yet. Zidouemba nominated six executive secretaries for undergraduate and graduate academic affairs, diversity, equity and inclusion, dining services, government relations and alumni relations, according to the legislative calendar.

The senate plans to vote on whether to confirm the

seven candidates in their meeting Monday.

### Filling senate vacancies, rolling out funds

Executive Vice President Yan Xu said the senate has filled 12 of its 22 vacancies from the start of its term, which totaled nearly half of the entire senate. He said the senate is also not planning to convert any of its vacant seats to University-at-large seats, a move that would reduce school-specific representation.

"I sent a lot of emails to graduate student directors, student life deans in each school," he said.

The senate has 10 remaining vacant seats to fill, nine of which are graduate school seats.

Xu said the University will fully implement the University Wide Program Fund for the first time this year. The initiative splits funding for student organizations between the program fund, which comes directly from the University, and the SA finance committee's allocations process.

Xu said the fund's application will be "very similar" to preexisting SA funding applications.

"The total funding for student organizations really didn't change," he said. "It just goes to another committee that has more knowledge and can process this type of application faster with student organizations."

## CRIME LOG

### FRAUD FIRST DEGREE

Off Campus  
8/10/2022 – 5:00 p.m.  
Open Case  
A female student reported being the victim of attempted fraud via phone calls from an unknown male subject. The subject impersonated a police agency to request money from the student.  
**Case open.**

### THEFT II/FROM BUILDING

West Hall  
8/11/2022 – 5:00-9:31 p.m.  
Open Case  
A male student reported a toothbrush, toilet paper, paper towels and soap stolen from his suite bathroom.  
**Case open.**

### THEFT II/FROM BUILDING

619 22nd Street  
Unknown – Unknown  
Open Case  
A female staff member reported one pair of tennis shoes stolen.  
**Case open.**

### SIMPLE ASSAULT

2100 Block of H Street  
8/19/2022 – 8:05 a.m.  
Closed Case  
GW Police Department officers responded to a report of simple assault by a female, temporary GW employee against a female Uber driver. GWPD arrested the subject and transported her to the police station.  
**Subject arrested.**

### PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS

500 Block of 19th Street  
8/21/2022 – 2:53 p.m.  
Closed Case  
GWPD officers observed an intoxicated non-GW affiliated male subject while on patrol. EMeRG conducted a medical evaluation of the subject and transported him to the GW Hospital Emergency Room.  
**No further action.**

### THREATS TO DO BODILY HARM

District House  
8/22/2022 – 5:24 p.m.  
Closed Case  
GWPD officers responded to reports of a dispute between two female, temporary employees. Upon arrival, GWPD officers escorted both parties off the property and referred the case to the Metropolitan Police Department.  
**Referred to MPD.**

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## Alumni association president plans to support students with alumni network

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More than 20 years since enrolling at GW, newly minted Alumni Association President Will Alexander III said he's not going to "get pushed around" when it comes to being an advocate for community members and student engagement on campus.

Alexander — who was branded as "GW's poster boy" in the early 2000s by former University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and fellow students — is taking over for the second half of former Alumni Association President Christine Brown-Quinn's two-year term after they tied during the association's presidential election. He said he wants to help student organizations on campus work directly with the alumni community and use his position to advocate for students and faculty with administrators.

The Board of Trustees confirmed Alexander as GWAA president in May, and he officially took over from Brown-Quinn July 1. Alexander said the GWAA presidential term is supposed to be two years long, but he and Brown-

Quinn decided to share power and split the term into two instead of holding a runoff election after they tied in last year's election.

Alexander first came to GW under the Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Scholarship — which provides about 10 D.C.-based students with a fully-funded education at GW each year — after graduating in 2000 from the School Without Walls High School, located on GW's campus. He earned a bachelor's in mechanical engineering in 2004 and a master's in business administration in 2006.

"Along the way, because a lot of my education was funded through scholarship and the donation and contributions of benefactors, I've always felt it was important to be an active participant in the University community," he said. "Whether it's being involved in things on campus when I was a student and then when I graduated being involved in volunteer activity."

He said he will focus on collaborating with students and helping administrators consult with alumni leaders, many of whom have been part of the University's community longer than leaders of the school. He said he

feels drawn to these priorities since he is more likely to accomplish them during the shorter, one-year term without any longer-term agenda spread across a two-year presidency.

Alexander said one of his goals is to help student organizations with fundraising and secure alumni and expert speakers for student events. He said requirements like paid room reservations for student-run events can "hamstring" student organizations, especially when they don't have the same fundraising avenues as alumni or academic programs.

"There are functional, process-related barriers that are in the way of being able to do just the simple act of bringing people together for a common cause," he said.

Alexander spent the first few months of his term meeting with senior administrators to discuss the University's and GWAA's agenda for the next academic year. He said some officials have been willing to "explore" his ideas to open more financial resources to the student and alumni communities.

Alexander said his role on the presidential search committee — which



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Alumni Association President Will Alexander III said he hopes to help student organizations with fundraising and securing alumni and expert speakers for student events.

officials formed in April — will also help him influence long-term change at the University. He said while on the committee, he has learned how major administrative searches work and has questioned their structure, like limiting applicants to those who hold a Ph.D.

Six of GW's 15 presidents since the turn of the 19th century have had a Ph.D., with the remaining nine holding another equivalent doctorate, legal

or honorary degree.

"I am probably the walking embodiment of rejecting the notion of 'This is how it's always been done — okay, well then keep doing it that way,'" he said. "I want to be able to go somewhere else and look at being able to do things differently. That's kind of what I personally bring to that table, I'm there to contribute not to disrupt. But I've never been a shrinking violet, and I've always felt free to

express my opinion."

He said although he never participated in a presidential search, he can pose questions to administrators to represent some of the interests of — not only alumni — but students and faculty based on conversations he's had with campus leaders.

"Being willing to have conversations like that and challenge notions I think is an important and healthy part of any process," he said.

## Virginia Avenue bike barriers spark debate about traffic safety, oversight

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A series of barriers blocking Virginia Avenue's new-but-yet-to-be-completed bike lane has become a focal point of controversy among the local community and the District Department of Transportation about safe cycling in the neighborhood.

Locals noticed DDOT placed 10 barriers at intersections along Virginia Avenue from G to 20th streets earlier this month to block access to the bike lane in areas that still need functioning traffic signals, which would help protect pedestrians from oncoming bikers. Bikers have been seen using the bike lane since DDOT installed the path — located in the middle of the Virginia Avenue thoroughfare — in December, but agency officials tweeted around the same time that the project was “not quite complete.”

Some local leaders — like Joel Causey, the chair of the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission — said the bike lane's opening was unsafe and “premature” without functioning traffic signals designed to control traffic that bikers, pedestrians and motorists share on the street. DDOT has received backlash for failing to respond to calls from locals to install a traffic signal at the corner of 21st and I streets before cyclist Shawn O'Donnell died in a collision with a truck driver last month while the intersection was still uncontrolled.

“It's a safety risk to have the bike lanes operational without the lights working,” ANC Chair Joel Causey said in an interview.

The barriers blocking the lane force cyclists to

ride on the sidewalk or alongside Virginia Avenue traffic. DDOT did not immediately return a request for comment on the placement of the barriers in the bike lane or the timeline of the bike lane's completion.

As of Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, the majority of the barriers blocking the bike lane have been pushed out of the way for cyclists to enter and exit. Two of the structures at Virginia Avenue and D Street remain obstructing the bike lane.

Local residents and ANC commissioners have debated whether DDOT should have opened or blocked the bike lane as the project's end date remains unclear after months of delays. The project was slated to wrap up back in March after DDOT first announced plans for the bike lane in February 2021.

Last month, the ANC unanimously voted to request that DDOT address pedestrian and driver safety along several intersections on Virginia Avenue, citing concerns over the short crosswalk signal times which they said could put elderly and disabled pedestrians at risk.

“I believe that in a rush to get the bike lanes in and claim victory for bike lanes, they failed to understand that we have constituents who are elderly,” Causey said at the meeting.

The ANC also asked for a timeline of the bike lane's completion and a DDOT analysis of the pedestrian conditions, like crosswalk times and safety, at the avenue's intersections.

“One of the complaints from the citizens is that they're trying to cross there,” Causey said. “There's no pause. Bikes are flying by at high speed, and here's a per-

son with a walker and a wheelchair and they have a fear of getting hurt.”

Causey said DDOT will update the ANC during its meeting in September and anticipates the barriers will remain in the bike lanes until the agency finishes installing the signals. He said bikers should remain “vigilant” in the meantime of their surroundings and exert more caution on busier streets like Virginia Avenue.

“I know this is a very passionate issue for a lot of bicyclists out there,” Causey said. “They want the lanes open, but they have to understand that it has to be done in a safe manner.”

ANC Commissioner Yannik Omictin said the barriers were an “over-reaction” by DDOT because they force bikers on Virginia Avenue to either merge with traffic or ride on the sidewalk, creating hazardous conditions alongside either speeding vehicles or walking pedestrians.

“Obviously biking in traffic is very dangerous for Virginia Avenue,” Omictin said. “And biking on the sidewalk is exactly what folks were saying is not a good thing, and this is one of the reasons why we have this bike lane in the first place.”

Omictin said as of Thursday he has not been able to contact DDOT to discuss the barriers. He said while he understands the bike lanes remain incomplete, the protected bike lanes are “much safer” for residents than the alternative, even without the extended signal times.

“Just in the state it is right now, it is safer for cyclists, it's safer for cars and it's safer for pedestrians because there's at least a separation,” he said.



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Silver and Blue line trains single-tracked through the Foggy Bottom station Sunday morning after a train struck a person.

## Train strikes person at Foggy Bottom station, Metro official says

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*Content warning: This story contains references to self-harm.*

A Metro train struck and caused “minor” injuries to a person who jumped onto the tracks at the Foggy Bottom station Sunday morning, according to a Metro spokesperson.

Ian Jannetta, a spokes-

person for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, said in an email the person “intentionally” placed themselves in the path of the train at about 8:30 a.m. Silver and Blue line trains single-tracked through the station following the collision while several D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department vehicles responded to the Foggy Bottom station.

Jannetta said the person was transported to the hospital.

D.C. FEMS and the Metropolitan Police Department were not immediately available for comment.

Trains stopped single-tracking with some residual delays at about 9:50 a.m., according to a tweet from WMATA. Normal service resumed at the Foggy Bottom station at about 11:05 a.m.

Silver and Blue line trains also experienced delays Saturday evening after a suspected thief ran into a tunnel.

## Some may struggle to pay loans after moratorium ends: experts

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“They will have to use federal tax revenues for this purpose,” he said. “It should be noted that the loans have to be paid by someone, so the program amounts to a transfer of responsibility from student borrowers to the general population.”

But he said Biden's newest plan would also improve the economy because students will be able to more easily purchase goods and spend the money that they otherwise would have used to repay their loans.

He said applying for and repaying loans can be confusing for some students, and even with the cancelled debt, the federal loaning process will continue to pose challenges for students enrolling in higher education.

“Many students do not understand how loans and interest work and what the financial implications are of borrowing to pay for college,” Toutkoushian said.

In 2019, before the student loan repayment moratorium, about two percent of GW students who took out student loans were not able to repay them in fiscal year 2016, placing GW's student loan default rate — the percentage of student borrowers who have outstanding loans within three years of beginning repayment — well below the national average of 10.1 percent.

David Schultz, a professor of political science at Hamline University and a professor of law at the University of Minnesota, said colleges and universities could use the forgiveness program to market their school's affordability and possibly entice students who could not afford their cost of attendance, because mounting debt will be a less-severe obstacle.

“I think that may be one of the things that higher education is hoping for is that students who didn't finish because of the affordability issue or people who they would like to lure back to college but can't do it because of

student loans or costs, maybe brings more students back at this point,” he said. “But that's yet to be seen.”

The national college enrollment rate among 18- to 24-year-old individuals in 2020 was about 40 percent, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Schultz said many borrowers will have to continue making regular payments in Jan. 2023 toward their student debt after the Dec. 31 moratorium expires, which could complicate transitioning back to a regular payment plan. He said the government could allow borrowers to discharge their debt when declaring bankruptcy to ease the burden of resuming loan payments.

“If we look at it from a broader perspective of, let's say, trying to fix the cost of higher education, then this doesn't solve anything,” Schultz said. “It's kind of like the Band-Aid on a much bigger problem that really still needs to be addressed in our society.”



RACHEL SCHWARTZ | ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR  
The barriers blocking the Virginia Avenue bike lane force cyclists to ride on the sidewalk or alongside traffic.

## SRR officials update codes of student conduct and academic integrity

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Officials updated the Code of Student Conduct to increase student access to alcohol and drug amnesty policies and make it easier for students to report incidents of discrimination and hazing, according to a University release.

The new Code of Student Conduct, which is housed under the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, went into effect on Aug. 1 after committees of students, faculty and staff met throughout Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 to discuss the code, according to the release. The updated Code of Academic Integrity also went into effect on Aug. 1 after the Faculty Senate approved a slew of changes in April to address intentionality in academic dishonesty and clarify disciplinary definitions.

“The codes exist not only to hold students accountable, but also to inform them of the University's expectations for how all students can uphold the values of GW's community,” the release states. “Unfortunately, every year we also have students who harm their fellow students, and we want those harmed parties to understand their rights and options under the codes.”

The code states that GW's

alcohol and drug amnesty and Good Samaritan policies, which offer protections to students under the influence in certain emergency situations like if a student is suffering from alcohol poisoning, can now apply to University-registered student organizations and students who are evaluated for medical transport, regardless of whether or not the transport occurs. The release states that the office made this change in response to a recent survey that indicated student awareness of these policies could be improved.

“We hope the new policies, and their implications for groups to receive amnesty, will help promote their use,” the release states.

The release states that the office decided to expand immunity from conduct action to individuals who report incidents of hazing that they did not partake in to be consistent with a recent law passed in Virginia.

The release states that officials also updated the code to make the reporting of a recorded incident of discrimination a “mitigating factor” against an alleged violation of recording a person who has a “reasonable expectation of privacy.”

“We heard from students, including leaders from marginalized communities, that the privacy recording policy made



HATCHET FILE PHOTO  
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them hesitant to document and report instances of hate/bias or discriminatory misconduct,” the release states.

The release states that the office worked with students who have experienced vandal-

ism to update the code's definition of vandalism to include “tampering with” objects. The office updated the code's definition of “advisor” to be “more consistent with restorative language” and limit confusion

with the role advisors play in Title IX processes, according to the release.

“Any community member can provide feedback on the codes via a form on our website,” the release states.

# Stanford professor talks confronting racial bias in schools, police departments

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REPORTER

An author and professor of psychology at Stanford University spoke about the science of racial bias and its consequences at an event at the School of Media and Public Affairs Friday.

Jennifer Eberhardt spoke to GW Law students Friday in the School of Media and Public Affairs' Jack Morton auditorium about the research behind her 2019 book, "Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do." GW Law hosted the event as part of their Orientation Days for new law students and Dean Dayna Bowen Matthew and Associate Dean for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Carmia Cesar moderated the event. "Bias does its work in the shadows and in the open, reworking our brains, framing and distorting our relationships with each other," Eberhardt said.

Eberhardt spoke about

a series of experiments she conducted to reveal racial biases held by people in different areas of the workforce like police officers and teachers. She said an experiment she worked on with teachers showed that when determining punishment for students with repeat offenses, teachers were harsher on students with stereotypically Black names and viewed their behavior as a pattern they should shut down.

Eberhardt also said that Black K-12 students are three times more likely to be suspended or expelled than white students.

"Over time, Black students worry about how they might be treated in school environments and those concerns can affect their day-to-day interactions with teachers," Eberhardt said. "And when those children grow up and they enter the workplace, their day-to-day interactions are still influenced by race."

Eberhardt said she personally works with Oak-

land Police in California on ways to make it harder for bias to affect everyday interactions. She referenced her work with the department in requiring officers to question their reasoning for making traffic stops and provide more background as to why they made the stop on a form.

"If we did this by simply pushing officers to ask themselves a simple question before each and every stop they made, 'Is this stop intelligence-led, yes or no?'" Eberhardt said. "In other words, they had to think, 'Do I have prior evidence, prior information to tie this particular person to a specific crime?' And if the answer was yes, they had to indicate the source of that intelligence."

Eberhardt said after requiring Oakland officers to explain their reasoning for stops, traffic stops of Black people by the department decreased by 43% in one year.

Following the event, there was a short Q&A section with questions from



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Jennifer Eberhardt, an author and professor of psychology at Stanford University, said Black K-12 students are three times more likely to be suspended or expelled than white students.

law students, led by Matthew. Eberhardt answered questions about her experiences as a mother of Black men and provided advice for people experiencing setbacks in their own journeys

to prevent their underlying biases from coming to the surface. She encouraged listeners not to shy away from their own racial biases but to confront and grow from them to conclude the event.

"Through science, we understand more about how bias works than we ever have before," Eberhardt said. "Through science, we understand how to disrupt it."



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After officials approved the group as a student organization earlier this month, student leaders said they have attracted about 30 members so far.

## New student group to focus on improving relationships, sexual health

FAITH WARDWELL  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A student organization dedicated to building healthy relationships will provide access to reproductive and mental healthcare resources and host conversations about young adult life during its first semester this fall.

GW Clearminds – which student leaders said the University approved as a student organization earlier this month – plans to host weekly meetings to discuss strengthening friendships and sexual interactions and challenging scenarios like coming out, and offer access to resources like pregnancy tests. The organization's leaders said the group has attracted about 30 members so far, and they hope students feel encouraged to engage in conversations that are sometimes seen as "taboo" and learn tips on navigating college relationships.

Isabella Calamari Caprez – a junior and co-president of Clearminds – said the organization is planning events for the fall and spring semesters, like talks with guest speakers including a sexologist and an OB-GYN to speak to members about sexual health. She said Clearminds is also planning collaborations with on-campus student organizations to organize events like a sex-ed day to give away sexual health kits with Plan B or menstruation gift baskets with the Residence Hall Association in February.

She said all members will receive access to the

group's shared Google Drive where students can find links to mental health research, free sexual health resources and support groups.

"A lot of times, people don't know how to navigate these friendships and relationships that they have during college, and we like to have a lot of topics that I think people have a harder time discussing or know where to find information for," she said.

Calamari Caprez said the group's weekly meetings will require each participant to sign a confidentiality contract to ensure all personal experiences and information stays within the discussions to create a safe space where members can freely share their stories and opinions.

She said the organization's leaders will refer a student to GW Counseling and Psychological Services if they express thoughts of harming themselves or others.

"A big thing is that we have to make sure everyone knows we're not therapists," Calamari Caprez said. "We're here to allow a space and we don't want people to harm anyone or harm themselves."

Rindi Tobin – a junior and the other co-president of Clearminds – said she was first inspired to promote mental and sexual health resources through the new student organization after the Supreme Court decided to overturn Roe v. Wade in June. She said she researched which states would continue to

protect abortion rights and which options for reproductive and sexual health would be available to her once she returned to D.C. for the fall 2022 semester.

Abortion in D.C. is currently legal at any stage of pregnancy, but the District is more vulnerable to restricted abortion access without statehood.

"It was like, well what would happen if I'm down in D.C., and I don't have a way to get birth control or go to an appointment, an OB-GYN or anything like that," Tobin said. "I really was kind of concerned."

Tobin said Clearminds will have designated "conversation leaders" who will be briefed on research relating to the meeting's topics, like prostate health and navigating sexual relationships with disabilities, and will guide the discussions and field questions.

"These conversation leaders will encourage the people who come to our meetings to share any questions, experiences, whatever that may be, of course, as long as they're comfortable," Tobin said.

Edy Koenigs – a junior and member of Clearminds – said she hopes to implement advice from her discussions with Clearminds to better both her relationship and friendships she encounters in the future.

"Even being able to recognize 'Oh, what is healthy? What should you expect in a friendship?' she said. "I think, personally, something I never really learned is how to determine when something's not healthy."

## Corcoran courses to explore disco's influence on politics, culture

CRISTINA STASSIS  
STAFF WRITER

A music professor is using his research about disco music's influence on politics and race to teach two new courses this semester.

Loren Kajikawa, an associate professor of music in the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, has researched disco's ability to provide a safety net to Black people and the LGBTQ+ community from historic backlash from white male rock fans since before he arrived at GW in 2018. Now, Kajikawa is teaching the courses "Music History Now" and "Hip Hop Ensemble" that cover the history of Western music in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries and allow students to perform hip-hop music and teach them about the community disco created in the 1970s.

"I really started to learn a lot more about how important disco was not just as a musical influence, but as a social force that brought gay people together in a semi-public, semi-private environment where people could be together on the dance floor, dance with whoever they wanted to," Kajikawa said.

Kajikawa said hip-hop and its politics have roots in disco's history because both genres of music were centered around DJ-controlled performances in nightclubs that created a community that encouraged political change. He said before he started his research he had a "superficial idea" of disco and decided to include disco's connection to gay liberation in his teaching.

"A lot of my image of what disco was previous to doing my research was kind of like Saturday Night Fever and John Travolta in a white polyester suit and the Bee Gees," Kajikawa said.

He said his research on disco got more interesting with time, and he found most people don't

view the genre as "serious music" and often discount it as a fad because it's associated with disco balls and recreation that people considered more fun and carefree than serious. He said people were not necessarily trying to make political change when listening and dancing to disco, but that activity alone created a "political and social consequence" for those who engaged in it.

Disco music has been used to combat anti-gay chants at concerts, like when rock music group the Foo Fighters drowned out homophobic chants using disco music at one of their Kansas concerts last year.

Kajikawa said disco never really "died" even after the events of Disco Demolition Night in 1979, when shock-jock radio DJ Steve Dahl and Chicago White Sox owner Bill Veek promoted discounted tickets to a White Sox baseball game if fans brought disco records to the game and destroyed their records. The crowd rushed the field at the event and Dahl used explosives to destroy thousands of records and led to an aversion the word "disco."

"I think there was a lot of homophobia and racism and misogyny that was involved in this backlash to disco where listeners were unhappy that all of the radio stations and records, that the record industry was putting all this emphasis into disco and moving away from rock and forms of popular music that had kind of centered more of a white male perspective," Kajikawa said.

Experts in music theory and history said disco music has been an outlet for minorities and LGBTQ+ people to express themselves and find a sense of community.

Louis Niebur, a professor of musicology at the University of Nevada, Reno, said disco emerged as a musical style simul-

taneously with the rise of gay rights in the wake of the Stonewall riot of 1969. He said disco music in nightclubs, particularly gay clubs, offered LGBTQ+ people a sense of community that hadn't existed before its rise in popularity.

Niebur said disco faced backlash because people thought it was insincere, too repetitive and popular among female listeners. He said disco artists aimed to make people move their bodies and feel a sense of community on the dance floor.

"Heard in that music is the idea of community, the idea that we're all coming together in a space, the dance floor, the gay bar, whatever that space is, the discotheque, and we're sharing a communal experience," Niebur said.

Evan Ziporyn, a professor of music at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said he remembers the Disco Demolition Night to be an "asinine and ignorant event" built on prejudice against the Black musicians and audiences who were associated with disco. He said rock music by Black musicians grew from genres like rhythm and blues but was stolen by white mainstream rock 'n' roll musicians.

He said one of the purposes of music is to empower people and allow them to identify with a certain genre to build community and associate with a certain artist and message. Ziporyn said new genres, like disco in the 70s, acted as a refuge for people who felt excluded from or marginalized by the mainstream and accepted everyone.

"In any new genre, and this is throughout the world and throughout history, there's always a kind of refuge for people who feel outside the mainstream or people who have been excluded or people who have been marginalized," Ziporyn said.



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Loren Kajikawa, an associate professor of music, is teaching two new courses, Music History Now and Hip Hop Ensemble.

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## Make your voice heard as GW searches for its next president

### STAFF EDITORIAL

With the clock ticking to find GW's next president, students, staff and faculty will have the option to give their input to the presidential search committee in a series of community forums next month. Students should consider whom they want to take on the helm of GW and what qualities they should have – if you want a say in the next president, now is the chance to have your voice heard.

The search committee's members are responsible for finding a replacement for the long-term vision that former University President Thomas LeBlanc created for GW. Time and time again, LeBlanc's conduct and strategic plan for GW outraged students, staff and faculty. Between concerns about the diversity of the search committee that selected LeBlanc in the first place, his "20/30" plan to increase the proportion of STEM students in a smaller undergraduate student population and a racist analogy about divesting from the fossil fuel industry, we've previously argued that LeBlanc was never the right fit for GW.

When LeBlanc stepped down from the role at the end of 2021, The Hatchet's editorial board encouraged the University to search for a candidate who was the "anti-LeBlanc in every way possible" – we still stand by that comment now. To his credit, Wrighton has given GW room to recover from the open animosity that pervaded his predecessor's era, but Wrighton's transitional, 18-month-long presidency has prevented him from sketching out a long-term vision for GW's future.

GW's next president should reflect the diversity of the student body, engage the University's community and approach their position with an open mind instead of a tunnel-vision plan to reshape GW to their liking.

The past 21 permanent or interim presidents of GW have all been

straight, white men, and the past four presidents were all at least 50 years old upon arriving at GW. The University's student body has changed throughout the past 200

walks of life, but GW's leadership has remained the same. We need someone we can truly see in ourselves. A president who can connect with the concerns of queer people, people of color and women at GW

would have a different insight on how to help those whose experiences differ because of who they are.

Students also need a president who engages with their concerns. Whether garnering feedback for

upcoming plans or chatting about pets, communicating with students frequently and honestly would establish a rapport between students and the University's president. These conversations should come out of a place of interest in what students are thinking instead of an obligation to hear them out – and substantive action needs to follow them afterward.

And like LeBlanc's 20/30 plan that would have fundamentally changed the University's direction, GW's next president will almost certainly have ideas of their own. But unlike LeBlanc, they should be open-minded to students' needs, wants and views before charging ahead with grand designs that are detrimental to the University community and its traditions. Whether through their own experience or through listening to the student body, GW's president should understand what already makes the University so great – not throw it away.

This is just one vision of many for the University's next president, so tell the search committee what you think – register to attend a forum or fill out a feedback form. Even though this process may seem overly bureaucratic and drawn out, it's a real chance to steer GW in the direction you think is best. And while our collective thoughts can't change every facet of University policy or pick a dream candidate to lead it, you still deserve a say in its future.

What we really want is a president who can make everyone feel proud of GW. There will be times when we criticize this new president. But we would hope that they can make difficult decisions out of understanding and appreciation for the GW, not callous disregard and neglect. With the right presidential pick, we're confident that the University's best days are ahead.



I WANT YOU FOR  
GW'S NEXT  
PRESIDENT

JENNA BAER | CARTOONIST

## With your rights on the line, make a plan to vote in the midterms

Whether your city hall resembles an office park or a hulking Brutalist masterpiece, it's a standing symbol of the political power that rests in local government.

Ahead of election season in November, states will determine the future of abortion access, rights for LGBTQ+ people and the educational material that stocks library shelves in schools in the absence of federal policy. If you want to determine the future of your community, it's time to make a plan to vote.

Ethan Benn  
Opinions Editor

The federal government affects our lives as college students and temporary D.C. residents each and every day. But state laws are deadly serious.

After the Supreme Court voted to overturn Roe v. Wade in June, new or pre-existing laws in Louisiana, Oklahoma, South Dakota and at least nine other states have banned or severely restricted abortion access. The impact has been immediate. In the month after the Supreme Court overturned Roe, 43 clinics across 11 states stopped providing abortions. In July, the story of a pregnant 10-year-old girl who had to travel from Ohio, which banned abortions after six weeks, to Indiana to obtain medical care sparked national outrage.

Many of these same Republican-led states have also passed laws restricting transgender students' ability to play school sports, receive transition-related medical care or use their pronouns or name in class. And bans on teaching "critical race theory" – code for anything less than a rose-tinted version of American history – have turned library shelves and lesson plans into political minefields.

Even voting itself is on the ballot. Right-wing pundits and politicians have latched onto former President Donald Trump's election denialism to make it harder to vote.

It can seem like casting a single vote every few years will hardly make a difference – but it does. Kansas voters defeated an anti-abortion measure in August, avoiding a potential total ban on abortion in the state.

Voters in California and Vermont have the opportunity to enshrine reproductive freedom as part of their state constitutions in November, while voters in Montana and Kentucky can send a message to their elected officials – and the country – by rejecting measures to enforce fetal personhood and impede reproductive healthcare at the polls.

So how do you actually cast your ballot? These general descriptions vary from state to state, but you'll first want to make sure you're registered to

vote and double-check your registration if you're already registered. From there, find your sample ballot to know what you'll be voting for and make a plan to get to the polls.

If you live close to GW, you may be able to vote early on the weekend or a day when you don't have classes. If you don't want to or can't vote in-person, you may have to request a mail-in ballot several days in advance of the actual election before receiving it, or the state where you're registered to vote may supply one to you automatically. When you do receive your ballot, simply fill it out and send it back along with any documentation, like a copy of your ID that your state may require. And make sure to send it early enough that it's received in time depending on your state's rules.

It's true that political engagement doesn't stop and start with voting, but some of your most fundamental rights are in the hands of your state government. Whether they defend these rights or increasingly assault them, the legislators that create your state's laws and the authorities that enforce them are decided at the ballot box. So make a plan to vote, and use your voice in the streets – and at the polls – this year.

—Ethan Benn, a junior majoring in journalism and communication, is the opinions editor

## To further a culture of sustainability on campus, POP! needs GW's support

From the cycling jersey that once belonged to a D.C. biker to the maxi skirt entering its second life, sustainable fashion and clothing circularity are taking campus style by storm. POP!, the student-run pop-up thrift store at GW, is shaking up the secondhand clothing scene and saving fun, trendy and fashionable clothing from winding up in the trash. But to make sure POP! is as sustainable as the clothes it sells, we need GW to provide us with space and staff.

Maya Levine  
Guest Contributor

Since last September, POP!'s monthly pop-ups at the Textile Museum have been hugely successful, and we've also participated in campus programs like President's Weekend Palooza. But we can't serve students who face clothing inequity between those events.

Students shouldn't have to buy their clothes from fast fashion brands like H&M and Zara, tossing out their wardrobe to buy the latest pieces.

Unlike fast fashion, students who donate clothing via the blue bins in residence halls contribute to the circularity of clothing – a single shirt might move from one person to another as it's reused, repaired or repurposed. That circular movement extends its life cycle and diverts it from the

waste stream, but throwing clothes into a bin mimics the waste-making process. A sustainable fashion policy should encourage students to determine if an item is beyond repair or if it has another chance with some extra care.

We created POP! after speaking to students who wanted an accessible and affordable source of clothing that aligned with their environmental consciousness. Last year, POP! diverted approximately 7,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions from the atmosphere, saved eight million gallons of water and stopped 2,000 pounds of clothing from ending up in landfills.

Other sustainable fashion retailers in the DMV are overpriced – in Georgetown, Reformation's least expensive pair of jeans is \$38 on sale, while an average pair of jeans at POP! costs \$13. The nearest store matching POP!'s prices is at least a 30-minute Metro ride to a Goodwill in Virginia. College students with tight budgets and schedules can't afford or access these stores, but they can get affordable, trendy and curated secondhand clothes right here on campus with POP!.

While the Textile Museum and the Innovation Center in Tompkins Hall provide space and storage to POP!, we need a space of our own. With a home base for POP!, we could sustainably serve the community for years to

come.

A student employee position would allow us to directly collaborate with GW, advocate for ourselves and maximize our sustainability impact. With the community's confidence and our track record of success, including a \$25,000 prize at the 2022 New Venture Competition for our business model, we're ready to strengthen the secondhand clothing scene at GW.

We envision a world in which students buy their next outfit on campus, give it to another student at a clothing swap or repair it at a mending workshop. Seeing our clothes take second, third or even fourth lives within our own community will help us foster a meaningful relationship with otherwise-ephemeral objects. We can keep our clothing longer, care for it when it needs mending and think of it as an investment instead of a trend. Cultivating a culture of sharing clothing can rally us around a common cause of sustainability.

GW touts its role in shaping future changemakers who will leave their legacy on the world. If the University works with POP!, it can weave a legacy of community and clothing equity into the fabric of campus.

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# THE WELCOME BACK GUIDE



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Try out Dupont Circle Yoga, PureBarre or SoulCycle in Georgetown while the Lerner Health and Wellness Center is closed for repairs.

## Gyms, fitness classes to try while Lerner is closed

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With Lerner Health and Wellness Center closed for renovations until mid-fall, students are left looking elsewhere for their athletic exploits.

Running on the National Mall or local trails offers space for fair cardio, but other gyms in the area can be home to your indoor workouts with weights, yoga studios and cycle classes. These five local gyms, studios and fitness class opportunities will maintain your workout regimen and serve as reason to get out there and explore another realm of the District.

### SoulCycle – Georgetown

Nationally known fitness empire SoulCycle needs no introduction. Popular for cardio-intensive workouts, albeit a cultish atmosphere, SoulCycle presents a substitute for those who miss running on the treadmill or riding the spin bike at Lerner.

The studio often organizes themed classes, including “Taylor Swift Sunday” and decade-themed rides that play music from the 80s, 90s or 2000s. SoulCycle provides discounts for new riders and students, which makes this cult classic studio a reasonable option for college students’ cardio workouts.

### Balance Gym – Foggy Bottom

Steps away from GW’s campus, you can try out a traditional annual or monthly membership at Balance Gym for under \$100 each month and a free one-day pass for DMV residents and first-time visitors. Check out the gym’s many fitness classes, ranging from yoga to high-intensity interval training classes in the gym and online.

Balance Gym prides itself on its CrossFit classes led by experienced coaches in addition to amenities like the gym’s sauna for recovery days. Visitors can try out all aspects of this gym before committing to a membership, and interested customers can always pay by the month to avoid a more permanent plan.

### PureBarre – Dupont Circle

Known for small, pulsating movements incorporated from ballet and pilates that help strengthen and tone your body, barre is a high-intensity, low-impact workout in a class setting for those who want to tone their legs, arms and glutes. PureBarre, a well-known nationwide franchise, draws you in with one free barre class and an unlimited first week for \$89.

PureBarre’s classes range in intensity for first-timers and those with more experience. They offer online as well as in-person classes.

Since barre is low-impact, many orthopedic professionals recommend it as the “next step” after physical therapy when recovering from an injury. Physical therapists caution that those recovering should communicate their condition to their instructor to make sure the workout is safe for them.

### Yoga Heights – Varying outdoor locations

Explore different parts of the District through outdoor yoga at locations that change class by class. Yoga Heights is a scenic option for those who want to combine a replenishing class with the joy of refreshing nature.

Upcoming classes include a rooftop session located in Park View, a class to inspire your creativity at the Wangari Gardens and a community session at The Parks at Walter Reed right outside Takoma.

The classes are a lovely opportunity to destress and unwind during the first few weeks of classes and beyond in a socially-distanced, expansive environment. Prices vary from class to class, but many are donation-based or as inexpensive as \$5.

## New restaurants to check out near campus

**YUTONG JIANG**  
STAFF WRITER

The Foggy Bottom area is swiftly changing with development projects ushering in new space for businesses big and small – including a host of new flavors to the nearby dining scene.

Since the conclusion of the school year in May, several new restaurants have opened in the Foggy Bottom area. It can be easy to revert back to old-favorites for meals around campus, especially when schoolwork picks up, but don’t forget to try these recent additions to the neighborhood.

### Tatte Bakery & Cafe

It’s official: there’s a new Tatte location in Foggy Bottom. Tatte, a somewhat new chain that originated in Boston, has joined Starbucks, Peet’s Coffee and Panera as one of the top sources of caffeine on campus for students.

Tatte unveiled its Foggy Bottom location at 2129 I Street NW, the brand-new office complex across from Lafayette Hall, in July. The bakery opens from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Monday to Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tatte offers pastries, breads and coffee, all of which are listed on the Tatte All Day Menu.

Popular dishes include their iced latte, breakfast sandwich (\$9.75) – made with eggs, cheddar, applewood smoked bacon and homemade sourdough – and Turkey B.L.A.T. (\$11.75), a turkey sandwich with bacon, lettuce and avocado topped with sriracha aioli and a tomato-onion relish.

### Tigerella

Located in Western Market, Italian coffee shop and bakery Tigerella opened in July and provides grab-and-go breakfast and lunch from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and full-service lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during weekdays. Tigerella will open their dinner service in September.

Tigerella features espresso, pastries like croissants (\$4.5) and scones (\$3.5), and Italian-style pizzas (\$7). Their grab-and-go lunch options include salads and a muffuletta sandwich (\$12) – a dish originating from New Orleans made with Italian bread, cold cuts and olive salad.

### Bandoola Bowl

Bandoola Bowl, a Southeast Asian salad shop that became another summer addition to Western Market, offers a variety of customizable bowls and salads with fruits and protein including mango, papaya and pork.

The founders are Bur-

mese natives who sought to introduce D.C. to the fresh and bright Burmese cuisine.

In addition to a variety of salads, the restaurant also offers warm bowls with a rice or noodle base. Shweji (\$4), a traditional Burmese semolina cake, is a pudding-like dessert made from coconut milk and raisins. Bandoola Bowl is an ideal spot for those with dietary restrictions, including ingredients bursting with plenty of protein, like soft boiled eggs and tofu, in addition to nut-free options for those with allergies.

### Boogy & Peel

Just a short walk away from campus in Dupont Circle, pizzeria Boogy & Peel opened its doors after the end of the school year in May.

The pizza spot is known for their creative takes on classic pizzas, like a Big Mac pizza (\$22), which incorporates beef, American cheese, iceberg lettuce, onions, pickles and “special sauce.” The 13-inch pizzas’ intriguing flavors include a Taco Bell Mexican pizza called This is Beans (\$22) and a deli-like cold cut pie (\$23).

Visitors can enjoy their pizza alongside a strawberry-guava hard seltzer (\$4) or a Bell’s Oberon (\$5), a light ale that will cool you down during a hot summer night in the District.



LILY SPEREDELOZZI | PHOTOGRAPHER

Tatte’s new Foggy Bottom location, which arrived in July, now joins Peet’s, Starbucks and Panera as a major source of caffeine on campus.

## Courses to add during the ‘add, drop’ phase

**LEXI PLAISTED**  
REPORTER

Short on credits, dropping a class or searching through the registrar for the perfect addition to your fall schedule? Almost everyone has been there, frantically searching for a last-minute course to add during the first week of classes. Here are some popular courses with high reviews that, luckily for you, still have seats open for grabbing this fall semester.

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This course focuses on American films and their interaction with existing political structures and theory, known to examine titles like 1955 class commentary “All that Heaven Allows” and the recently released live-action musical production “Hamilton.” Past students have commended Professor Elizabeth Anker for her industry knowledge, clarity and personality. The course’s format involves lectures held on Monday and discussion sections on Wednesday, so students have plenty of time to access, view and analyze films.										<a href="#">Find Books</a>

OPEN	78458	LSPA 1029	33	Yoga	1.00	Johnston, C	GWSPH B119	W 08:40PM - 10:10PM	08/29/22 - 12/12/22	<a href="#">Find Books</a>
The lifestyle, sport and physical activity department offers a plethora of one-credit courses to maintain students’ fitness in a leisurely way, and its several yoga sections allow students to manage their stress and physical wellness. Several sections of yoga remain open, with hour-and-a-half-long meetings only once a week, flexible to even the busiest of schedules.										<a href="#">Find Books</a>

OPEN	71172	MATH 1007	10	Mathematics and Politics	3.00	Long, K	DUQUES 151	TR 04:45PM - 06:00PM	08/29/22 - 12/12/22	<a href="#">Find Books</a>
Taught in the mathematics department, this course synthesizes logic and arithmetic with political constructions to unpack the interaction of social structures with mathematical thought. A student can expect to approach mathematics in a way they never could in high school, with more writing and decision analysis than any other class of its kind. The class will analyze quintessential concepts like the prisoner’s dilemma from a mathematical standpoint, learn the numbers behind the Electoral College and interpret how statistics can impact equitable representation.										<a href="#">Find Books</a>

OPEN	70767	SMPA 1050	10	Media in a Free Society	3.00	Aday, S	FNGR 103	TR 11:10AM - 12:25PM	08/29/22 - 12/12/22	<a href="#">Find Books</a>
The School of Media and Public Affairs prides itself on its top-ranked professors and valuable, practical courses for students interested in working in the media. Dr. Sean Aday, a professor with reporting experience from The Kansas City Star and published research on the effects of local television on mass communication, teaches the course material from a position of expertise. While SMPA majors are restricted from registering, the class illuminates a new perspective on media production and mass communication in a democratic world, reinforcing the integral role of the media in a global society.										<a href="#">Find Books</a>

OPEN	76811	LSPA 1059	11	Cycling	1.00	Folleco, A	GWSPH B112 A	MW 09:00AM - 9:50AM	08/29/22 - 12/12/22	<a href="#">Find Books</a>
In addition to yoga and several other exciting courses available, the LSPA department offers a one-credit cycling course with several seats still open – a very practical activity for D.C. residents. Taught on stationary bikes in the Milken Institute School of Public Health, the course allows students to vary resistance to their own individual levels, demonstrating the accessibility of LSPA courses.										<a href="#">Find Books</a>

OPEN	70160	GEOG 1002	10	Introduction to Physical Geography	3.00	Nyland, K	COR 101A	MW 11:10AM - 12:25PM	08/29/22 - 12/12/22	<a href="#">Linked</a>
If searching for a course to fulfill GW’s general education scientific reasoning requirement, necessary for all undergraduate students, Physical Geography fits the bill. Topics include weather, cartography and geology. For those who want to avoid a hard science class, this course is more reading-heavy than math-heavy and still provides students with a solid science foundation for their college career.										<a href="#">Find Books</a>

# THE WELCOME BACK GUIDE

## Colonials moniker, Roe reversal dominated headlines this summer

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Summer 2022 became the center of historic transformation at GW, from the announcement to remove the Colonials moniker to the campus upheaval surrounding the overturn of Roe v. Wade.

In June, the University ditched its nearly 100-year-old Colonials moniker after years of student activism and protest, leaving students questioning its replacement for the upcoming century. One week later, the Supreme Court struck down Roe v. Wade, triggering massive protests that took on new life when students demanded that GW fire Justice Clarence Thomas leading up to his decision to step back from the seminar he co-lectured for the GW Law in July.

Among other major headlines, officials grappled with the first case of monkeypox on campus and welcomed new faces to the administration following the departures of University leaders like Mark Diaz and Cissy Petty.

Here's a roundup of the last few months to help you catch up on a jam-packed summer:

### Removal of the Colonials moniker

In June, Board of Trustees Chair Grace Speights announced the University would abandon its nearly century-old Colonials name by the 2023-24 academic year, but officials have yet to announce a decision on the replacement. Efforts to ditch the moniker gained momentum in 2018 after students launched a petition to change the name over concerns that the symbol serves as a reminder of the harmful effects of international colonialism.

The moniker had lost its presence on campus, with student leaders renaming GW's fan section from the Colonial Army to George's Army in August 2019, and the Colonial Central became the Student Services



FILE PHOTO BY AUDEN YURMAN | SENIOR PHOTO EDITOR  
After the Supreme Court struck down federal abortion protections in late June, thousands signed a petition calling for Justice Clarence Thomas to be removed from the GW Law faculty.

Hub around the same time.

### Fallout of Roe v. Wade

In a 6-3 vote, the Supreme Court struck down Americans' right to have an abortion in the landmark Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case ruling in late June. Thousands gathered outside the Supreme Court building to protest the decision.

More than 11,000 people condemned Justice Clarence Thomas for the decision and called on officials to remove him from the University's faculty. Thomas, who wrote the concurring opinion which questioned past cases guaranteeing same-sex marriage and contraceptive rights, has taught a Constitutional Law seminar at GW Law for the last 10 years.

Despite the pressure, officials refuted calls to fire Thomas, saying the move would violate academic freedom.

But in late July, Professor Gregory Maggs – who co-taught the seminar – said Thomas would be “unavailable” to teach the course this fall, and Thomas no longer appeared on GW Law's course listing.

### Infectious disease on campus

In late June, officials dropped the University's asymptomatic COVID-19 testing requirement but opted to continue to mandate face coverings in public, indoor settings for community members.

GW also amended its COVID policies to require students who have contracted coronavirus to isolate in place for a minimum of five days, leaving students who test positive for the disease possibly in the same quarters as their COVID-negative roommates. Before the change, if on-campus students tested positive for COVID they would move to housing designated for isolation in other residence halls or nearby hotels.

The University also treated its first case of monkeypox – a viral infection that causes lesions on the patient's skin – in late June and later identified a “handful” of monkeypox cases within the community throughout the summer.

### Administration shakeup

GW waved goodbye to

now-former Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President Mark Diaz and Dean of Students Cissy Petty this summer, while adding four new administrators in early July and welcoming five academic leaders to new positions in late June.

Bruno Fernandes, GW's former treasurer and vice president of finance, became the University's CFO, leaving Diaz's executive vice president duties to former University of Vermont administrator Sharon Reich Paulsen. She also took GW's first chief administration officer job, a new position that aims to “oversee the leadership of administrative functions.”

The provost's office also hired five new academic administrators, appointing Geneva Henry as the dean of libraries and academic innovation and vice provost for libraries and information technology and bumping up Emily Hammond to be vice provost for faculty affairs. Officials promoted Colette Coleman to serve as vice provost for student affairs and dean of students to replace Petty, who retired after four years in the role.

## Summer albums to carry into the fall

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Deciding on the perfect soundtrack as you take a picturesque walk around campus to your first class is a difficult yet necessary feat, but this summer produced a multitude of incredible options to make this choice much easier.

While projects like singer-songwriter Maggie Rogers' “Surrender” and international superstar Beyoncé's “Renaissance” are undoubtedly summer hits, they can also be essential components of your fall playlist. Play these and more standout summer albums into the upcoming semester as you await anticipated fall music projects.

### Now Playing

Clear queue

B

Renaissance  
Beyoncé



Beyoncé's highly anticipated ballroom-inspired record “RENAISSANCE” featuring lead single “BREAK MY SOUL” is not only representative of summer 2022, but the resurgence of house music into pop culture as a whole.

Standout upbeat club-inspired tracks “CUFF IT,” “ALIEN SUPERSTAR” and “PURE/HONEY” are sure to enhance your fall playlist and amplify an otherwise mundane walk to class this week. As a bonus treat for her fans on an already jam-packed 16 song tracklist, Beyoncé released an eclectic and campy version of “BREAK MY SOUL” known as “THE QUEENS REMIX,” mashing up her popular lead single with pop music legend Madonna's iconic 1990 hit “Vogue.”

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Surrender  
Maggie Rogers



Maryland native Maggie Rogers was one of the first 11 people to receive a Master of Religion and Public Life degree from the Harvard Divinity School this year. Despite her impressive academic credentials, her Harvard education is not the only of Rogers' accomplishments this year – her second studio album and follow-up to her Grammy-nominated record “Heard It in a Past Life” released this summer, with the same title as her Harvard thesis, “Surrender.”

On lead singles “That's Where I Am” and “Want Want,” Rogers simultaneously explores feelings of comfortable love and intense lust, with memorable lines like “Boulders turn into sand/Wherever you go, that's where I am” and “Might die if you can't live just to taste it.” In “Anywhere With You,” Rogers unpacks themes of spirituality and religion in a way that relates to pop culture and performance, writing, “I'm praying to the headlights like I prayed to you/Before I found you.” It is clear that Rogers' divinity degree inspired her sophomore effort, perhaps the catalyst in topping an acclaimed album that would otherwise be a difficult act to follow.

S

emails i can't send  
Sabrina Carpenter



Former “Girl Meets World” star Sabrina Carpenter may have found herself caught in the center of some very public drama last year, but don't let that sway your decision to listen to her groundbreaking record “emails i can't send” as you head into the fall. In fact, the body of work might just provide you with yet another perspective on the infamous Disney love triangle. The album's standout track “because i liked a boy” has generated the most significant praise, albeit controversy. On the track, Carpenter sings, “Fell so deeply into it/It was all so innocent/Now I'm a homewrecker, I'm a slut/I got death threats filling up semi trucks/Tell me who I am, guess I don't have a choice/All because I liked a boy” in reference to the public shaming following her relationship with “High School Musical: The Musical: The Series” star Joshua Bassett.

She goes on to say, “And all of this for what?/When everything went down we'd already broken up,” alluding to the fact that she and Bassett were no longer an item by the time his ex Olivia Rodrigo's breakup album “SOUR” was released. No matter where you stand on the controversy, Carpenter's perspective is a must-listen. She and Rodrigo are both undoubtedly talented artists, no matter the adversarial divide between them in the eyes of the public.

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MUNA  
MUNA



MUNA's 2021 collaboration with Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Phoebe Bridgers on “Silk Chiffon” catapulted the three-member indie band into stardom, but it was their run as an opening act for Album of the Year winner Kacey Musgraves's “Star-Crossed: Unveiled Tour” followed by their June 2022 release of their self-titled album “MUNA” that solidified their place as an essential Gen Z band.

Aside from “Silk Chiffon,” included on the self-titled album, standout tracks include “Anything But Me,” a cheeky breakup anthem that seems to pay homage to Musgraves's hit single “High Horse” with the opening lines “You're gonna say that I'm on a high horse/I think that my horse is regular-sized/Did you ever think maybe you're on a pony/Going in circles on a carousel ride?” and country-inspired ballad “Kind of Girl,” where lead singer and co-producer Katie Gavin outlines her optimistic worldview and commentary on womanhood, singing “I'm the kind of girl who owns up to all of my faults/Who's learning to laugh at 'em all/Like I'm not a problem to solve/I'm a girl who's blowing on a dandelion/Thinking how the winds could change at any given time.”



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## How your room decor can replicate your Pinterest board

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As the school year approaches and students flock back to campus, personalized decorations can mean all the difference in making your residence hall room feel like a home away from home.

For many college students, the most crucial aspect of moving into a new space – aside from the essentials – is the decor, yet the unfortunate reality is that decorations are sold for a big buck these days. We've identified some simple and stylish ways to create that dream room you've always imagined without breaking the bank.

### QUICK AND EASY DIYS

If you're not a fan of the color of your room's walls, peel-and-stick wallpaper is your friend. Find these at any craft store, Amazon or Etsy for around \$25 to \$40 to spruce up any space without any damage left behind. Peel and stick paper comes in a variety of colors and patterns, making them ideal for the personal customization of your space.



Host a paint night to get to know your residence hall neighbors. Michaels and Hobby Lobby have numerous options for affordable crafts, like canvases and high-quality paints and brushes. Create some personalized paintings to hang on your walls and get a chance to get to know your roommates better or even develop some new friendships.

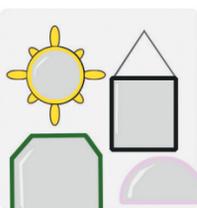


If wallpaper or paint isn't your thing, a collage that reminds you of home could be the answer. Arrange your favorite polaroids, posters and more to your liking and bring that blank space to life. Many online stores like Amazon, Etsy and Target sell premade, customizable wall collage kits from \$10 to \$20. The kits are often categorized by their aesthetics, allowing you to find the perfect one to fit your own style.



### ITEMS THAT CAN ELEVATE YOUR SPACE

If you have space under your bed that you plan to use for storage, a bed skirt is an optimal way to keep your room looking tidy. While you can find underbed storage at any home decor store, these boxes can sometimes be a bit of an eyesore. Bed skirts are perfect for maximizing storage while maintaining an aesthetically pleasing space. Simple products are typically sold for about \$15 to \$25 at stores like Bed Bath & Beyond, Target and Walmart.



Vases and other glassware are a must-have to make a space inviting with some fresh flowers from Whole Foods or Trader Joe's. Browse your nearest thrift store or home decor shops, like HomeSense or Hobby Lobby, and you'll likely find some beautiful complementary pieces to add to your space.



### ECCENTRIC ACCESSORIES

Full body or some smaller, multi-shaped mirrors are an effective way to bring more natural light into a room. Try placing your mirror across from the window, and it will reflect the light across the room, making the space much brighter and larger-looking. Most home decor stores like Etsy and Target make for solid mirror-shopping destinations.

As overdone as they may seem, eccentric lamps and twinkle lights are lovely for creating any desired ambiance. The fluorescent lighting from your room's overhead lights are more stimulating than relaxing. If you need more subtle lighting to make your space feel welcoming, then twinkle lights are perfect for you. Twinkle or LED lights create a serene interior environment, twinkling along the top of your wall for a relaxing aura.

Throw blankets and pillows are your best friend when it comes to bed decor. To save money, buy pillow inserts from a craft store like Michaels or any dollar store, which will give you the room to spend a little more on the covers and swap out the colors and designs to compliment your room's aesthetic if you change your mind.

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# Sports

## GAMES OF THE WEEK



**MEN'S SOCCER**  
vs. Columbia  
Friday | 1 p.m. EDT  
The Colonials welcome the Lions to the Vern as they look for their second win of the season.



**VOLLEYBALL**  
vs. Delaware  
Wednesday | 5 p.m. EDT  
GW heads to Delaware in search of its first victory following two rough outings to start the season.

**NUMBER CRUNCH** **3.00**

Men's soccer's goals per game average in their first two games, up from their five-year average of 1.12.

## Women's soccer newcomers aim to raise squad to new regular season heights

**LIAM O'MURCHU**  
STAFF WRITER

With only three matches under their wing, newcomers to women's soccer have already left an imprint on the Colonials as they look to improve offensive play and contend for the team's first conference title in seven years.

The team's influx of 11 newcomers outnumbers all of GW's sports team this season, consisting of six freshmen and five transfers. The women's team looks to build upon the previous season's flat performance when the Colonials amassed only three wins in the regular season due to an overall decrease in offensive and defensive play that led to 12 lost matches.

GW's recent additions will join 18 returning players, including graduate student midfielder Sammy Neyman, sophomore goalkeeper Ainsley Lumpe, graduate student defender Cammie Dopke and junior forward Lauren Prentice.

"When we talk about our newcomers, I have to talk about the returners because they really are the ones that are responsible for the current culture," Head Coach Michelle Demko said in Thursday's post-game interview after tying Towson. "Anybody new coming onto the team, they receive them."

The team is undefeated so far, winning against William & Mary and tying against UMBC and Towson.

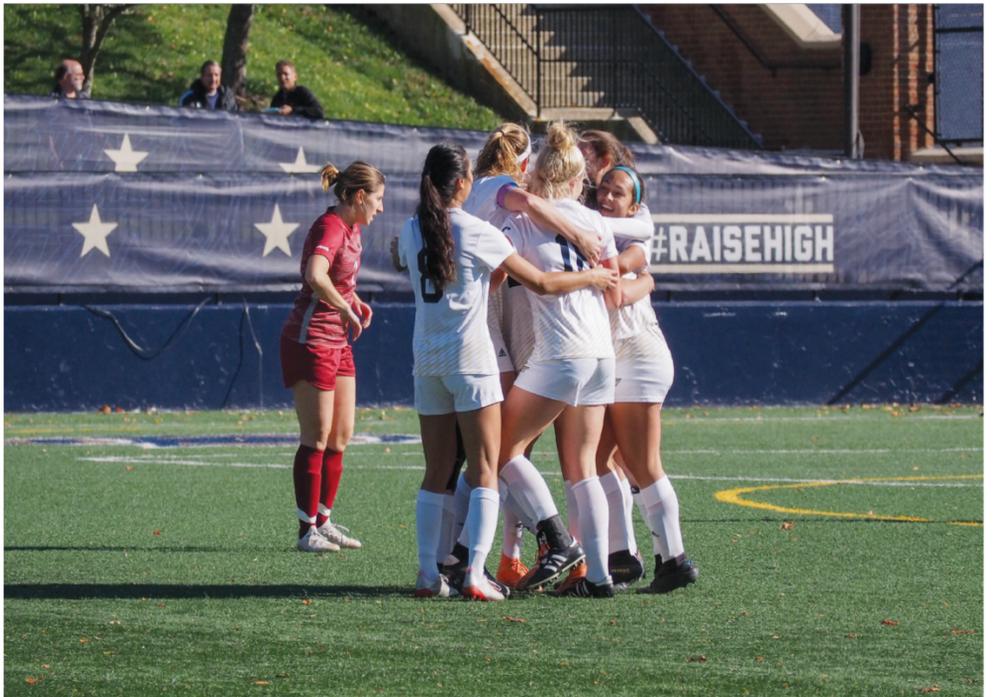
Leading the team's new athletes is freshman left-back defender Avril Silva, a native of Lorton, Virginia, who is one of three freshmen who has played every minute of the season so far. She's showcased her speed this year, flying up and down the left side, whipping crosses in and smoothly transitioning to defense throughout the first few games.

Silva played for Braddock Road Youth Club and Elite Clubs National League with the Virginia Development Academy, a competitive youth soccer organization. During her time at South County High School, she broke records in the 1600m and 5000m on the track and was named to the 2021 and 2022 All-District Teams.

"Coming in and being a part of the team was really my goal, just to meld with the team and talk to the upperclassmen about what my role can be within the team, and everyone has been super welcoming," she said.

Freshman goalkeeper Grace Crowe has found her role between the goalposts, leading the team's goalkeepers in playing time with 180 minutes on the field. In her first two games with the Colonials, she defended against eight shots on goal and notched four saves while allowing a sole goal to UMBC.

During Crowe's high school career, she was named MVP of her varsity soccer team at the Hun School of Princeton in the 2020



The 11 newcomers consist of six freshmen and five transfers who joined 18 returning players.

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season.

Graduate student central defender Aza Keohan, another newcomer who has also played every minute of the season, is a transfer from Princeton University who played 27 games and started 16 during her four years there.

Keohan was nominated for 2017 Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year in her senior year of high school at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School and ranked as the 74th player in her recruiting class by Top Drawer Soccer. She was also invited to the 2015 U16 US

Women's National Team Camp.

The women's team will hit the road Wednesday against American, where they hope to notch the second win of their regular season, with first kick set for 4 p.m.

## Men's soccer settles for draw in season opener against William & Mary

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STAFF WRITER

Men's soccer kicked off their season with a 2-2 draw against William & Mary Thursday, failing to maintain a pair of leading scores in the game.

The two goals from the Colonials (0-0-1) each came from their English stars – graduate student forward Oscar Haynes Brown and senior midfielder Tom Cooklin. But senior forward Diba Nwegbo led the Tribe (0-0-1) to claw back with two of his own goals that held GW in check until time expired.

Early exits from GW junior defenders Lucas Matuszewski and Aaron Kronenberg paved the way for the two Tribe goals while Head Coach Craig Jones rushed to find replacements and stave off offensive attacks.

"When you score two goals and lead twice, you hope to win it," Jones said in a post-game interview. "But I don't really think it helped that we had a lot of guys going down injured."

GW started the game with a chance to score just one minute into the match after Cooklin and Haynes Brown connected, but Haynes Brown could not find the net. The Colonials' promising attacking play continued for another few minutes before the Tribe settled into the match.

In the seventh minute, Tribe senior midfielder Nathan Messer crossed the ball into senior forward Alexander Levengood, who fired it right at GW senior

goalkeeper Justin Grady. Junior forward Joe Core pounced on the rebound and rocketed the ball over the goal from point blank.

After a few decent looks for the Tribe throughout the first half, the Colonials struck first in the 41st minute. Junior midfielder Tim Neumann intercepted a pass and quickly played it to Haynes Brown, who took a left-footed shot toward the far post on the ground. Tribe graduate student goalkeeper Danilo Nikcevic could not reach the shot in time as GW scored before heading into the locker room with a 1-0 lead.

The Tribe opened the second half on the front foot with Levengood, a member of the All-CAA Preseason Team, getting in behind the GW defense early. Although the Colonials relieved some pressure, the Tribe equalized in the 63rd minute. A corner kick from Levengood bounced around the GW penalty box and landed at the feet of Nwegbo, who hit it off the half volley past Grady.

The goal energized the Tribe, spurred on by Matuszewski's departure in the 67th minute. Jones said the early exit was a precautionary measure because the Pittsburgh transfer felt lightheaded, and he should be available for the team's next match on Sunday against Manhattan.

But the Colonials scored next thanks to a crafty piece of play by Cooklin in the 71st minute. Cooklin drove into the center past multiple defenders from the right wing and took a left-footed shot, which fell to senior

midfielder Elias Norris. Norris dribbled into the path of sophomore forward Nico Krueger, who played it back to a waiting Cooklin. The Lewes, England native took the ball in stride and nestled his shot into the upper far corner beyond Nikcevic.

Cooklin's heroics did not end there, as he slotted into a role as an outside center back after junior defender Kronenberg came off the field with an injury of his own. Although Cooklin says he'd never played defense before, he managed an impressive sliding block in the box to spurn junior midfielder Augie Cooper in the 82nd minute.

Two minutes later, Tribe freshman forward Lucas Caldas beat three GW defenders on the end line and played it across to Nwegbo, who snuck behind his markers for a tap-in. The Colonials had trouble tracking their runners in the box all day, and those issues manifested in an 84th-minute goal.

"It was crazy, right?" Jones said. "Anything could have happened in the last 10 minutes. Especially when the rain came, I was hoping that we would get a shot off because it could skid off the turf."

Despite the disorganization on defense at times, the Colonials were clicking offensively in a way they failed to for much of last season, thanks in large part to Cooklin and Haynes Brown. The Englishmen both spent much of last year injured while the Colonials struggled for offensive ideas without them on the field.



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The team enters the season under the leadership of new Head Coach Katie Reifert, an alumna looking to rebuild the program after it only managed two wins during a lackluster season last fall.

## Women's volleyball kicks off season with pair of losses

**LUKE WIENECKE**  
STAFF WRITER

Women's volleyball kicked off its season with a pair of losses this weekend after the team's offense struggled to keep up with the pace of scoring from its opposition.

The Colonials opened the season at the DC. Challenge, a volleyball tournament including all D.C. schools and other nationwide collegiate teams, with a 3-0 loss against the New Orleans Privateers Friday before a 3-1 loss against American Saturday. The team enters the season under the leadership of new Head Coach Katie Reifert, an alumna looking to rebuild the program after it only managed to muster two wins during a lackluster season last fall.

### Match 1

The Colonials lost in straight sets against the Privateers (1-0) as the New Orleans team held a stronger offensive, delivering eight aces that doubled the Colonials' total. GW ended the evening with a .117 attack percentage compared to the Privateers' .163 percentage, but the Colonials tallied six more kills with a total of 39.

During the first set, the Colonials built a 5-3 lead after a spike from middle blocker Tierra Porter and a strong performance from opposite Liv Womble built early momentum for the squad. The Colonials' upper hand was short-lived as the Privateers roared back with a 5-13 run

that turned into a 16-10 lead for the New Orleans team.

The Colonials scored once more after the break with a kill by middle blocker Addie Feek at the 23rd minute to bring the score to within three, but it was not enough to overcome the gap. The Privateers finished the set on top 25-22, a narrow difference that would set the theme for the night.

The second set started with an early Privateers lead of 7-2, aided by three attack errors from the Colonials. GW responded with a nine-point run that tied the game at 11 following a blocked spike by middle blocker Olivia Harrison, leading to another timeout by the Privateers.

An errant GW spike and an out-of-bounds shot near the top of the net allowed the Privateers to nab the second set 25-23.

GW grabbed its largest lead of the night during the final set with a 7-2 lead, but the Privateers responded again, evening the score at eight after four minutes. A block by the Privateers stopped Feek at the net, allowing New Orleans to gain the eighth point and the lead of the match.

"I think we have a very new team, we have nine new players," Reifert said. "So it's definitely trying to still work through relationships, chemistry on the court, not in terms of how they get along because they get along great. I mean, our team vibes are great, but in terms of working the ebbs and flows of the game, during

together in unison, that's kind of where we miss tonight."

### Match 2

The Colonials hit the road to face off against their crosstown rival, the American Eagles (3-0), where GW fell 3-1 but managed to snag a set in the first road match of the season at the Bender Arena.

The Colonials earned a total of 48 kills, just two fewer than the Eagles, and finished with a .168 attack percentage. Drelling led GW's offense for the second consecutive night, tallying a career-high 20 kills with a .364 hitting percentage.

The Colonials opened the first set with six early kills, and five errors from the Eagles propelled them to an 11-5 lead in the first minutes. Despite the hot start from the Colonials, the Eagles took control of the match, responding with an 11-1 run and taking the first set.

The Colonials started the second set slow after the Eagles soared with a 6-0 run, but back-to-back kills by Drelling allowed the Colonials to gain momentum and power the GW offense back into contention. GW equaled the score at 13, and a pair of three-point scoring runs gave Reifert her first set win as head coach, 25-21.

The American team continued building their advantage to a comfortable 24-21, but GW challenged three match points with three kills before the Eagles responded with three kills, allowing American to finalize their win.



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Early exits from GW junior defenders Lucas Matuszewski and Aaron Kronenberg paved the way for the two Tribe goals.