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Faculty senators said schools like the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences have “inadequate” financial support because the University has directed funding to the medical enterprise instead of its other schools.

Officials pledge MFA will break even by June, stirring skepticism from faculty senators

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Faculty senators are doubtful officials will follow through on their plans for the Medical Faculty Associates to break even by next June with \$200 million of debt mounting on the health care provider network.

Officials restructured the MFA in August to improve its financial standing through yearly payments from Universal Health Services to GW, “trademark royalties” and a “fair market rent repayment” on GW property, according to a report on the MFA delivered at last Friday’s Faculty Senate meeting. MFA CEO Barbara Bass said at the meeting that the sale of GW’s 20 percent minority stake in the GW Hospital will help redirect clinical revenue to the MFA, which partially staffed the hospital.

She said the MFA’s “hands were bound” by the District Hospital Partners, the agreement between the University and UHS to operate the GW Hospital, which made it “impossible” for the MFA to become a profitable institution. The former financial relationship between the MFA, UHS and the GW Hospital was unclear from Bass’ statements at the meeting.

Bass said the drop in MFA revenue, which she attributed to the pandemic, pushed officials to restructure the MFA’s relationship with DHP. She said GW’s sale of the minority stake in the hospital will make the MFA profitable, claiming it created a “modern funds flow arrangement,” but

she did not explain how it would do so.

“There was no forward position for the MFA as a clinical enterprise without a reset of the relationship with Universal Health Services,” Bass said.

The report did not detail how the MFA would execute the terms of its new agreements, which, in combination with the MFA’s dramatic financial losses, stirred frustration among faculty senators at the meeting.

The MFA lost nearly \$80 million in fiscal year 2021 – which spans from July 2020 through June 2021 – plummeting 200 percent from its FY 2016 levels. The report states the MFA’s net profits have fallen each fiscal year since 2019, with \$43 and \$48.1 million in losses in FY 2020 and FY 2021, respectively.

Officials plan to increase the MFA’s revenue by more than \$60 million and decrease its expenses by \$2 million to break even in FY

2023 – which ends June 30, according to the report.

Bass’ appearance at last week’s meeting marks the first time she has publicly taken questions about the MFA and its finances since the MFA became a topic of discussion at any Faculty Senate meeting in recent memory.

Faculty senators said schools like the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, which they said has “inadequate” financial support, would be better suited to serve its students and support its faculty if the University directed the funds they are currently loaning to the MFA to the academic schools instead. They said they don’t believe the MFA will break even next year because, without clear communication, officials’ financial projections don’t “make sense.”

Sarah Wagner, a professor of anthropology and a faculty senator, said officials’ efforts to direct funds to the medical enterprise

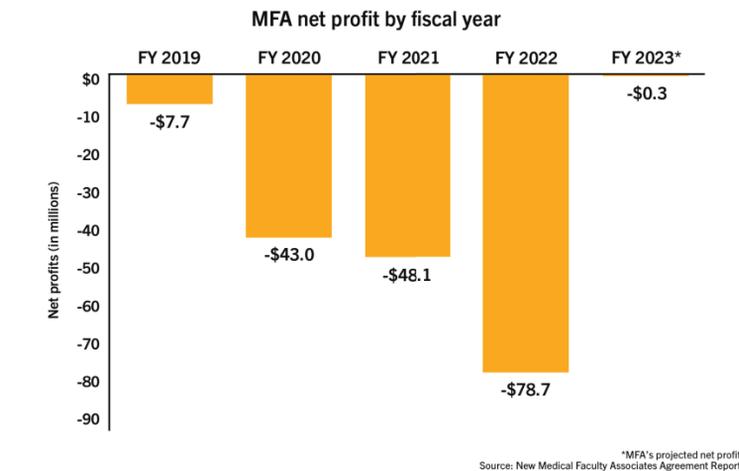
“stings” because CCAS faculty have struggled to hire student researchers and conduct research projects.

“When will we see equal prioritization of the fundamental services and support systems for the units in this university that are currently carrying the MFA on their backs?” she said at the meeting.

Susan Kulp, a faculty senator and co-chair of the senate’s fiscal planning and budgeting committee, said quarterly check-ins about the MFA’s financial statements to the senate would allow senators to gauge how the MFA is moving forward.

She said she “scratched [her] head” to the MFA’s financial plan to break even for FY 2023 because she didn’t see a strategic or quarterly plan for how the MFA will reach its goal.

“It’s just about having access to transparent information and answers, and not an opinion of what we should do,” Kulp said.



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How the landscape of GW and Foggy Bottom evolved over the last five years

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Through remodeled dining venues and demolished buildings, the structural landscape of Foggy Bottom has transformed during the last five years, a sign of the neighborhood’s synchronous relationship with GW.

Since 2017, GW’s property investments have ranged from total demolition to dramatic renovations through multi-million dollar building sales, remodeled dining venues and legal agreements with the surrounding neighborhood and D.C. government. Local residents have reacted to the neighborhood’s evolution with mixed feelings, welcoming GW’s communication about the physical developments but resisting change that fails to include them in the decision-making process.

The changes have delivered Foggy Bottom new restaurants, office spaces and hotel deals likely to bring revenue to the area. But local critics of the changes have disagreed with GW’s demolition of campus buildings they associate with the neighborhood’s history and closures that have stripped dining options from the area.

“GW has a long history of working alongside our local partners and elected in seeking solutions to improve and enhance our city,” University spokesperson Daniel Parra said in an email. “These include contributions to educational, physical and environmental facilities and programs.”

Occupying Foggy Bottom since 1912, GW has long been near-synonymous with the surrounding neighborhood, playing a direct role in many of its changes over the century. Here are some of the most major shifts the two have undergone over the past few years:

GW to reel in millions from hotel sales

GW has initiated the sales of two of its West End properties in the last year, as University planning has shifted toward a more centralized Foggy Bottom approach.

GW has owned One Washington Circle Hotel as an investment property since 2001, but opened the building for residential housing, taking in 282 students to compensate for lost capacity during Thurston Hall’s renovation. GW announced plans to sell the property months later, while officials stressed it was not central to the University’s future real estate plans.

GW sold the property to real estate firm Electra America for about \$12 million in May of 2022. That same month, GW announced plans to sell The

Aston, which mainly housed upperclassmen and is valued at \$38 million, according to the D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue.

Food halls reconfigure dining landscape

Four dining venues have hung in the balance of Foggy Bottom’s remodeled dining scene in the past two years. Ten private dining vendors have opened since last fall in Western Market – a food hall housed inside the GW-owned complex at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue.

At a Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting last month, Commissioner Yannik Omictin said Western Market has become increasingly popular among residents, tourists and students amid a “massive” expansion in vendors and employees.

GW closed public access to the food court in District House’s basement earlier this year because of safety concerns while converting the site into an all-you-can-eat dining hall as part of a revamped, unlimited dining system.

Facility transformations split between demolition, renovation

GW has demolished a pair of aged buildings on campus, each torn down less than a year apart in 2021 and 2022.

The University razed the Waggaman House, which formerly housed the Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service, in October of last year, replacing the structure with a spread of green space at the corner of I and 22nd streets.

Eight months later, GW also tore down Staughton Hall, a building that the University used as a women’s residence hall and a naval research center on 22nd Street for more than 100 years. As of October, officials have said GW does not have any plans for a new building to go in the place of Staughton, but officials said in January that the space is “well-occupied” for green space until any possible redevelopment takes place.

“There are currently no plans to redevelop the site formerly occupied by Staughton Hall,” a University spokesperson said in an email.

GW’s ongoing 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan, which the University has used as a “framework for development” over the last 15 years, marks the lots that held Staughton Hall and the Waggaman House as potential sites for academic development.

Venezuelan student organization to distribute aid, support migrants in D.C.

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A student organization that will fundraise for Venezuelan migrants in D.C. and lead discussions on issues impacting Venezuela relaunched its chapter on campus this semester after a two-year hiatus.

Venezuelan Perspectives will advocate and collect emergency aid for migrants attempting to flee Venezuela’s political and economic crises, including those sent in buses to Union Station from the Texas border during this academic year. Student leaders said members, many of whom are first-generation immigrants, will pull from personal experiences with violence and poverty in Venezuela to inspire their activism and support migrants recovering from the hyperinflation and resource shortages in the country.

A 2022 United Nations Refugee Agency report estimated more than

seven million Venezuelan migrants are seeking asylum worldwide, and about half of Venezuela’s citizens are currently living below the poverty line. Venezuelan migrants continue to arrive in D.C.’s Union Station this fall after Gov. Greg Abbott, R-TX, started transporting asylum-seekers in buses to the District from Texas in late August to protest President Joe Biden’s move to prohibit the expulsion of migrants from the U.S.

Senior Francisco Lara – the president of Venezuelan Perspectives, which was founded in 2016 and was reapposed as a student organization this fall – said he lived in Venezuela until he was 15 before moving to the U.S. with his parents during the peak of Venezuela’s economic crisis when basic necessities were “scarce” and violence was “rampant.”

“It was out of my control, and that really frustrated me,” Lara said. “The reason why I decided to study what I study and come to D.C. was because of that. That’s what’s motivating me to do what I do.”

Venezuela began experiencing an economic collapse in 2014 when the country’s gross domestic product dropped by 3.9 percent, causing 9.3 million Venezuelans to descend into food insecurity.

He said members of the organization plan to meet migrants at Union Station in November to provide food and medical supplies through a volunteer event hosted by the Embassy of Venezuela.

Senior Natalie Chevrel, the vice president of Venezuelan Perspectives, said the organization aims to unite Venezuelan students on a campus where connecting with other Venezuelan students can be challenging among a predominantly white student body.

“We also obviously wanted to help our country in some way,” Chevrel said. “Just because everyone who leaves Venezuela is always thinking of ways to try to help from afar because we love our country, and it’s just really horrible – everything that’s happening.”

Chevrel said the organization plans to host student events this

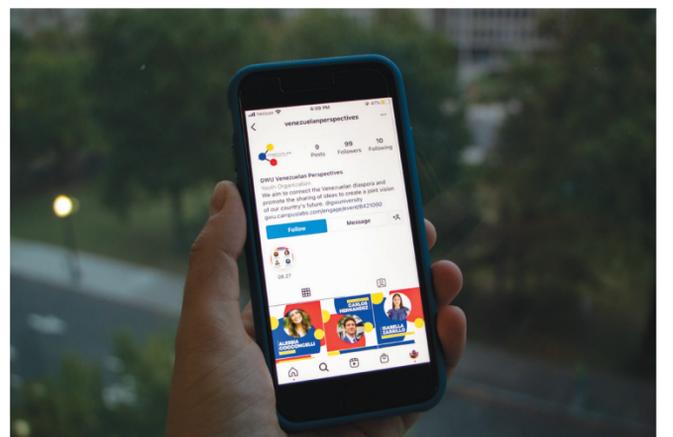


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semester, including a screening of a documentary about the current state of the Amazon Rainforest and a speaker panel of Venezuelan immigrants who will discuss their adjustment to life in the United States. She said this programming

will aim to spread awareness to the GW community about the return of the organization and recruit new members.

“We are the Venezuelan people, and so we want to help in any way we can,” Chevrel said.

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

D.C. MONDAYS: WALKING THE FOGGY BOTTOM HISTORIC DISTRICT
 Monday, Oct. 17 | Noon EDT | Virtual | Free
 Join Foggy Bottom Association History Project Co-Chairs Frank Leone and Denise Vogt on a virtual walking tour of Foggy Bottom, tracing its history back through the decades.

BOOK PRESENTATION: THE MOSCOW FACTOR
 Wednesday, Oct. 19 | 2:30 p.m. EDT | Elliott School of International Affairs | Free
 Tune into an event with author Eugene Fishel, discussing his book "The Moscow Factor," which takes a look at recent U.S. policy toward Ukraine.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Oct. 16, 1972

Officials evacuated Lisner Auditorium after campus police received a bomb threat while a rock concert was taking place in the building, The Hatchet reported.

Increases to employee contributions are 'reasonable' given inflation, experts say

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Officials will increase employee's contributions to medical, dental and vision coverage in January, according to an annual employee benefits report released earlier this month.

The report states the University will raise employee medical coverage contributions by a "nominal" 1.3 percent, while dental and vision coverage contributions will increase by 1.4 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively. Experts in academic human resources said the rise in contributions – percentages taken away from employee's salaries to fund healthcare services – is similar to increases at other universities and are minimal considering the impact of inflation on the costs of healthcare services.

Officials increased medical coverage contributions by 1 percent, but decreased dental coverage contributions by 1.5 percent in last year's updates.

University spokesperson Kathleen Fackelmann said the increases to medical, dental and vision coverage contributions are based on the annual increase in the cost of healthcare services and GW employees' "overall utilization" of the healthcare services the University offers.

"Each year, GW works with its vendor partners to review utilization of health and welfare benefits programs with the goal of providing the most comprehensive benefits offerings, at the most reasonable costs," she said in an email. "The GW benefits package is designed to attract and retain faculty and staff and support the health and well-being goals for participants."

The report states that 80 percent of full-time participants in the University's medical plan will see an average increase of less than \$5 per month in their medical contributions, compared to the 90 percent who experienced the same average monthly increases in their contributions last year.

The report states monthly increases will range from less than \$1 to about \$11 for employee medical contributions, according to an employee's plan, salary band and coverage level. Increases to employee medical contributions ranged from \$1 to \$8 last year.

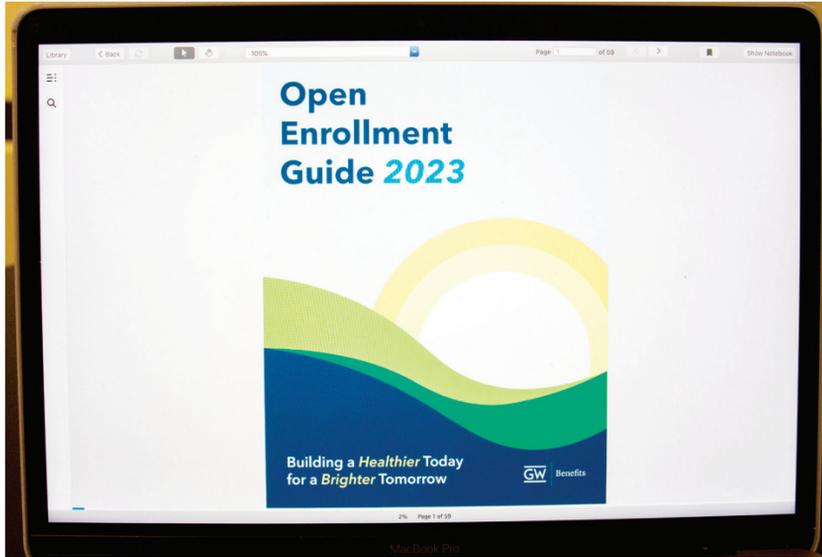


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Experts in academic human resources said the rise in contributions – percentages taken away from employees' salaries to fund health care services – is similar to increases at other universities and are minimal considering the impact of inflation on the costs of health care services.

Monthly employee dental contributions will increase by less than \$2, and monthly employee vision contributions will increase by less than \$1 for all plans and coverage tiers, according to the report.

Officials will launch a new enrollment system for employee insurance benefits, which has "single sign-on capability" that allows employees to not sign in to the system if they are already logged into their GW account on their GW computer, in January. The new system will operate through bswift, an online benefits enrollment and administration system.

Experts in academic human resources said higher education institutions, like GW, must ensure that employees are able to afford the increases in their contributions and should prioritize benefits to improve mental health and well-being.

Robert Roop, a professor and chief human resource officer at Webster University, said a minute growth in employee contributions to insurance benefits are in line with increases at other universities.

"No one likes their benefit cost increase, let's accept facts," Roop said. "But a 1.5 to 2 percent increase in this market is really excellent and should be well received."

Roop, a member of Webster University's Panel of Experts on Human Resources, said higher education institutions may seek to improve their employee benefits by lowering employee contributions to outperform peer institutions, like Georgetown Univer-

sity. He said decreases in employee contributions must reflect the institution's ability to pay for those benefits and increases must reflect the ability of employees to pay.

"It's called cost sharing, and you can only pass the increase back to the employees to a percentage that they can afford," Roop said. "So the improvement really comes back to cost management."

Roop said employee welfare beyond medical insurance is becoming a serious concern, and higher education institutions like GW must prioritize benefits that improve employee wellbeing to secure the health and happiness of their employees.

"The idea of employee wellbeing is becoming a very, very leading issue in benefit discussions," Roop said. "So as they try to improve, they should focus more globally on the total benefit, not just the medical."

Fred Foulkes, the director of the Human Resources Policy Institute at Boston University, said the increases in employee contributions are "reasonable" in regards to the impact inflation has had on healthcare costs.

The annual U.S. national health expenditure by 2027 is likely to be \$370 billion higher than projections of annual expenditures made prior to the COVID-19 pandemic because of the impact of inflation, according to an estimate from McKinsey & Company – a global management consulting firm.

"The costs are going up

because of inflation, and then if you look at what's happened to salaries of nurses and a lot of new drugs, which are very expensive," he said. "So it's easy to understand why the cost is going up, so I guess the question is how should they be shared between the employer and the employee?"

Foulkes said it is increasingly necessary for employee healthcare benefits to include resources for mental health because of the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on people's mental well-being.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that a majority of surveyed higher education faculty members in October 2020 experienced increased levels of "frustration, anxiety and stress" due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report states that the University offers employees who are eligible for the benefits and members of their households five free counseling sessions through the GW Employee Assistance Program – a program that assists GW employees with work-life balance concerns, like dealing with mental health issues.

Employees who are eligible for the University's benefits and their dependents, who are 13 years or older, can also receive five weeks of free chat therapy through Talkspace, a text therapy app, according to the report.

"There's the big need to have good benefits with respect to mental health," he said. "That's really become much more significant during COVID."

CRIME LOG

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY/VANDALISM

Mitchell Hall
 10/7/2022 – 6:17 a.m.
 Closed Case
 A staff member reported that a student discharged a fire extinguisher in a Mitchell Hall hallway.
Referred to the Division for Student Affairs.

DESTROYING/DEFACING STRUCTURES

Hillel Center
 10/7/2022 – 8:30 a.m.
 Closed Case
 Staff reported vandalism caused by leftover adhesive from posters glued to structures outside the Hillel Center. Statements like "Zionists f*** off" and "Free Palestine" were on the posters.
Referred to the Metropolitan Police Department.

DESTROYING/DEFACING STRUCTURES

Various Locations
 10/6/2022 – Unknown
 Closed Case
 Staff reported vandalism caused by leftover adhesive from posters glued to the structures across campus like light poles and electric boxes.
Referred to MPD.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY/VANDALISM

Mitchell Hall
 10/8/2022 – 8:30 p.m.
 Closed Case
 A male student damaged his residence hall room's entry door while attempting to gain access to his suite. The student forced the door open after the door's GWorld scanner wasn't working.
Referred to DSA.

ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON

Madison Hall
 10/9/2022 – 2:30 a.m.
 Open Case
 A male student reported being the victim of an assault with a dangerous weapon by another male student. The complainant decided to press criminal charges.
Referred to MPD.

THREATS TO DO BODILY HARM, SIMPLE ASSAULT (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)

Madison Hall
 10/9/2022 – Multiple
 Closed Case
 A male student said that they were the victim of a simple assault and threats to do bodily harm by their male roommate, the same individual reported for assault with a dangerous weapon.
Referred to DSA.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Public Property On Campus (600 Block of 23rd Street)
 10/11/2022 – 3:10 p.m.
 Open Case
 GW Police Department and MPD officers responded to a report of an attempted robbery. Upon arrival, GWPD officers made contact with a female student who reported an unknown male subject attempted to take her wallet after she declined their request for money. GWPD and MPD officers canvassed the area but were unable to locate the subject.
Case open.

THEFT II/OTHER

1900 Block of F Street
 10/12/2022 – Unknown
 Open Case
 A male student reported their electric scooter stolen.
Case open.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY

Duques Hall
 10/12/2022 – 10:51 a.m.
 Closed Case
 GWPD officers responded to reports of an unknown male subject who made threatening remarks about bombs potentially being inside University buildings. The subject left the area and was later stopped by MPD officers. GWPD officers responded and after learned the subject had a recent bar notice banning them from GW property, and issued an updated bar notice to the subject.
Subject barred.

— Compiled by Grace Chinowsky.

SNAPSHOT

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A hot air balloon peeks over a restroom at the Prince William County Hot Air Balloon Festival Sunday.

Blue Line closures, delayed shuttles hinder students' commutes to campus

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Commuter students are bracing for extended travel times and long lines on the Metro in Northern Virginia after the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority delayed the reopening of six stations until early November.

In a release issued late last month, WMATA announced it pushed back the reopening of six Blue and Yellow line stations south of Reagan National Airport from Oct. 23 to Nov. 6 to reinforce the ground under the tracks at the newly constructed Potomac Yard station after encountering stability issues last month. WMATA began offering free shuttle service between all six stops during the closures, but student commuters said they must now account for shuttle delays of about 15 minutes with diverted riders building up at open stations.

"On behalf of our customers and the City of Alexandria, we apologize for this inconvenience," Andy Off, WMATA's executive vice president of capital delivery, said in a release. "We will continue to work as quickly as possible to deliver a high-quality station, and we are doing everything within our power to move the project forward in a safe and responsible way."

The release states that free Blue Line Local shuttles run between the stations every 10 to 20 minutes during all Metrorail operating hours, while the Blue Line Express shuttles come every six minutes between the Franconia-Springfield to Pentagon stations during rush hours – 4:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. During all other hours, the Blue Line Express operates from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on weekends with arrivals spaced out by every 15 minutes.

Enzer Khurshid, a sophomore living in Arlington, said she was "disappointed"

to hear about the stop closures, which she said lengthened her commute time by 15 to 20 minutes because of the shuttles' "unpredictable" arrival times. She said even if she plans her commute ahead of time, she still risks being late to campus.

Khurshid said she now takes the express shuttle bus from Franconia-Springfield to Pentagon station, where she gets on the Blue line to Foggy Bottom. She said the buses have arrived late twice this semester and caused her to miss the next Blue Line train from Pentagon station, which adds seven to 10 minutes to her trip.

"Normally, it would have taken me less than 30 minutes to get to Foggy Bottom, but now to get to campus, it takes me around 45 minutes, sometimes even 50, depending on how long I'd have to wait for the bus and then the actual Metro train," Khurshid said.

Alexandra Drotter, a junior living about 10 minutes away from the Franconia-Springfield station, said her normal commute has



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lengthened from 55 minutes to 65 minutes since the closure of long lines of riders waiting for shuttles.

"It's hard to time yourself because the bus takes a couple of minutes to fill,

so I don't really know what exactly their schedule is," Drotter said.

Izaz Ahmad, a freshman living an hour away from campus, said his commute to GW has grown by 20 minutes because of the closures.

He said he now drives 30 minutes from his home in Woodbridge to reach the Franconia-Springfield station.

"It adds 20 minutes to my ride and getting to campus," Ahmad said.

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SA freshmen prioritize recruitment, mental health despite lower membership

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After downsizing the executive cabinet this spring, the Student Association has lost more than half its freshmen membership and plans to redouble its recruitment efforts to revive its younger base.

Student Association President Christian Zidouemba said the number of freshmen on the SA has dropped from about 20 freshmen on the executive branch last term to six this term. He said he did not open applications for executive positions to the entire University, instead opting to encourage freshmen who interacted with the SA at events, like the SA's orientation event and the student organization fair, to apply.

"I think me being able to have efficiency is key," he said. "Often-times, you have a lot of people, you

don't know how to manage all of them."

He said about 10 people applied for positions on the executive branch earlier this school year.

Zidouemba said he publicized position openings on the SA's Instagram and his personal page. He said he focuses on delegating tasks to freshmen, giving them opportunities to prove themselves.

"Those are the students that you have, people who are motivated, people who do their research, people who are willing to do the work," he said.

Freshmen who joined the SA's executive branch said they hope to connect with the entire student body and provide resources for mental health.

Freshman Adam Galland – the SA's acting director of inventory who helps disburse the SA's budget to student organizations – said he wants to make the allocations process more efficient as a response to this year's decreased budget. The

SA's budget dropped by \$300,000 from its previous term after losing funding for student organizations to the University-Wide Program Fund earlier this year.

"Managing that type of money for students isn't just a civic responsibility," he said. "It's a fiduciary one."

Galland said he and his fellow freshmen on the executive branch are prioritizing outreach to other freshmen and planning a variety of events for the coming months on both the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses to spread information about the SA's ongoing work and "mental health initiatives."

The SA Senate is set to vote on Galland's nomination Monday night.

Ethan Fitzgerald, a project assistant in the executive branch, said mental health and school spirit are his top focuses for his position. He said he wants to make sure freshmen are aware of the resources offered for mental health and feel

comfortable using them.

"Coming out of COVID, as a lot of people went through more difficult times than usual, we have a really great opportunity to destigmatize the issue," he said.

Jenna Do, the director of first-year outreach, said she hopes to create a lounge for commuter students to help build community, and she hopes to create a "mentorship program" between upperclassmen and freshmen. She said she plans to reach out to student organizations that focus on mental health to recruit people to participate in the program.

Do said the SA is planning to collaborate with the Residence Hall Association to hold events designed to connect freshmen with the SA and the larger campus community. She said the executive branch is considering distributing food near the Mount Vernon Express stop during midterms to provide stress relief for students on the Vern.

Do said she has plenty of sup-

port from senior SA executive branch members to guide her in her position.

Special Adviser to the President Sinan Kassim said he works directly with Zidouemba to promote inclusivity and engagement with the SA. He said promoting a culture of respect will help unify the body.

"I believe that representation will go a long way in creating that same environment within all of the students here at GW," he said.

Kassim said he is optimistic that his experiences in the SA will foster his development as a leader. He said he hopes to hold "roundtable discussions," which would bring together administrators and students to have "honest conversations" about inclusivity and unity on campus.

"That's something that I've directly been working on to help connect first-year students and all students to our administration to talk about ideas and what we can do better here," he said.

Student groups denounce World Bank, IMF fossil fuel funding stakes

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More than 100 protesters gathered in front of the World Bank Friday afternoon alongside GW student groups to denounce the World Bank and International Monetary Fund's stakes in the fossil fuel industry and demand climate action from its top officials.

The For People, For Planet protest – organized by national organizations like Big Shift Global and Debt for Climate – gathered in Edward R. Murrow Park Friday morning before marching across Pennsylvania Avenue and through campus, chanting against alleged climate inaction from top government officials like World Bank President David Malpass. GW student groups like Students Against Imperialism, Sunrise GW and GW Dissenters participated in the joint calls for action following a week of organized teach-ins to educate students about the IMF and World Bank's alleged hand in the climate crisis and art-builds to prepare signs and banners for Friday's protest.

The World Bank and the IMF, both headquartered in Foggy Bottom, are organizations dedicated to eradicating poverty globally through economic policies and financial assistance. The week's actions aimed to draw government officials' attention during last week's 2022 Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank held in Foggy Bottom, which brought together international officials to discuss global issues like poverty eradication, economic development and global aid.

The week of action follows calls to acknowledge Malpass as a "climate denier" after he refused to comment on his beliefs regarding human impact on



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Student groups like Students Against Imperialism, Sunrise GW and GW Dissenters marched to demand divestment following a week of organized teach-ins and art-builds on campus to prepare for Friday's protest.

greenhouse gas emissions, saying "I'm not a scientist." Big Shift Global also reported earlier this month that the World Bank has provided nearly \$15 billion to fossil fuel projects following the 2015 Paris Agreement after promising to withdraw funding from oil and gas extraction projects in 2017.

Rachel Lin, a junior and the co-chair of GW Students Against Imperialism, said she worked as a part of the For People, For Planet coalition's as part of the logistics crew organizing food donations and securing permits for the week's actions.

She said SAI also hosted teach-ins to educate students on the histories of the World Bank and the IMF and art-builds, which offered a space for students to create banner and signs for the week's actions.

"I think many GW students want to attend protests and other political actions but worry about going alone, so at the most basic level, our teach-in and art-build provided a safe group that students could join," Lin said in an email.

Pada Schaffner, a junior and a hub coordinator for Sunrise GW, said he joined Friday's protest to call for an end to financial institutions like the World Bank continuously funding fossil fuel projects and policies,

which he says put Indigenous communities at risk.

"Major financial institutions like the IMF and the World Bank have a lot of power backed by currency," Schaffner said. "As such, they have a role to play in fighting the climate crisis."

Jelina Liu, a senior and a co-founder of the anti-war student movement GW Dissenters, said she participated in a bike blockade Wednesday night outside a World Bank and IMF dinner that stopped traffic on 23rd Street and a noise demonstration on Thursday to interrupt the G-20 finance ministers press conference with cowbells and musical instruments.

"We're just letting the world know that we're not going to go down without a fight," Liu said.

Liu said she hopes World Bank and IMF officials cancel the debt of developing countries in the Global South who have accepted loans in exchange for adopting regulations benefiting the fossil fuel industry through fossil fuel subsidies.

"So hopefully, people get more involved actually on the streets and actually pressuring people in power instead of thinking that if they get a position of power that they're going to be able to use that for good," said

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Heard said the annual autumnal celebration of Oktoberfest in Potomac Square was an "ambitious" program and will help the club gain visibility among the student body in its first year back on campus.

German Club celebrates culture at Oktoberfest to kick off programming

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A club dedicated to sharing German culture and language kicked off its semester of events on campus with an Oktoberfest celebration Sunday.

Student leaders said GW German Club, also known as GW Deutscher Kulturverein, has accumulated more than 70 members since its first meeting last month and plans to hold events for students to engage with German culture and meet other students who are interested in the culture throughout the year. They said professors in the German department approached students studying the language in the spring to revive the German Club after it dissolved in recent years.

They said more than 40 students attended the club's first meeting, and members plan on hosting events this semester like a German language night, where students can speak to one another in German, a German trivia night and more general body meetings.

Junior Walker Heard, the president of the German Club, said the student organization's goals include offering a tour of the German embassy and hosting a joint meeting with American University's German club. He said the German department encouraging students to join helped with recruitment, and the turnout for their first meeting was "way more" than what he was expecting.

"I hope they see the German club as a place where everyone, no matter if you're German or not, can come in and have fun," he said.

Heard said the annual autumnal celebration of Oktoberfest in Potomac Square Sunday was an "ambitious" program and will help the club gain visibility among the student body.

"Right now it's midterm season," he said. "I really wanted to provide a way to be able to just take a break and relax and have a good time."

More than 50 students attended Oktoberfest, where the German Club served traditional German food like bratwurst and pretzels, catered by European restaurant Old Europe. Student groups who performed at the event included a cappella group GW Vibes, Balance Dance Group and the GW Jazz Orchestra. Student organizations also like Archery Club and Chess Club hosted tables at the event.

Senior Ziming Wang, the events organizer of the German Club, said student organizations like the Student Association, the Armenian Student Association and the Hawaii Club co-sponsored the event with funding and sent club representatives to attend Oktoberfest. He said the co-sponsors also played a role in promoting Oktoberfest to their members.

Junior Eugenie Pflieger volunteered at Oktoberfest after attending the first German Club meeting and helped arrange the tables and catering at the event.

"I think Oktoberfest is important because, like every culture, they have a big celebration where it brings people together," she said. "And Oktoberfest brings people together."

Senior Shannon Sutherland, the vice president of

the German Club, said she was one of the members who founded the club last spring, and the Oktoberfest event marked a restoration of a GW tradition in Foggy Bottom – the first was held in 2010. She said student leaders spoke with the previous German Club president for advice on running a cultural club, and they donated supplies for events like German flags, tape and other decorations.

"They've been really helpful for us, people that were involved in the former club, even though I couldn't exactly tell you how similar we are to what they were doing at the time," she said.

Sutherland said the club hosted a fundraiser selling spaghetti, a German ice cream sundae, in Kogan Plaza earlier this month to raise money for Oktoberfest. She said they have spent the past month reaching out to food vendors and recruiting students to help volunteer for the event.

"I think one of our goals is to just make a really good impression on the student body and have everybody have a really good time and just enjoy themselves, enjoy the food," she said.

Freshman Mark Rappaport, the first-year representative of the club and a sports reporter for The Hatchet, said his family carries German heritage, which pushed him to attend the first meeting. He said his biggest responsibility on the executive board is to publicize events, like the Oktoberfest celebration, on the club's Instagram page.

"I want to enjoy the club, make friends," he said. "I think that's the main point of clubs. And that definitely goes for our club as well."

GW offering nursing courses to Virginia high school students

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The School of Nursing and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences are offering dual enrollment courses this fall to Alexandria high school students who want to enter the nursing field.

The Governor's Health Sciences Academy, now in its second year, allows high school students in Alexandria City Public Schools to take dual enrollment nursing courses with GW and attain a Clinical Nursing Assistant certification in Virginia after completing 18 college credit hours through the program. Coordinators within the two GW schools said they developed the nursing aide program to increase diversity in Virginia's nursing field and encourage students to become nurses to address the nationwide staffing shortage in hospitals due to national population increases.

Jennifer Walsh, a clinical assistant professor of nursing and the academy course director of the nurse aide program, said officials developed the dual enrollment courses to help high school students practice clinical skills of nursing like checking vital signs. She said after the students graduate from the program and pass the certified nursing assistants licensure exam, they are qualified to work as nursing assistants out of high school and can earn about \$20 per hour.

She said the program is open to high school juniors and seniors from Min-

nie Howard High School and Alexandria City High School who will take Nurse Aide I and Nurse Aide II at Alexandria City High School. She said ACHS students could take nurse aide courses at ACHS prior to the partnership with GW, but they struggled with the clinical, hands-on components of the classes like putting on personal protective equipment.

Walsh said University officials merged the medical school's Governor's Health Sciences Academy – a program for high school students to earn college credit in "career and technical education" – with the ACPS nursing courses to offer college credit for the classes.

"We identify some of the challenges students may have," Walsh said. "We definitely want to make the course developmentally appropriate."

Walsh said about 80 to 90 percent of students who have graduated from the program indicated in an exit survey that they wanted to continue in the health science field after they finished the program.

"We basically have a great partnership in order to identify those high school students' needs and to make the best courses that they can add to a good foundational nursing course," Walsh said.

Karen Dawn, an assistant professor of nursing and one of the coordinators of the program, said she and Walsh designed the dual enrollment courses to address the nationwide nursing shortages, especially as their demand increases with an aging American population. Dawn said an increasing

workload, stagnant incomes and long work hours have led to nursing shortages across the country.

In 2021, about one percent of people in Virginia are registered nurses, but 1.2 million new registered nurses by 2030 could solve the nationwide shortage, according to a study by the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences.

"We need to recruit more nurses," Dawn said. "How do you do that? One way is to develop this type of partnership with people who are young and thinking about what career they may want to go and get into."

Dawn said students in the program toured the Virginia Science and Technology Campus and spent a day in the School of Nursing's simulation center, an area in the nursing school where students can simulate patient interactions using real equipment, like EKG monitors in a surgical room. Dawn said she wishes the students could visit GW's campus again, but due to a bus driver shortage and a lack of funding from the University for transportation, they are unable to bring the students back to campus and are keeping courses at ACPS.

Dawn said students who take dual enrollment courses in the nurse aide program will be able to earn a college degree with less schooling after high school and have firsthand experience in nursing before entering the workforce.

"This is an opportunity for them to actually see what nursing is like at a young age, which is really foundational for these adolescents," Dawn said.



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Researchers working to reduce Alaska wildfires sparked by power lines

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GW professors are collaborating on a research project about the impact of energy grids on wildfires to improve wildfire resiliency in Alaska and the Arctic regions.

Foundations for Improving Resilience in the Energy Sector against Wildfires on Alaskan Lands, known as FIREWALL, is a four-year School of Engineering and Applied Sciences project aiming to mitigate the effects of Alaskan and Arctic wildfires caused by the energy sector. The project's researchers will conduct interviews in Alaskan communities to research potential infrastructure projects that can build resilience to the increasing number of wildfires in heavily forested areas in Alaska and around the Arctic that leave the regions.

Robert Orttung, the director of research for Sustainable GW and a research professor of international affairs, said he is a collaborator on FIREWALL, and his expertise in social sciences will connect the project's results to ordinary people and policymakers who can use the energy research in their day-to-day lives. He said FIREWALL researchers will interview community members to gauge their understanding of wildfire prevention and if the engineering solutions are applicable

to their specific community.

He said professors in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences are working to create electrical wire infrastructure that will turn off electricity before falling wires hits the ground to reduce sparks that can start wildfires.

"That would be a pretty impressive piece of technology, and that kind of understanding of the signals and how to respond to them across the wire that technology could be used anywhere in the world," Orttung said. "And wouldn't just be specific to Alaska."

Orttung said the project received a nearly \$3 million grant from the National Science Foundation in early October to bring experts from a slew of fields, like researchers from GW Law and the School of Business, to ensure the project is a multidisciplinary effort. He said opening the project to different disciplines makes it more effective because it creates discussion about policy, business and profit implications.

"There's a lot of other partners outside of GW too that have direct experience in fighting fires, so it's bringing together a lot of different kinds of knowledge and that experience," he said.

Sebastian Neumayer, an assistant professor of computer science at the University of Alaska at Anchorage and collaborator on the FIREWALL project, said FIREWALL examines the social, natural and physical en-

vironments unique to Arctic regions.

"The great thing about this FIREWALL project is just how relevant it is to Alaska," Neumayer said. "It's great that we now have the ability to go and address some of the fundamental issues that wildfires are causing in the energy sector."

Neumayer said FIREWALL researchers will continually make their findings available through the project for Alaskan communities to build increased awareness and preparation for wildfires.

Experts in fire management and advising said well-managed forests, through prescribed burning in areas with lots of dry fuel like shrubs and dead logs, can decrease the chance for wildfires.

John Bailey, a professor of civil culture and fire management at Oregon State University's College of Forestry, said climate change worsens the frequency of forest fires because the increased temperature has made fire fuel "crispier" and more flammable. He said involvement from people, like "careless" homeowners who use grills irresponsibly during fire season, plays a large role in the number of wildfires.

Humans cause 85 percent of all wildfires in the United States by leaving campfires unattended, burning debris, equipment use and malfunction, discarded cigarettes and intentional arson.

"We have climate, and then we have more humans



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Humans cause 85 percent of the wildfires in the United States by leaving campfires unattended, burning debris, misusing equipment, discarding cigarettes and committing intentional arson.

out there in the wildland and urban interface," Bailey said.

He said his expertise lies in forest fires, focusing on natural kindling like human-made structures. He said several power companies are being blamed for causing fires in the 2020 Liberty Fires in his home state of Oregon.

Bailey said working with utility companies to bury power infrastructure is the "ultimate solution" for eliminating wildfires caused by the energy sector. He said after the Santa Rosa fires in California, the power company PG&E plans to bury more than a thousand miles

of power lines to reduce the risk of wildfires.

"You will ultimately come to the issue that it's filled with the powerlines spark that is fuel underneath of them," Bailey said. "So the ultimate solution in my opinion is burying."

Luca Carmignani, an assistant fire adviser at the University of California Cooperative Extension, said his work looks to provide science-based solutions to communities and local agencies to improve urban interfaces and wildfire resilience. He said moving home power systems to individual grids can help limit fires during high risk seasons so that

power can be shut off on a smaller scale rather than large power outages.

He said building long-term solutions around wildfires lies in equipping communities with prevention methods, like fuel reduction awareness about prescribed burns and energy use, and that it is key to consider people at the helm of the issue.

"I mean most of the time we see the destructive aspect of fires, but in order to prevent that, we need to change our attitude towards fire and consider it as part of the landscape, part of our life," Carmignani said. "Especially the Western United States that is fire prone."

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“We can successfully celebrate historical styles without omitting their designers and the communities of color who had more than just a fashionable reason for creating them.”

— ABRIGAIL WILLIAMS on 10/10/2022

With paradoxical policies, GW’s housing requirement demands reassessment

STAFF EDITORIAL

From studio apartments in Dupont Circle to townhouses in Columbia Heights, students have plenty of options to find off-campus housing in the District – so long as they’ve done their time on campus. Between D.C. law and GW’s own policies, freshmen, sophomores and juniors must live in residence halls unless they meet six specific criteria, ranging from their marital status to their religious beliefs, that will garner exemptions from GW.

But neither students nor officials are above bending the University’s rules to transfer campus residents to off-campus housing. GW’s irregularly enforced housing requirement isn’t fostering community in Foggy Bottom. Caught in between deceptions and exemptions, it’s hardly a rule at all.

D.C. law requires the University to house all freshmen and sophomores on campus except those who are permanent residents, veterans, married, disabled or whose religious beliefs can’t be accommodated in an on-campus residence hall. That changed when GW instituted a three-year residency requirement in 2014 to “further support students’ academic and campus experiences” and assuage residents’ concerns over their noisy and disrespectful Foggy Bottom neighbors.

GW’s three-year residency requirement comes with exemptions of its own, as juniors can submit requests for an exemption to Campus Living and Residential Education on a first-come, first-served basis. But that policy has also changed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Regulations for on-campus housing for the 2020-21 academic year meant that there were 1,500 undergraduate students living on campus compared to about 2,300 undergraduates living off campus in spring 2021. Even as officials planned to reopen campus during the last academic year, they granted exemptions to rising sophomores and juniors with long-term leases.

But after students flocked back to campus, GW appeared to be short on housing. To clear a waitlist of about 250 students for this school



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year, officials waived the three-year requirement and offered to reduce students’ price of housing by thousands of dollars if they accepted another roommate. But if the requirement was such a cornerstone of the University’s academic and campus culture, then why would officials waive it so often in the first place?

On- and off-campus housing is a balancing act – it’s in GW’s financial interest to charge as many students as possible for room and board, but the reality is that there are only so many empty beds on campus.

Even as GW has shown it’s willing to waive the three-year housing requirement, students have broken

the rules entirely. To circumvent the residency requirement, freshmen and sophomores have submitted false addresses, lied about their faith and doctored utility bills. That determination flies in the face of the Code of Student Conduct, but it should be a wake-up call for officials – in the scramble to house

students, all parties are ignoring the third-year requirement.

With or without the University’s approval, students are going to seek alternatives to GW’s motley collection of residence halls. Off-campus apartments can offer more space and better amenities at a lower cost than residence halls, and some like The Avenue and The President next to the I Street Whole Foods, are closer to the heart of GW’s Foggy Bottom Campus than buildings along the outskirts, like 1959 E Street.

Eight years after its implementation, the housing requirement is a paradox – its exemptions are crucial to the University’s operation and students’ comfort, but they call the requirement’s very purpose into question. What’s ostensibly a hard and fast rule shifts with GW’s available housing stock before the start of the academic year.

The three-year housing requirement is long overdue for a reassessment and perhaps a replacement that GW, students and our Foggy Bottom neighbors can agree upon. The selectively enforced requirement simply isn’t working. It’s no guarantee against students’ bad behavior in the neighborhood. It arbitrarily restricts or permits them from looking for off-campus housing. And it forces the University to search for more space to house students on campus.

Ending the three-year requirement would nearly certainly represent a financial loss for the University, which must account for annual room and board costs in addition to “megadorm” renovation projects, like those at District House and Thurston Hall. But we feel GW serves us best as an institution of higher learning, not a landlord – we know our housing needs and financial limits better than Campus Living and Residential Education. And if extracting room and board from students is truly key to GW’s financial solvency, officials have a bigger problem than who can live off campus.

Students can make GW their home, but they don’t need to live there to do so.

Students losing reproductive rights at home need GW’s support in D.C.

Students who are getting ready to go home for fall, Thanksgiving and winter break this semester may find themselves returning to states that no longer guarantee their reproductive rights after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June. GW currently offers minimal aid to students in need of reproductive care, but it should provide the abortion pill through the Student Health Center and implement emergency contraceptive vending machines on campus.

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GW students who reside permanently in states with anti-abortion laws could face time in prison if they attempt to get an abortion there or face serious mental and physical injury if legally required to carry a pregnancy to term. Thirteen states have currently banned abortion with little to no exceptions since June, and five states have banned it within various time constraints ranging from six to 14 weeks of pregnancy. More than 4,000 students in 2021 came from states where abortion is now banned to some extent, according to GW’s enrollment data.

Both officials and

students need to do everything they can to ensure the safety of their community. But the Student Health Center can only prescribe birth control, offer “contraception counseling” and help students obtain emergency contraception if they have the Student Health Insurance Plan. Since not all students enroll in GW’s insurance plan, access to contraceptives through the SHC isn’t available to everyone.

Higher education institutions like Boston University and Barnard College are miles ahead of GW in terms of reproductive health resources. In March, Boston University joined several other colleges and universities in installing vending machines stocked with morning-after pills. Sold for \$7.25 in BU’s vending machines, the pills are much more affordable than pharmaceutical prices nationwide. And next fall, the Barnard College Primary Care Health Service will begin providing the abortion pill next fall, which individuals can take within 10 weeks of pregnancy to abort a fetus. Being forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term could jeopardize students’ education, so GW should give them accessible options to maintain their reproductive health.

GW has shared a series of

articles and Q and A’s about what the overturn of Roe v. Wade means for anyone who can get pregnant. But these articles had no links to resources or clinics around D.C. where students could turn to if need be.

Students enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan can access emergency contraceptives through the SHC and utilize clinics around D.C., including ones close to campus like The Dupont Clinic or Washington Surgi-Clinic on F Street. But in a city like D.C. where abortion is still readily available, GW needs to provide reproductive care to protect students’ rights and their ability to access higher education.

The time is now for GW to implement emergency contraception vending machines and offer the abortion pill through the SHC. The thousands of students who come from states that have outlawed abortion are relying on GW as a safe haven for reproductive rights. As students begin to return home for Fall Break and the holidays that follow, the University must make reproductive care accessible – especially when their home state will not.

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Metro’s job is to transport people, not discriminate with unfair fines

In theory, public transportation is for everyone, regardless of income. But while GW students mindlessly tap in and out of Metro stations and buses with U-Pass, some low-income residents face the heavy burden of transit costs, racial profiling and, later this fall, fare evasion fines. These fines represent a turn away from a truly public transportation system. The D.C. Council must address Metro’s shortcomings and pass transit legislation that protects all D.C. residents’ right to use the city’s public transit.

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The Metro Transit Police Department will actively fine fare evaders \$50 in D.C. and \$100 in Maryland and Virginia starting in November to curb the rise in pandemic-era fare evasion and Metro revenue loss. D.C. decriminalized fare evasion in 2018 after transit police officers disproportionately targeted Black Metro riders, who accounted for 91 percent of criminal citations from 2016 to 2018. While Metro and MTPD loosely enforced those fines for the past three years, a full reinstatement of formal ticketing could lead to similar racial discrimination.

Low-income riders who avoid Metro fares will struggle to bear the burden of the reinstated fare evasion fine. Yearly fare evasion costs the agency \$40 million, or two percent of its projected \$2.4 billion operating budget in 2023. The agency is facing a funding gap of \$185 million in the next fiscal year, but it shouldn’t fill it by doling out tickets when low-income riders already struggle to pay the current \$2 to \$6 Metro fare.

Getting around the city by foot, bike or car may be an option for low-income residents who cannot afford the daily transit costs, but it can be particularly unsafe – Wards 7 and 8 comprise nearly 43 percent of total traffic fatalities in D.C. since 2011. GW students need to be conscious of the privilege of how unlimited transit, in the form of our U-Pass cards, impacts our way of life.

WMATA’s should first eliminate fare evasion fines as a whole, but if the agency fails to do so, then the D.C. Council should supplement Metro’s faults with new transit legislation. Improving public transit access for everyone is key to combating poverty in the city, and placing additional fines on top of public transit costs only exacerbates this issue. Adding an option in D.C. for individuals below the poverty line to use the

Metro at a reduced rate could help alleviate some of the noticeable wealth disparities in this city.

Late last month, D.C.’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment unanimously voted to advance the Metro for D.C. Act, which would grant \$100 subsidies to most D.C. residents for the city’s Metrobus and Metrorail system and send a clear message about how public transit should operate in the DMV – with the public in mind. With the bill set to go before the Council as early as this month, city lawmakers should expedite the legislative process as much as possible and vote for the act when the time comes. And to make sure that the legislation becomes reality, students should cold-call Council members to ensure their support.

WMATA’s aims to “provide safe, equitable, reliable and cost-effective public transit.” This reinstatement of fare evasion fines is not only a violation of their intended aim, but a rebuff of their commitment to D.C.’s public. If Metro won’t acknowledge the inhumanity of burying low-income riders struggling to pay the current fare under even further costs, then the D.C. Council must.

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The Hatchet's Guide to:

Halloween

GW-themed costumes for spooky season

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Searching for Halloween costume inspiration? Look no further than Foggy Bottom. These GW-themed get-ups are light on the budget and easy to assemble, so you're ready to celebrate Halloween in no time. From happy hippos to the dreaded devil's advocate, check out some costume ideas that scream Buff and Blue.

Student Court

What'll you need: A black sheet, white collared shirt and tie

Student Association President Christian Zidouemba is in, and former acting Chief of Staff Cordelia Scales is out after this month's Student Court decision. But ribbing GW's wannabe politicians is always in style. The Student Court's seven berobed justices are inexplicably the best-dressed judicial bench this side of Capitol Hill. If you're more into planning group costumes than pondering constitutional questions, then this courtroom-inspired look is for you.

To match the justices' style, wear a white collared shirt and tie and fasten a black or dark-colored sheet over your ensemble with bobby pins or tape to capture that classic look of self-importance. Accessorize with a gavel, or use your WEPA account to print the full 33 pages of the court's decision for that extra touch of authenticity.

The Wrightons

What you'll need: A collared shirt, dress shoes, a suit and tie and a dress or skirt.

For a couple's costume that celebrates GW's cutest pairing since George and Martha Washington, dress up as interim University President Mark Wrighton and his wife, Risa Zwerling Wrighton. Grab a collared shirt, dress shoes and a suit and tie – ideally blue or gold to show some school spirit – for President Wrighton. For Risa Zwerling Wrighton, go with a floral top and white skirt combo.

To go all out in a group costume, go as the Wrightons' furry friends, Spike the dog and Maestro – who Wrighton nicknamed Purrfessor – the cat. A black or white shaggy sweater will match Spike's fur, but a t-shirt can do in a pinch. Tan, brown and even leopard print can match Purrfessor's tabby coat.

The devil's advocate

What you'll need: A collared shirt, dress shoes, a suit and tie and a dress or skirt

From the Elliott School of International Affairs to the School of Media and Public Affairs, the devil's advocate is always ready to grind your 8 a.m. class to a halt with scorchingly bad hot takes. Whether you know them, you hate them or you are one, put that Hillternship outfit to good use with this costume idea. Print out some hot takes of your own and tape them to your outfit. A backpack or briefcase will help sell the look, and if you really want to accessorize, splurge on

a pair of devil's horns or a plastic pitchfork.

Hippo

What you'll need: Gray shirt, gray shorts or pants, gray shoes and headband

GW's relationship with the hippopotamus began when former University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg donated the hippo statue outside Lisner Auditorium to the Class of 2000, and our collective love for this magnificent mammal is still going strong. So why not pay homage to GW's unofficial mascot? Grab some gray clothes to match that hippo hide, and spice up your groutfit by turning any old headband into ears. Alternatively, opt for a hippo onesie that will serve as a comfortable piece of loungewear attire long after Halloween concludes.

GW's next president

What you'll need: A name tag

GW's next president is still undecided, so why not throw your hat into the presidential search ring? Channel your inner administrator and chart the course of the University's future in a low-effort costume with a name tag declaring your candidacy. Stick it to your shirt and voilà. Go formal for a little more flair or stay casual with some GW-branded clothes that'll let you show off your school spirit. If you'd rather abandon the outlook on GW's future, go old school as a throwback to the University's 19th-century presidents with a puffy lace collar or some buckled shoes.



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Mulled apple cider is a timeless staple when it comes to fall drinks, leaving a seasoned, delectable incense in your kitchen.

Halloween DIY treats and cocktails to impress guests

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REPORTER

Halloween is rapidly approaching, and with it comes fall parties, get-togethers and the familiar scramble to find a delectable accessory for the Halloween festivities before they commence.

If you're in a bind, never fear – we've laid out the best cocktails and treats for all of your last-minute potluck needs. Use our tips to be sure to wow your guests or host – and don't forget your costume on your way out.

Here are our top picks for the best homemade drinks and treats to make this spooky season:

Spiked Mulled Cider

Mulled apple cider is a timeless staple when it comes to fall drinks. Although making your own pot takes one to two hours, the time it spends simmering will pay off in the taste – and your kitchen will smell amazing for the rest of the day as an added bonus.

Ingredients:

- Store-bought apple cider
- One lemon, sliced
- Two teaspoons honey
- Four cinnamon sticks
- One teaspoon each of nutmeg, cloves and star anise
- Mugs or other heat-safe cups

Instructions:

Combine apple cider, spices, lemon slices and honey in a large pot or slow cooker. Cook on low for roughly an hour on the stove or two hours if using

a slow cooker. Serve hot in mugs with a stick of cinnamon and a slice of lemon for garnish. If you're hosting, keep rum or bourbon on hand for guests who want to spike their mugs. This beverage can also be prepared in advance to have on hand for an upcoming Halloween party – just refrigerate and reheat the cider when needed.

The Nurse Ratched

For a spookier vibe, try this drink to add some freaky fun to your night. With its fizzy base, splash of color and mild horror factor created by fake blood, the Nurse Ratched cocktail is the perfect mixture of corny, creepy and interactive.

Ingredients:

- A clear alcoholic drink, like vodka tonic or hard seltzer
- Alternatively, swap for a clear soda like 7-Up or Sprite
- A dark, red-colored juice, like cranberry, pomegranate or cherry
- Plastic syringes (can be found at most pharmacies)
- Ice
- Tall cocktail glasses

Instructions:

First, add ice to your tall cocktail glass before pouring your clear drink of choice, like vodka with tonic water or a clear soda. Maintain a generous amount of space at the top of the glass for the frightening star of the show. Next, draw the red juice into a syringe and place the object into the glasses without depressing the plunger. The

syringe should rest against the rim of the glass with the plunger side up. Serve immediately, allowing your guests to squeeze the blood-red juice into the drink to add a burst of color and creepiness to their drinks.

Oreo and Strawberry Witch Hats

These simple, fun witch hat treats may be more cute than chilling, but they will make for an equally adorable and appetizing choice for your next Halloween get-together. Just melt some chocolate, add some frosting and you'll be ready to grab your broom and leave for a night out in Salem.

Ingredients:

- Oreos
- Strawberries
- Melting chocolate or candy wafers in brown, black or color of choice
- Frosting in colors like purple, green and orange
- Parchment paper

Instructions:

Begin by melting chocolate in the microwave, heating in 30-second intervals until smooth. Next, dip the Oreos into melted chocolate, coating evenly. Place the chocolate-covered Oreos on parchment paper. Cut tops from strawberries to form cone shapes and dip the strawberries in melted chocolate. After the berries are coated, place one on top of each Oreo with the pointed ends up. Once the chocolate has dried, add frosting to create a ribbon around the base of the cone and a buckle to replicate a witch hat.



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Urban Roast boasts eerie Halloween decorations and drinks

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REPORTER

As Halloween approaches, establishments are starting to set up their spooky season decorations with the wish to wow their customers.

With its elaborate decor and distinct ambiance, Urban Roast is an establishment to keep your eyes on this fall season. The family-owned restaurant in the heart of downtown D.C. is committed to bringing the Halloween season to the District with autumnal decor and sinister props covering every inch of its interior design.

Urban Roast was founded in 2020 in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic to provide the city with a complete seasonal experience aimed

to keep patrons coming back for all their other holiday-themed adornments. The restaurant in Penn Quarter delivers an immersive experience tailored to each holiday season, this Halloween being the most transcendent to date.

As I entered the establishment, I immediately took note of the red neon lights that ominously read "She Used to Be the Sweetest Girl Ever" surrounded by skeleton thrones, tombstones and a witch around the corner. Statues of jesters, clowns and goblins enhanced every crevice of the restaurant, and spiderwebs and skeletons coated the walls of the dimly lit dining room.

In the dining room, mirrors adorned the walls to

reflect smiles, frowns and everything in between for that essential Halloween-themed selfie. A long and narrow hallway with green leaves on one side and white rose petals on the other led to a section of the dining room featuring tables suited for two complemented with low, neon pink lighting and white roses.

Given the restaurant's multitude of sections, guests can experience a different atmosphere in each area of the restaurant, from a first date to a large dinner party to a lively bar scene.

Through all the splendor that Urban Roast has to offer, the bar might be the most visually appealing. Globe pendant lights and black umbrellas hang from the ceiling while pumpkins and

leaves lay along the counter-top, complemented by purple lights glowing over the guests' specialty craft cocktails. Autumn foliage lines the walls and cobwebs and crows hang from the ceiling, making the environment truly feel like Halloween night.

Beyond the elaborate decorations, Urban Roast adds a spooky spin to its dishes, cocktails and other beverages like coffee to coordinate with the upcoming holiday. The extensive menu consists of about 30 options from charcuterie spreads, main entrees, small plates, sandwiches, salads, cocktails and coffee. The seasonal cocktails take the cake with enticing options like the Fall Margarita Flight with pear, apple and cranberry flavored margaritas served

in small round glasses on a standing flight carrier.

I ordered three tapas-style dishes, beginning with the Skirt Steak Tacos topped with pico de gallo, cheese and tomatillo sauce. The tacos were delectable, and each flavor made its presence known thanks to the equally proportioned ingredients, which made for non-messy bites.

I continued with the Shrimp Ceviche served in an orange bowl and marinated with onions, cilantro and lemon juice. Plantain chips were served on the side to dip into the ceviche mixture. The salty, crunchy chips paired seamlessly with the citrusy, chewy shrimp. For dessert, I tried the delectable Red Velvet Cake with cream on top, gelato on the side and

chocolate sprinkled otop. The rich and dense cake exquisitely complemented the lighter cream frosting and gelato.

The Pumpkin Spice Hershey's Mocha, the menu's newest coffee option, exceeded my expectations. Served in a pumpkin mug, the coffee is poured over a Hershey's bar and topped with whipped cream and cocoa powder.

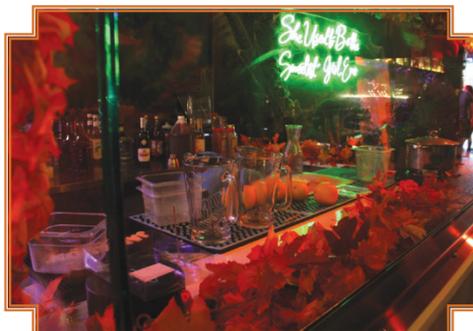
Urban Roast's creativity and ambiance sets its apart from any other D.C. restaurant of its kind. Make no mistake – this is no Michelin-star dining experience. But if you are in search of a spot to grab a bite and an elaborate seasonal drink in an ambient setting this Halloween, head to Urban Roast for an experience like no other.



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The Hatchet's
Guide to:

Halloween

Nostalgic Halloween TV episodes to add to your watchlist ahead of the holiday

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While a scary movie is always a safe bet to embrace the Halloween spirit, don't forget about some classic holiday episodes from some of your old TV favorites.

From beloved comedies like "Community" to dramatic teen soaps like "Pretty Little Liars," these top picks will bring laughter, music and fright into your Halloween season. So grab some candy corn, caramel apples or just plain popcorn, and relive these iconic television moments.

**"Brooklyn 99,"
Season 1, Episode 6:
"Halloween"**

In this Halloween-themed episode, Brooklyn 99 brings the trick to trick-or-treat and the comedy to the workplace when a prank war erupts between characters. Dubbed the Halloween Heist, the conspiring precinct officers navigate Halloween parties full of Brooklyn hipsters and young trick-or-treaters to gain access to their boss's office, where they hope to steal the medal of valor. But that's not before they sneak through vents and crash through ceilings on their journey. This is the ideal episode for anyone looking for a marathon of easy laughter, perhaps with a side of candy.

**"Pretty Little Liars,"
Season 3, Episode 13:
"This is a Dark Ride"**

All aboard the "A" Train for a spooky ride like no other. Based on the book series by Sara Shephard, "Pretty Little Liars" boasts consistent spooks with creepy dolls and suspenseful, if not ridiculous, storylines that heighten the stakes during the annual Halloween episode. The third season's fall holiday installment goes big with fear, opening at a



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All aboard the "A" Train for a spooky ride like no other.

sanatorium and culminating when Aria, one of the Little Liars, wakes up in a wooden crate with a dead body for company. Full of jump scares, coffins, ghosts and corpses, grab your blanket and friend with a hand to hold during the scream-producing moments – you will need it!

**"Glee,"
Season 2, Episode 5:
"The Rocky Horror Glee Show"**

In its Halloween episode, the members of the show's titular Glee Club perform the eerie 1975 musical "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Though the club doesn't perform for a full audience due to the show's inappropriate nature for a school musical, the music makes this episode a must-watch as the cast revives classic songs like "Time Warp" and "Dammit Janet" with enthusiastic, modern voices. Take the opportune time to watch this episode in preparation for Forbidden

Planet Production's annual production of "Rocky Horror" on campus this fall.

**"The Haunting of Hill House,"
Season 1, Episode 8:
"Witness Marks"**

This gory, suspenseful story follows a six-person, nuclear family living in a haunted isolated mansion during the 1990s. Half ghost story and half psychological thriller, I would recommend watching the whole 10-episode series in the days leading up to Halloween to embrace the spooky spirit through the show's reliance on ghosts, crunches leaves and thunderstorms. This episode includes the most major reveal of the limited series – viewers leave knowing the true identity of the Bent Neck Lady, a threatening presence who haunts the children's nightmares! Get ready for a 10-hour commitment, terrific for a dark and stormy night.

**"Community,"
Season 3, Episode 5:
"Horror Fiction in Seven Spooky Steps"**

What happens when you find out a close friend of yours qualifies as a psychopath? In the third-year Halloween episode of the sitcom that follows the comedic community college study group, one student named Britta administers a personality test to each group member to uncover potential homicidal tendencies as part of a class assignment. She discovers that one psychopath test turns back positive. The friends tell their most horrific stories to find the outlier. Whoever tells the most haunting story is clearly the psychopath. The show's take on Halloween appeals to viewers who seek a nontraditional Halloween fright. Unlike the other shows on this list, which create a spine-chilling aura with jump scares and spooky motifs, this episode dives into the unhealed side of human behavior.

Get in the spooky mood with this curated playlist of creepy tunes

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Even though classics like "Monster Mash" and "Thriller" will do the job to set the spooky season mood, sift through some less popularized but equally creepy songs ahead of Halloween.

We curated a selection of unsettling melodies and haunting lyrics from both old school and new-era songs suitable for a Halloween party or a simply autumnal walk around campus. From the Arctic Monkeys to girl in red to Andrew Lloyd Webber, immerse yourself in a broad repertoire of sinister-sounding tunes.

"onion boy" by Isaac Dunbar

Rising alt-pop artist Isaac Dunbar combines a strong, catchy backing with eerie lyrics for a spooky product that will be on repeat as you take a trip to the dance floor. Telling the story of someone close deceiving you, this song dishes heartfelt lines like "Gouging out my eyes / You made them burn and now you'll pay the price." Dunbar masterfully cracked the code for a Halloween pop bop with this short and sweet single.

"Four Out Of Five" by Arctic Monkeys

Throughout the Arctic Monkeys' entire discography, frontman Alex Turner's enchanting voice sounds like it was made purposefully to voice a seductive spirit. The off-kilter sound of the band reaches a new level of psychedelic pop on this song's album, "Tranquility Base Hotel & Casino." "Four Out Of Five" dives into the space-themed narrative of the album, and the ominous lyrical repetition toward the end of the song sets it apart as one of the band's spookiest-sounding tunes.

"Somebody's Watching Me" by Rockwell

"But why do I always feel like I'm in the Twilight Zone?" Take a trip back to 1984 and unlock the doors to the Twilight Zone as you listen to this classic R&B piece, which topped charts internationally and went viral on TikTok last year just ahead of Halloween. The song is complete with keyboards, synthesizers and stellar guest vocals from King of Pop Michael Jackson.

"Body and Mind" by girl in red

The queen of autumnal pop – known for soft indie hits like "we fell in love in october" – reaches new levels of angst in this physically chilling tune. Similarly to the majority of girl in red's 2021 album "if i could make it go quiet," the song contains heavy lyrics exploring her struggles with mental health, like "I've been chasing everything that makes me feel cold." The lyrics are reflected through a creepy melody on the keyboard that begs listeners to crank up this unsettling song.

"Calling All the Monsters" by China Anne McClain

As the Halloween anthem from our peak Disney Channel years, McClain, who starred in the early 2010s sitcom A.N.T. Farm, brought the thunder with this release. The electropop sensation topped Radio Disney's Top 30 at the time, and McClain and her sisters' band, "Thriii," re-recorded the song last year in time for its 10-year anniversary. Spooky and catchy, with just the right amount of nostalgia-inducing auto-tune, McClain's song ushers in the Halloween season like no other.

"I'll Never Smile Again" by Tommy Dorsey, Frank Sinatra and The Pied Pipers

Featuring obsessively devoted lyrics and sounds sent straight out of a psychological thriller, "I'll Never Smile Again" evokes a palpable air of creepiness. Singing "I'll never smile again / Until I smile at you," Dorsey and Sinatra's leisurely melody backed up by a spooky-sounding chorus situates this oldie as an especially sinister choice for the selection. Even while listening on Spotify, the 1940 song sounds like you're hearing it straight off an old-timey record player.

"Cannibal" by Tally Hall

Likely at the top of Armie Hammer's Halloween playlist, "Cannibal" details the wounds that a romantic partner has left through the metaphor of cannibalism. Sparing no gory imagery, the band sings "She rips out my bones just like I'm an animal / And right when I'm feeling like my blood is drained / She calls it a game." Although the song carries a surprisingly cheery and upbeat tune, the vivid lyrics up the bone-chilling feels of this piece.

"The Phantom of the Opera" by Sierra Boggess and Ramin Karimloo

Andrew Lloyd Webber's imaginative score of his triumph of the musical "The Phantom of the Opera" seamlessly blends opera and rock to craft melodies that sound as creepy as the show's sinister plot – especially true for the titular song. As an ode to the imminent closure of Broadway's longest-running show, the stunning vocals and blazing electric guitar on this iconic tune round out the end of the playlist.

'Hocus Pocus 2' fails to live up to its predecessor with plot holes, poor humor

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There is something comforting and ritualistic about cozying up on your couch with a pumpkin-scented candle and your favorite fall drink to watch a classic, spooky Halloween movie like the 90's classic "Hocus Pocus."

When Disney announced a sequel featuring the original Sanderson sisters (Sarah Jessica Parker, Bette Midler and Kathy Najimy) in December 2020, it immediately rose to the top of my spooky season watchlist. But the highly anticipated sequel that premiered on Disney+ on Sept. 28 played into a younger audience, evident in the film's watered-down plot, which strayed away from more serious themes like death and less malicious magic, in addition to the uncharacteristic humanization of the Sanderson sisters.

Fan-favorite follow-up films often struggle to strike the right balance between the new and the old while living up to their predecessor's success. While films like "Toy Story 2" and "Kung Fu Panda 2" exceeded audiences' expectations, "Hocus Pocus 2" fails in its attempts to maintain the same old-school, 1990's nostalgia while appealing to a newer, younger audience with relatable, more modern jokes.

"Hocus Pocus 2," directed by Anne Fletcher, follows two

21st-century Salem teenagers, Becca and Izzy (Whitney Peak and Belissa Escobedo), who are tricked into bringing the Sanderson sisters back to life after 29 years on Halloween night. The two teenagers work to stop the newly revived Sanderson sisters from kidnapping the affable mayor and casting an immortality

noent ways, as if catering to a younger audience, possibly due to the new kid-friendly regulations of Disney+. The film in its entirety appears to be less frightening, with the signature Halloween eeriness that is recognizable in the original almost nonexistent, most evident in the depiction of the iconic Sanderson

too long, like when the Sanderson sisters used household objects as flying broomsticks. But above all, the most confusing and admittedly controversial aspect of the movie was the humanization of the Sanderson sisters at the very end of the film. Viewers first meet the Sanderson sisters as clear-cut villains, hungry and anxious for unlimited power. But in Fletcher's confusing sequel, the sisters lose their evil, wicked touch, ending the film with a heart-warming scene filled with the power of sisterhood.

The conclusion would appear to be a classic Disney movie ending if it did not contradict the sarcastic and evil Sanderson sisters that viewers have grown to know and love, replacing them with kinder, soft-hearted sisters, not witches. This plot hole is especially odd since the Sanderson sisters never even hinted at a sensitive side until the very end of "Hocus Pocus 2."

Despite the disappointing plot, lackluster humor, missing nostalgia and attempts to modernize the classic 90's film, it was comforting for many die-hard fans to see all three Sanderson sisters reprising their original roles. Although "Hocus Pocus 2" is bound to have audiences young and old tuned in this Halloween season, its predecessor will remain the true Halloween classic.



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spell, making Winifred the most powerful witch in the world. The teens also make amends with their former best friend Cassie (Lilia Buckingham), the mayor's daughter, after her new relationship caused them to drift apart.

While entertaining for the younger, modern youth audience, "Hocus Pocus 2" seems to be missing what the older viewers were eagerly awaiting – the nostalgic, effortless and indescribable magic of the original. The darker themes that are prevalent in "Hocus Pocus," like the unfortunate death of Emily Binx, are now depicted in more lighthearted and in-

sisters.

Although the younger, more diverse cast performed brilliantly, the backstories of each character was either nonexistent or severely lacking, like the rarely mentioned friendship between the three girls. The dialogue is short and choppy, and the overwhelming multitude of musical numbers – like the Sanderson sisters' performance of "The Witches Are Back" – begs the question of whether "Hocus Pocus" warrants any future musical adaptations.

The humor of the film was also a bit off-putting, with seemingly comedic scenes that stretched on far

Check out The Hatchet's
Halloween Spotify playlist here:

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Sports

GAMES OF THE WEEK



MEN'S SOCCER
vs. LaSalle
Saturday 1 p.m. EDT
GW looks for a crucial victory as the Colonials look to climb the A-10 standings.



SWIMMING AND DIVING
at Navy
Friday 6 p.m. EDT
The Colonials head to Annapolis to take on Navy at home as they look for their second victory of the season.

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Men's soccer's winning percentage through the fall slate, up from their five-year average of .443.

Club sailing continues to dominate against top national varsity programs

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Sailing has continued to hang with top-level national competition in its second year as a club team after the University cut the program as a varsity sport earlier during the pandemic.

Club sailing has cracked the list of the top 20 sailing teams in the nation after placing in the top half of its in-conference competition in four of its six fleet races last month. The squad is eyeing its second straight bid at the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association's National Championships in the spring, currently ranked as the 19th-best sailing program in the United States by World Sailing, the governing body for the sport.

The team has competed in five showcases, regional and cross-regional races this month, where the team has placed above 39 percent of its competition on average. As the club's supply of former varsity athletes diminishes each year without University oversight, members are working to maintain their continued national success through recruitment efforts of their own.

Club sailing President Ruby Gordon, who will graduate this spring, said the team has enlisted nine freshmen to the team as part of its heightened efforts to recruit freshmen and prospective high school talent.

"The sophomores and freshmen are all brought onto the team by us," Gordon said. "We have two recruiting chairs, and they're amazing. It's just Owen and Abby Chips, and they work together to reach out to high school students, answer high school students, also other existing members of the GW community we just want to walk on."

Last season, sailing qualified for the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association's National Championships after placing fifth out of 18 at the American Trophy Regatta – the regional tournament of the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association, a division within the ICSA. GW also held the highest ICSA ranking of any club in the country, ranking 12th among the nation's college athletic teams.

The team will continue competing every weekend from September until late October and has focused on bolstering their team's chemistry and mental endurance to prepare for championship competition. Gordon said the team has made strong showings in events with one-person vessels, like a third-place ranking in the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association Top 9/Susan Rogers '75 Memorial Regatta.

Gordon said the team lacks the budget to pay a coach, but alumni have volunteered to coach the team when it races at locations near their hometowns, and they monitor a team spreadsheet with all their practices and competitions.

"They don't have the financial resources to buy this fleet of boats or whatever, but they can give their time. And it's not just their time, it's their wisdom," Gordon said.

Gordon said the team aims to record a top-five ranking in the MAISA championships this spring and increase their number of walk-on sailors during the spring semester. She said she hopes the team can grow and engage in more community service to "not just be the kids on boats."

Senior captain Owen Timms said as a captain and one of the leading figures of the club, he has worked to rally the club team's drive to take on fully funded varsity programs with multiple coaches. He said the



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team is focusing on its speed and boat-handling skills for fleet races, where only two sailors are allowed in each boat.

"Short-term goal, we want to stay as competitive as we can," Timm said. "I think for this fall, a great goal would be our conference championships. We won our conference championships last fall. We had a huge senior class that was quite deep, and I think a great goal for us too would be to – I'm not going to say a specific result because I don't really believe in specific number of goals – but I think to do as well as past squads."

Timms said the team's long-term goal should be to set up a sustainable system that can continue to reel in students and carry the team into the future after he graduates.

"We are constantly tackling and hurdling obstacles to get where we need to go, it's a very 'Do it yourself' kind of deal, especially in the leadership positions, in my opinion," Timms said. "Like Ruby, Emma and I are constantly adapting. I think that's the biggest thing personally – getting used to working on this every day and knowing that it's going to be constantly changing and adapting those changes with personnel, teammates, scheduling conflicts, stuff like that."

Senior captain Emma Aubuchon said the captains have concentrated on creating a solid foundation for the freshman with constant practices to familiarize them with the team to ensure a quicker speed and higher strength to manage the boats.

She said her goal for the year is to make everyone on the team feel included and able to pursue progress.

She said younger talent has been able to sail and adjust to collegiate competition more this fall than last spring, when the then-seniors on the team accounted for a majority of the team's roster.

"And then a goal for the year is making sure that everyone on the team feels included and that everyone pursues the path of progression that they want," Aubuchon said. "Not everyone wants to be the top sailor on the team, or the top person or can even commit that much time to it. But I think like having everyone feel like included, welcome and feeling like they're helping the team is really important."

Volleyball splits matches with Fordham

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Volleyball split a series with Fordham this weekend, capturing the first match 3-0 and falling 3-1 in the second after four sets.

The Colonials (12-10, 6-3 A-10) had a strong offensive showing in the first match but could not keep their momentum going from the first match as the Rams (9-11, 3-6 A-10) managed to win the second, third and fourth sets of the first match with a bolstered offense. The Rams snapped a six-game Colonials win streak, grabbing their third A-10 victory of the season.

The two matches were drastically different, with GW firing on all cylinders on offense in the first and outpacing Fordham in kills 48-32 before the script flipped in the second match.

Match 1:

GW jumped to an early 5-0 lead in the first set of the first match, with sophomore outside hitter Salem Yohannes serving to start off the game. Fordham managed to fight back and tie the set at 13, just before a

4-point GW run.

The Colonials kept the set under control from there, registering a match-high 17 kills as a squad and closing the set out 25-22.

The second set got off to a similar start, with GW jumping to an early 5-2 lead off of two kills from junior opposite Liv Womble. Womble, the season leader in kills for the Colonials, would go on to score 18 kills in just three sets, threatening her career high of 20 that came across a five-set span

The Colonials kept Fordham at an arm's length in the second set, holding a lead of at least 4 until the Rams went on a 7-3 run to tie it at 23. GW exercised their second timeout of the set to regroup, then closed it out with two straight scores, extending their match lead to 2-0.

Graduate middle blocker Tierra Porter scored the second and third points of the set, stuffing Fordham at the net and launching a cross-court spike to put GW up 3-0.

The Rams evened up the set at 7 before GW went on a 10-4 offensive run of to establish a 17-11 lead. Tierra

Porter closed out the third set and the match for the Colonials with a powerful spike to make it 25-21.

Match 2:

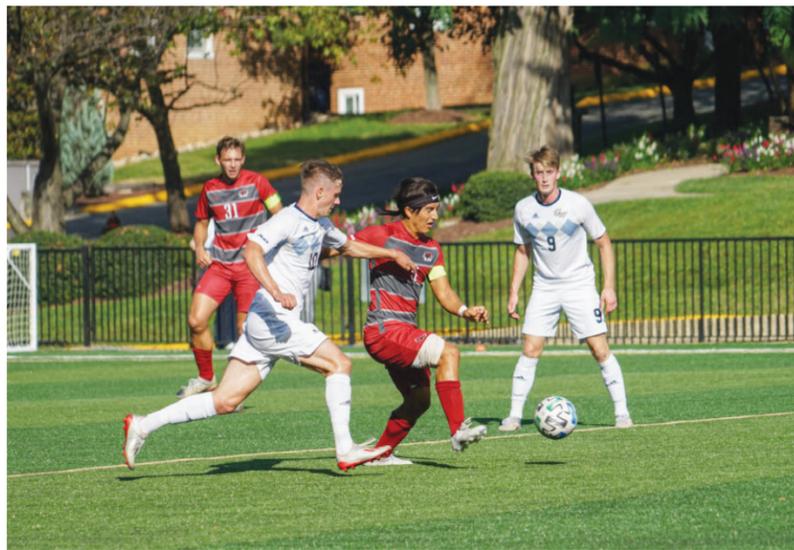
The first set of the second match proved to be the most lopsided of the series, with the Colonials leading by as many as 13 points. The Colonials notched a .290 hitting percent compared to the Rams' .194 percent, while also marking an increase from the Colonials' game average of .184.

The second set featured the first lead of the entire series for Fordham, as they jumped to an early 10-5 advantage. The Rams extended their edge all the way to ten, commanding the set at 22-12.

Early in the third set, Fordham junior outside hitter Whitley Moody spiked the ball to the middle with force to tie it at 7-7. The Rams went on a 7-0 run to take control of the set, leading 14-7.

Early in the fourth set, the lead changed often and reached a deadlock at 16 after a Fordham timeout.

GW will face A-10 rival Dayton in a two-game road series on Oct. 21 and 22.



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Men's soccer fell 1-0 against the Saint Louis Billikens Saturday at Saint Louis, now ranking 11th at the Atlantic 10 level.

Men's soccer fails to connect on offense as conference woes continue

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Men's soccer lost 1-0 against Saint Louis Saturday, dropping to 11th in the Atlantic 10.

The Colonials (6-6-2) outshot SLU (8-4-1) 10-9 but failed to get six shots on goal past SLU senior goalkeeper Carlos Tofern. The match remained scoreless through the first half until the Billikens' goal in the second handed them the victory.

GW's fourth conference loss places them outside of the A-10's 10-team playoff picture with four conference games left before the championship next month.

The first half kicked off with three unsuccessful corner kicks from GW, and the Billikens responded with two shots from the bottom center and bottom left that GW senior goalkeeper Justin Grady blocked.

In the 22nd minute, senior midfielder Elias Norris sought to score from the bottom right but was unable to outsmart Tofern. Junior defender

Lucas Matuszewski took possession and shot from out of left but missed.

The Colonials had two more scoring opportunities in the 44th minute with senior attack player Tom Cooklin and junior midfielder Tim Neumann shooting from out from the right but ultimately failing to net the ball.

A lack of offensive momentum dominated the first half as both teams settled into a defensive stride and ultimately failed to score.

The second half got underway with a curling shot from Cooklin that SLU goalkeeper Tofern punched away and deflected toward GW junior defender Aaron Kronenberg. Kronenberg shot from out left but failed to connect, nulling the Colonials' best chance to score.

SLU went on to increase its possession and continue drilling the net for the game's winning goal. A foul by GW's Cameron in the 69th minute paused play to allow freshman midfielder Mads Stisrup

Petersen to score off a set piece driven into the lower right corner of the net, putting SLU on the board.

The Colonials entered a shooting frenzy in hopes of equalizing the score but could not penetrate the Billikens' defense. Cooklin fired two consecutive shots from the top left and bottom center that the Billikens goalkeeper stifled.

Matuszewski took the last shot for the Colonials in the 89th minute from the bottom right, but Tofern stopped GW's fleeting hopes to tie the game.

The Billikens collected four yellow cards through the game, outnumbering GW's two.

The Colonials sank two places in the A-10 standings with the loss. GW will look to hit its stride in the last four games to make their bid at an A-10 playoff run.

The Colonials wrap up a 3-game road street on Tuesday at Durham, North Carolina where they will face No. 3 Duke. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. and the game will be available on ESPN+.



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