As one sees it...

as one looks at this book, I hope one is able to understand the life of The George Washington University. I hope one sees the heart of the University, whether it is the diverse student body or the academics. I hope you see the hard work, the courage and glory, energy, passion and motivation that flowed uncontrollably into the book. I hope you see where GW came from, where it is and where it is going in the future. 2000 is a special year and this book represents the beauty of the time. It's yours to uncover and enjoy

as you see it.

- Amy E. Lestition
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Our World

“It is a very sad thing that nowadays there is so little useless information.”

~Oscar Wilde
A child was found. Ballots were cast. The stock market fluctuated. Protestors marched. Films were made. And, fireworks illuminated the sky to usher in a new millennium.

Sydney, Australia

Times Square, New York

Moscow, Russia

Giza Pyramids, Egypt

Iwo Jima Memorial, Washington, DC
On August 11, 1999 the last solar eclipse of the millennium was visible between the minarets of the historical Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey.

On a flooded Main Street in Bound Brook, New Jersey, a fireman is unable to stop a fire from burning out a row of businesses due to the flooding caused by Hurricane Floyd.

The Dalai Lama continued to be a popular figure in American consciousness speaking to an audience in Central Park, the Hollywood Bowl, and the 2000 Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall.

New Yorker John Bailey in festive 2000 glasses walks through Times Square in anticipation of New Year's.

Republican Primaries

Texas Governor George W. Bush (top, Feb. 20, 1999) and Arizona Senator John McCain (bottom, Feb. 18, 1999) emerged from a large field of candidates seeking the Republican Party's presidential nomination as the candidates crisscrossed the nation campaigning. The early frontrunner, Bush was challenged by the independent-thinker and media-savy McCain.

Democratic Primaries

Long-time Democratic presidential hopeful Vice President Al Gore (top, Jan 22, 2000) faced a challenge from the left by former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley (bottom, Feb. 12, 2000). In advance of the primaries, Bradley and Gore debated their ideas and traded barbs on prime time television in addition to canvassing the country for votes.

Palestinian leader Yassar Arafat, right, and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, left, shake hands after signing the land-for-security agreement on September 5, 1999 as part of their ongoing efforts for peace.

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Rescued at sea

Thanksgiving weekend, six year old Elian Gonzalez celebrated in the home of relative Lazaro Gonzalez for being subpoenaed to appear before a Congressional Committee on February 10.

(Jan. 7, 2000, AP photo)

Reunited with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, Elian remained in the United States for two months awaiting a court decision to allow the two to return to Cuba.

(April 23, 2000, AP photo)

And, finally on Mother's Day, the Million Mom March hosted by Rosie O'Donnell brought 750,000 mothers, fathers, grandparents, and children to the National Mall to demand better enforcement of gun laws and promote a safer environment for children.

(May 14, 2000, photos taken by Elizabeth Donohue)

The Season of Activism

Beginning in April and ending in May, nearly every weekend Washington overflowed with another crowd of activists. First, downtown nearly as protestors from a variety of interest groups filled the streets targeting the World Bank for unfair practices. The DC Police donned riot gear and lined the streets, while GW heightened security and canceled classes (pictured). The following weekend brought environmental activists to celebrate Earth Day, then advocates for gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights held their own party on the National Mall.

(April 15-16, 2000, photos taken by Sara DeGraeve, Abby Lestion, Amy E. Lestion, and Jade-Snow Moy)

Obituary ~ Beloved cartoonist George Schulz died of cancer on February 12, 2000, the day before his last original Peanuts strip ran in the Sunday comics. (1967, AP photo)

Obituary ~ On May 3, 2000 the outspoken but well-respected Archbishop of New York, Cardinal John O'Connor died at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

(Jan 16, 2000, AP photo)
In July 1999, American Lance Armstrong pedaled his way to a dramatic victory in the Tour de France after beating cancer. (July 24, 1999, AP photo)

American Serena Williams radiates joy after her win over Martina Hingis in the US Open Championship on September 11, 1999. (AP photo)

In a late season game against the San Diego Padres, Mark McGwire hit Homerun Number 63 in St. Louis for the second consecutive year. (Sept. 29, 1999, AP photo)

Michigan State with Coach Tom Izzo celebrate their 89-76 victory over Florida in the Men's NCAA Championship. (April 3, 2000, AP photo)


The NY Yankees celebrate their sweep of the Atlanta Braves in the 1999 World Series, their third championship in four seasons. (Oct. 27, 1999, AP Photo)

In Spain, on November 7, 1999, Tiger Woods won the American Express World Championship. Not only did he become the first golfer to win four straight tournaments in forty-six years, but also the first to win eight PGA events in one season since 1974. (AP photo)

The recipient of Sports Illustrated's 20th Century Sportsman of the Century Award, boxing legend Muhammad Ali blows a kiss to his audience. (Dec. 2, 1999, AP photo)

Winner of Super Bowl XXXIV, St Louis Rams safety Billy Jenkins shows off the Lombardi Trophy after the Rams beat the Titans 23-16. (Jan. 30, 2000, AP photo)

In another championship rematch, long-time women's basketball rival Connecticut defeated Tennessee 71-52 to win the Women's NCAA Final Four Championship. (April 2, 2000, AP photo)
In 1999, artist/singer Lauryn Hill's Hip Hop remained unstoppable. Here, she performed at UPN's first The Source Hip Hop Music Awards. (Sept. 11, 1999, AP photo)

Named Most Fashionable Artist at the VH1 Fashion Awards, entertainer Jennifer Lopez continued to turn heads as she topped pop music charts in 1999-2000. (Dec. 5, 1999, AP photo)

Adding substance to a year inundated with teen pop music, Korn won the award for Best Rock Video at the 1999 MTV Video Awards. (Sept. 9, 1999, AP photo)

Winner of eight Grammy Awards in February 2000, and with his first Number 1 hit song, Smooth, Carlos Santana reclaimed the stage as the father of Latin rock. (February 24, 2000, AP photo)

At the 72nd Academy Awards both newcomers and legends were honored, with most awards going to the much talked-about American Beauty. (March 26, 2000, AP photo)

Teen pop star Britney Spears didn't stop smiling in 2000 as she performed to screaming preteen girls nationwide. At the American Music Awards Britney was named Favorite New Pop Artist. (Jan. 17, 2000, AP photo)

In 1999-2000, Dave Matthews continued to be a big draw, singing to more than 225,000 people at Woodstock '99. Also performing at Woodstock, Limp Bizkit, Korn, Metallica and Sheryl Crowe. (July 24, 2000, AP photo)

On September 14, 1999, Sheryl Crowe performed in Central Park with friends Eric Clapton, Sarah McLachlan and Stevie Nicks. (AP photo)

Countysinger/songwriter and pop music star Shania Twain was everywhere from the Country Music Awards to cosmetics commercials in 1999-2000. (Sept. 22, 2000, AP photo)

Posing backstage at Shrine Auditorium are Best Supporting Actor Michael Caine, Cider House Rules; Best Supporting Actress Angelina Jolie, Girl Interrupted; Best Actress in a Leading Role Hilary Swank, Boys Don't Cry; and, Best Actor in a Leading Role Kevin Spacey, American Beauty. (March 26, 2000, AP photo)

On stage at VH1's Concert of the Century, Leni Kravitz, right, and Eric Clapton, left, performed in a tribute to the important influence of musical training for children. (Oct. 23, 1999, AP photo)
THE SETTING

capitol hill
dupont circle
georgetown
Our District

“To change a Wilderness into a City, to erect and beautify Buildings... necessary to receive the Seat of Government of so extensive an Empire, in the short period of time that remains... is an undertaking vast as it is Novel...”

~Pierre Charles L'Enfant
In desolate downtown Washington, the Washington Monument stood alone during the paving of Constitution Avenue in 1890.
In 1999, one hundred nine years later, the Washington Monument undergoes restoration to be completed in the fall of 2000.
In 1999 the Old Executive Office Building and the White House illustrated the original federal vision of Washington. In 1894 the view from the top of the Washington Monument of the District was sparse because federal construction was in its infant stages. The Lincoln Memorial and surroundings exhibited Washington's natural beauty one hundred years after the Mall was only dirt and rubble.

Free-spirited bathing beauties of GW enjoyed a swim in the Tidal Basin, circa 1920. A serene Potomac River flows under the Fourteenth Street Bridge in 1999. A favorite spot of inspiration and reflection for GW students was the hidden Einstein Memorial on Independence Avenue.
On the White House lawn in 1910 families enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

In 1999 the White House was less accessible than in 1910. Not only did a tall wrought iron fence surround the White House but Pennsylvania Avenue was blocked off to all traffic as well.

The red brick Smithsonian Castle is the only gothic structure along the National Mall. The Smithsonian offers number of unique internship programs for GW students.

The original Watergate was a quaint inn sitting on the same site as the present day structure.

The Watergate is an expansive structure that GW students frequented to do shopping at Safeway, CVS and other stores.

Dupont Circle is only a few Metro stops away, offering a close alternative for eating, shopping and hanging out.

In 1915 the cobblestone streets of Georgetown were more tame than the bustling roads of the 1990s.

Georgetown is just a short walk away, providing GW students with shops, bars and a myriad of restaurants.

The Foundry movie theater allows students to see recently released movies for half the price.
Kramerbooks & Afterwords Cafe in DuPont Circle is a fun place to browse through stacks of books before sitting down for a scrumptious dessert. DuPont streets are lined with quaint shops for hours of exploring and eating.

A view from the Kennedy Center reveals the sprawling neighborhood of Georgetown. The historic Riggs Bank at the corner of Wisconsin and M Streets is a neighborhood landmark in Georgetown.
The George Washington University was originally called Columbian College. When it opened in 1822, the college consisted of a single building on College Hill, a mile and a half northwest of the Capitol.

During the Civil War the Columbian College building served as a military hospital. Carver Barracks was erected around the original College during the Civil War in 1861. The barracks were dismantled after the war around 1865.

Located at 707 22nd Street, Staughton Hall once served as a residence hall for female students. During the war, the hall was used for Navy nurses who took a special course at the University.

Kogan Plaza, located in the heart of campus, became a common gathering place for students between classes and on the weekends.

In 1912 Quigley's Pharmacy, at 21st and G Streets, was the social hangout for GW students. Today it houses the Geography Department.

The line at the Pasta Man outside Gelman Library was always long at lunchtime as students waited for pizza and pasta.

In 1980 2000 Penn's Red Lion Row was ready for a serious makeover.

The Red Lion boasted a new facade in the 1990s and was a popular hangout for GW students.
1950s view of the quad, the grassy quad in the 1990s offered the only wide open space on campus for students to play frisbee, football and sunbathe.

Tower Records at 2000 provided students with the latest CD's, magazines and movies until midnight.

The fountain at Kogan Plaza was a pleasant and tranquil spot for students to relax between classes in 1999.
THE STORY

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the past double decker Adams Hall protests Homecoming the present HOVA
THE GOOD LIFE

"There's only now, there's only here,
Give in to love or live in fear,
No other path, no other way, no day but today...

—Rent

Mount Vernon  Fall Fest  GWorld  Cafe Gelman  trolley  Jamba Juice  the future
The late August sunlight danced upon the cars and trucks lining campus for move-in as students poured out of U-Hauls and minivans to fill the residence halls and begin the academic year.

As parents competed for parking spaces students climbed stairs with furnishings in hand. Community Facilitators and move-in staff smoothed the process, providing carts and advice.

Choosing to beat the rush and get first dibs on room positions, 1700 students moved in prior to the official day. Associate Dean of the Community Living and Learning Center, Jan-Mitchell Sherrill, commented on the changing face of move-in day: "What used to be the official move-in frenzy seems to be somewhat anti-climactic now, though it's still pretty hectic."

-Tim Herring

on the move
Welcome Week '99 started the school year with a bang. Festivities kicked off with a showing of the hit movie *Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery* and continued through the week.

Comedy Night in the Lisner Auditorium featured Harland Williams, whose deadpan humor charmed a packed house. The Marvin Center Ballroom showcased more than two hundred seventy student organizations, giving students a feel for the many extracurricular offerings. Over lattés, cappuccinos and chocolatey desserts at XandO, a trendy DuPont Circle café, friends shared their thoughts on the coming year. More adventurous students gave swing dancing a try at J Street or charted their own course through the Potomac River aboard the Odyssey cruise ship. The aroma of grilled hamburgers filled the air as student groups such as Hillel and the College Democrats sponsored barbecues.

Festivities ended on Sunday with a pool party at the Mount Vernon Campus. Students took full advantage of the tennis courts and soccer field, basking in the summer sun. "It's just too bad there are classes tomorrow. I could get used to this," said Rachel Field at the pool's edge, dipping her toes in the water.

-Tim Herring
A group of students get a breath of fresh air and a great view of the Potomac during the Odyssey cruise.
The ninety degree heat did not stop these students from spending the afternoon on the inflatable obstacle course.
Fall Fest got the year rolling with a multitude of fun-filled events. Organized by the Program Board, the annual festival boasted a virtual reality tent, various sporting activities and assorted eats.

The virtual reality activities held many students in awe, offering photo opportunities with President Clinton and numerous celebrities. The boxing ring, featuring oversized gloves and the daunting "King of the Mountain" attraction, proved popular among students. The most daring members of the student body tried their hand at the velcro wall, hurling themselves with reckless abandon.

Student organizations attended the event, cooking hamburgers and passing out drinks. To cope with the ninety degree heat, students frequented the sno-cone booth, tasting the many featured flavors. Friends who hadn't seen each other since the spring semester shared stories of the summer. Students danced with George the Mascot and enjoyed the sounds of the local bands. "It's one of the best events I've been to," Pete Frost said. "Nice and loud."

-Tim Herring
After extensive summer renovation, the Marvin Center became a hub of student life.

The new and improved Marvin Center was a different place altogether, benefiting from a number of substantial changes. On the ground floor, Provisions Market replaced the MC Store, which was twice the size and offered students more food choices. Jamba Juice was a big hit on campus with nutritious shakes, as were both Freshens Yogurt and Pretzel Time.

Around the corner, a state-of-the-art WRGW radio studio enabled students to make the most of the local airwaves. The addition of a full service U.S. post office gave students the opportunity to communicate by “snail mail”. On the first floor, Taco Bell and Chick-Fil-A became great places to grab a satisfying meal between classes.

The friendlier feel of the fourth floor pleased student groups and patrons and also boasted more office space. A floor above, the newly christened Hippodrome offered students ways to relax. Four flat-panel TV’s and the Dine-A-Vision diner made the Hippodrome a great place to kick back with friends or cheer on the Colonials as they played on the road. Apple imac computers made sure that students could stay in touch by checking their e-mail or surfing the Internet.

“As for the renovations, they’ve done a lot for GW,” noted Matt Kernkraut. “There’s more of a community feel in the Marvin Center, and that’s what it’s all about.”

-Tim Herring
On Sunday, September 26 over thirty thousand people gathered on the National Mall to take part in the 13th Annual AIDS WALK Washington, the largest single-day fundraiser in D.C. history. Over five hundred GW students participated in the event, giving the University the distinction of "Gold Team."

The day started early and warm as students registered for the walk at the Marvin Center. Breakfast was provided, as well as T-shirts that were promptly put on by students. Just before noon the GW contingency walked to the National Mall to meet the thousands of other walkers, carrying a banner that read "GW: We Walk Together." Around two in the afternoon the 10K walk began, and the GW fight song was sung with pride. As the walk progressed renditions of Backstreet Boys favorites were also heard, as was the tune "Lean on Me."

"The students from American and Howard were being loud near DuPont Circle, but once we hit campus we started singing the fight song and it was all you could hear," one GW walker commented. "People heard us singing and came out of their dorms to sing along with us!"

The event ended back at the mall, as walkers rested and enjoyed free beverages and music.

-Tim Herring
The new trolley was unveiled this year at the "All Aboard" ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 24. The sleek, new trolley brought back memories of an earlier time when trolleys were a prominent form of transportation. The GW Trolley turned many heads with features like a scrolling digital marquee, air-conditioning and a high performance diesel engine.

Painted in the University's trademark buff and blue colors and sporting the new logo, the trolley replaced the London-style double-decker bus that had served the school since 1991. The trolley hoped to continue the shuttling tradition by taking prospective students, their families and dignitaries around campus and through the city.

"It's fantastic, and the tour groups love it," noted Steven Mandelbaum, a Student Admission Representative.

Getting home without broken bags means finding the right mode of transportation.
Getting around the city was important for students this year, helping them take advantage of all it had to offer. Whether cramming into a packed Metro car on the way to a Capitals game or hailing a cab after a movie at Union Station, transportation was a significant aspect of daily life.

As always, the Metro was a cheap and convenient way to travel between Virginia, Maryland and the District. The Foggy Bottom Metro stop connected students to such popular areas as Adams Morgan, Dupont Circle, Union Station and The Smithsonian for as little as $1.10. “The Metro is the easiest way to get to work on Capitol Hill,” noted Adrienne Garnett. Metro buses also made out-of-the-way areas more accessible, providing service into Maryland and Virginia.

Cabs were vital for bar-hopping, trips to Dulles Airport, or quick moves around the nation's capital. On campus, GW Ride's door-to-door service proved to be a valuable resource when students were out late studying or when the weather turned cold. Riding a bike or roller-blading were ways to stay fit while still making it to classes and social engagements. The Mount Vernon shuttle was invaluable for those who studied and lived there, as well as students who ventured to Ames Dining Hall for a relaxed meal.

The luckiest students had cars of their own on campus, which made trips to Shoppers Food Warehouse and Costco possible. Parking facilities at the Mount Vernon Campus and the Hall on Virginia Avenue gave students a place to store their car. “It's so nice to have a car here,” remarked Rosina Romano. “I don't have to wait for a cab or the Metro, I can just go.”

-Tim Herring
The Midnight Basketball crowd goes wild at the Smith Center.
From October 15th to 17th, parents came to town to visit with their children and experience campus life. The cool autumn weather and changing foliage served as a backdrop for free meals, trips to the supermarket and warm embraces.

The weekend was a true success, beginning with administrator lectures and open houses and culminating with a sold-out concert by the Four Tops in Lisner Auditorium.

The spirit of Family Weekend was best embodied by the raucous Midnight Madness celebration in the Smith Center, complete with fireworks. The Washington Wizard’s mascot and GW’s own cheerleaders, dancers and Hawaiian Club revived the filled-to-capacity gymnasium before a fifteen minute warm-up session for the Men’s and Women’s basketball teams. Coach Tom Penders addressed the crowd and stressed the importance of school pride in the upcoming basketball season.

A laser show, pyrotechnics and several giveaways enhanced the annual event which kept families chatting until the wee hours of the morning.

Family Weekend afforded parents the opportunity to see the University at its very best. Whether sipping coffee at the rustic Mount Vernon Campus, dining on delectable Latin-American cuisine at a local eatery, or catching a performance of the Generic Theater Company, families made the most of their time together. “It’s nice to see what my son is actually up to here,” remarked a proud mother. “Sometimes, phone calls just don’t cut it.”

-Matthew O’Malley
Although replete with places to party, the city also offered much alternative entertainment. After the sun set and classes let out, students had tough choices to make about how to spend their leisure time.

2000 Penn was a great place to pass the night hours, whether grabbing a delicious bowl of soup from Au Bon Pain or snagging a late night movie rental from Tower Video. Cone E. Island satiated students' late night sugar cravings with its assortment of ice cream and frozen yogurt flavors. Students of a more creative persuasion sounded off at Café Gelman, reciting poetry and prose while nibbling on brownies and assorted eats.

The Courthouse and Union Station movie theatres were the preferred places to enjoy the latest releases. For bargain hunters, Georgetown's Foundry Theater offered movie-goers a chance to catch previously released movie for a mere pittance.

In Dupont Circle, Kramerbooks and Afterwords and XandO provided the late-night caffeine and snacks to keep the conversation going. The Recess comedy troupe sent students into fits of laughter with their midnight improvisations in Betts Theater. Finally, the Hippodrome, complete with bowling alley, pool tables and arcade games, was the convenient choice for students who didn't want to stray from campus.

-Tim Herring
Music has always been a popular way for students to express themselves while relaxing with friends. In days past, fraternity brothers spent free time singing along with sodas and drinks. Today, GW musicians find their musical outlets at coffee shops and jazz dives, or at GW-sponsored events like Cafe Gelman.
"The clubs are great when you want to relax," Jennifer Smith noted, surrounded by her friends at Tequila Grill. "The clubs are great when you want to party, but sometimes you just want to relax."

- Tim Herring
want to party,
Freshmen like Mike Mattmiller knew a Brita water filter was an essential part of dorm life.
in the trenches

Living in the dorms had its usual trademarks this year: walls covered with posters, music blasting in the wee hours of the morning, late study sessions in the hallways, pizza boxes piled high, deep friendships and even romance. "It was an absolutely amazing experience, something that I will never forget," remarked Jessica Elliot.

For the first time students were without their 'parents' to cook, clean and pick up after them. While struggling to keep abreast of their studies, students had to familiarize themselves with laundry rooms, dryer sheets and roommates with diverse attitudes.

Incoming freshmen were given the chance to live in a single occupancy room in Mitchell Hall, become one of over a thousand Thurston Hall residents, participate in one of the Community Living and Learning Programs in Lafayette Hall, or become part of the all-female Mount Vernon Campus. There were also opportunities to learn about the history of the Watergate scandal at the new Hall on Virginia Avenue.

Returning students left behind the likes of Thurston for residence halls such as New Hall, JBKO and Fulbright. Upperclassmen dorms tended to have a more laid-back, "we've been through this already" attitude. "They're not the social center that Thurston was," remarked Jeremy Dutra, a senior, about upperclassman dorms. "The CF's always try to organize stuff, but it never really works. We've all got our own lives now."

- Sasa Nikolic and Tim Herring

"We've all got our own lives now."
doing it

my way

The cons included separate cable and utility bills. The pros involved more space, freedom, and not having to sign in friends when they came over to visit. This year many students opted to leave behind memories of Thurston, Mitchell, and other dorms to begin anew, living in an apartment off-campus.

Some popular apartment buildings students chose were The Statesman, The Letterman House, The Claridge House, and The Savoy, which even had a pool for its residents. Many students also chose to live in one of the four buildings of Columbia Plaza, admiring the city from their balconies.

For bargain-hunters, off-campus living saved some students quite a bit of money. Rent could be split with roommates, significantly reducing housing costs.

In exchange for plush carpeting and a more complete kitchen, students had to clean for themselves and deal with phone and cable companies, getting a taste of the "real world." Gone was the safety net that CF's offered and the charming lack of privacy that dorms are famous for.

"When you live off campus, you come and go as you please," said Adam Tenzer. "There's a lot more decision making to do when you don't live in a dorm. But the freedom is great."

- Matthew O'Malley
A little personality stretches a long way in Nikki Guerin's townhouse near Washington Circle.
Halloween was a two-day affair for students this year providing many opportunities to show off unique costumes.

On Saturday night hordes of students attended the Masquerade Ball at the Old Post Office (The Capital City Brewery). The line to get in wrapped around the exterior of the building all the way to Union Station. At 10:00 p.m. the doors opened and the dancing began. When the dance floor got too crowded, many turned to the outside tent with the cool autumn air and live music.

Students showed their creativity with costumes ranging from Fred Flinstone to the ever-popular French maid. “I've never seen so many cross-dressers in one place,” said Victor Castro through his blood-soaked werewolf mask.

On Sunday evening Georgetown was the most popular place in town. The sidewalks burgeoned with people and police officers made sure things were kept under control. A few brave youths walked from restaurant to restaurant and store to store filling up their pillowcases with candy. There was a lot of finger pointing and giggling as costumed individuals mingled with normal shoppers and restaurant patrons.

“This is the closest thing we have to Mardi Gras,” an anonymous pedestrian remarked.

-Tim Herring

I've never seen so many cross-dressers in one place.

photos taken by Laura Devereux, Michael Itti, Mamta Jain, Roric McCorriston, Meredith Osterman and Meredith Ramsey
Colleen Hooper gets into the Halloween spirit pumpkin-carving at Program Board's Oktoberfest.
GW volunteers pitch in at the annual Fall Foggy Bottom Clean-up.
Hundreds of students participated in dozens of philanthropic activities this year. From cleaning up the neighborhood to tutoring preschoolers, students took immense pride in their community and worked diligently for the betterment of the historic Foggy Bottom district and the greater District area.

Students worked to make the community a better, cleaner place through an innovative program called Clean-up Foggy Bottom. Teams went through the neighborhood to collect trash, remove graffiti and weed gardens. Lauded by administrators and long-time neighborhood officials, Clean-up Foggy Bottom was heralded as a remarkable partnership between new and long-time residents.

Another resourceful program, United Foggy Bottom, partnered over fifty students and elderly neighbors. Volunteers spent several hours per week helping with house chores, cleaning and shopping. “This is a program that allows students to help our neighbors while receiving so much back,” said Jeff Marootian, SA Vice President for Community Affairs.

In addition, GW’s Neighbor’s Project became a model for university volunteerism throughout the nation. Hundreds of students tutored youngsters for D.C. Reads and in the Shaw neighborhood. Others volunteered at the Northwest Settlement House, Bright Beginnings and many other sites throughout the District. These students found volunteering to be one of the most rewarding experiences of college life.

-Matthew O'Malley
“My experience at GW was that there was no open space except what, at the time, was a very cluttered University yard. I wanted a city campus, but this was a bit sparse.”

-Barton Kogan
a simple plan...
Orange pylons, caution tape and earthmovers were a common sight on campus this year as expansion projects progressed. Even during the summer Colonial Inauguration sessions organizers passed out plastic yellow construction hats and informed students of the frenzy of construction activity.

To make room for the flood of freshmen, the University acquired the Howard Johnson Premier Hotel and, after minimal renovation, fittingly named it the Hall on Virginia Avenue. Foundations were dug for the Health and Wellness Center as well as the new building for the School of Media and Public Affairs. Each of these areas were bustling with energy as workmen supervised the use of heavy (and loud) machinery, and made sure that trucks could navigate safely through inner-city traffic. By Munson Hall work progressed on the "capital parking project," ensuring that the University could accommodate visitors, faculty and students in the years to come.

The mid-campus quad came to fruition early in the year, and students were awed by the tempietto, picturesque fountain and warmly lit brick walkways and benches. Kogan Plaza was a perfect place to take a break between classes, meet with friends, or read over The Hatchet. The mid-campus quad also boasted an Au Bon Pain outdoor facility, which provided snacks for students on the go.

"I think it's great, it promotes campus life," said Cat Sadler, regarding the new quad. "I think all the hassle and mess was worth it."

-Tim Herring

...a new look
Barton H. Kogan (B.B.A. '69, M.A.E. '70) dedicated Kogan Plaza to the University community on October 15. The Plaza, designed to complement the urban look of the campus, was made possible by Kogan's generous gift of $500,000 in honor of his family and future generations.

Kogan Plaza quickly became a big part of campus life. Oktoberfest was held in the fifty by ninety foot open space as were several barbecues. On a typical day, dozens of students lined the Plaza's benches, catching a break between classes or chatting with friends. The raised clock at the Plaza's center made sure students didn't lose track of time while relaxing.

"It's a pretty scene at night, quite romantic," said Prajwal Amin. "I had friends come over from other universities and they were very impressed."
It's hard to be original...

Doug Miller

Whether traipsing to class or heading out for a night on the town, students illustrated that this urban campus was among the most stylish in the nation.

An assortment of wears from The Gap, Structure, Banana Republic and other Georgetown shops helped keep guys looking their best. Ladies frequented Express, The Limited, and Abercrombie & Fitch to try out the latest fashions.

As always, blue jeans were a popular choice among students, though a trend surfaced for darker, cuffed jeans. Drawstring cargo pants and carpenter jeans were easy choices for a leisurely outfit. When the weather was warm enough, Capri pants were a common sight. During the winter months, wool sweaters and North Face bubble jackets helped students stay warm, as well as Old Navy fleece vests and pea coats.

Footwear choices proved to be as diverse as the student body itself, ranging from New Balance sneakers to Skechers and Steve Madden styles.

J Street was a melting pot of fashion tastes, showcasing traditional gear as well as alternative threads. "The crazier, the better," remarked Krista Dowling, sporting her fire-engine red low-top sneakers and collared golf shirt.

"Everyone feeds off everyone else here," noted Daven Doshi. "It's hard to be original, but it's easy to look good."

-Tim Herring

photos taken by Joan Fallon, Abby Lestition and Annie Nguyen
A walk by Gelman Library's front steps or the Academic Center's breezeway told you that the cell phone craze hit campus full force this year. Cell phones were the ultimate in communicative convenience; the phrase "do you have your cell on you?" became entrenched in the campus vernacular.

Cell phones were sometimes classroom nuisances, as assorted rings and beeps rang out through bookbags and pocketbooks. Around J Street and the mid-campus quad, students pulled up their antennas and made sure they were always in-the-know.

"It goes along with the whole 'something happens here' thing," said Billy Tagg. "Everybody has to know what everyone else is up to and make sure they're not missing anything."
clocking out

photos taken by Joan Fallon, Abby Lestition, Roric McCorriston and Annie Nguyen
Part of the college experience is paying for college – just ask any student who has spent the summer bussing tables at a restaurant or answering phones for a business. But spending money during the year was a necessity. From working as an office assistant in the residence halls to being employed at the Smith Center, students had a chance to pick and choose to find a job that suited them.

Students searched for jobs that would allow them to excel at their studies while also allowing for leisure time. Many students became CSA’s, working for the University Police Department signing guests into residence halls. Working at the Marvin Center was also a popular way to ease the financial burden that college posed.

Jobs outside the University were popular as well. More adventurous students worked on the club scene, bartending or mixing music. Other students served ice cream at Ben & Jerry’s or waited tables at TGI Friday’s, always a popular gathering place on campus.

Many turned to Georgetown shops like Abercrombie and Fitch or Structure for employment, often making the most of employee discounts. There were also students lucky enough to find a job that was more in line with their career aspirations. Many students found work at political consulting companies, on Capitol Hill and at several institutes in the business district.

“I work on campus just because it’s a little easier and I don’t have to worry about taking the Metro,” said Tim Townley. “The important thing is to get money to spend on whatever. I go through money like water.”

-Sasa Nikolic and Tim Herring
You haven’t slept for days. Or you’ve slept for days and just realized that your respite has come to a screeching halt. Scholar and slacker alike agree on one point: it’s time to buckle down before the much dreaded onset of finals, and a balanced breakfast is a good way of starting off on the right foot. But at midnight?

In order to allow students to de-stress before a litany of multiple choice questions and essays, the Student Activities Center sponsored the biannual Midnight Breakfast celebration in J Street. Hundreds of students stopped by to take advantage of free food and (most importantly?) coffee, filling up their plates with scrambled eggs, bagels, pastries, muffins and fruit. Administrators donned hats and aprons as they acted as chefs for the night, making the most of the opportunity to mingle with the student population.

Patrons jammed to the tunes of Club J Street, transforming the normally docile Columbian Square into a veritable dance club. Finals were all but forgotten, as favorites like “Come on Eileen,” “Mambo Number Five” and “The Electric Slide” filled the air.

-Matthew O’Malley & Tim Herring
photos taken by Meredith Ramsey, Michael Itti and Jade Snow Moy.
we all SHINE ON

GW, as well as the surrounding D.C. area, was home to many unique organizations and companies involved in the performing arts. The city provided ample opportunities to enrich student life by affiliation with the arts, whether as a performer, a technician or an audience member.

Student run organizations like the Generic Theater Company, Dance Performance Project and Recess gave students an opportunity to express themselves in a non-academic setting and entertain the student body at the same time. Renowned theaters like the Kennedy Center, Shakespeare Theater, the National Theater, and the Folger allowed students to experience the performing art of their choice—from the American Ballet Theater to Shear Madness and performances by Yo-Yo-Ma.

The fall and spring dance concerts highlighted the year in dance for GW, as guest artists from New York and St. Petersburg, Russia choreographed for students. Dance Performance Project hosted master classes with D.C. artists and improvisation jams open to the GW community. Seniors in the dance department choreographed and directed their thesis concerts, a challenging and rewarding task that drew on years of experience.

The Generic Theater Company gave students the opportunity to perform as well as get involved with all aspects of theater. Senior executive producer Annie Kramlinger stated that Generic "runs a tight ship," combining fun with a professional atmosphere. Generic presented Picasso at the Lapin Agile, Festival of Mirth, a collection of student work, and Pippin, which was so popular 150 students were turned away each night it was performed.

The Recess comedy troupe kept the GW community in stitches with their live sketch and improvisation performances. Since October of 1990, Recess has taken the art making others laugh seriously, meeting four times a week for two hours at a time. And while soliciting laughs from a college crowd might not always be easy, Recess pulled it off with aplomb, as illustrated by the assorted guffaws and snickers at their first all improvisation comedy show.

-Antonietta Vicario & Tim Herring
The University community commemorated its namesake's birthday with a host of prominent speakers, a bonfire on the quad and assorted eats.

The celebration began at Kogan Plaza with rousing speeches from University Marshall Jill Kasle and Mike Petron, President of the Order of the Hippo. The keynote speaker was John Douglas Hall, "a visitor from George Washington's era", decked out in colonial garb. Hall spoke of the enduring legacy of George Washington as purveyor of knowledge.

"This is not a static institution, but a kinetic one," he said. "Here is someone we can emulate and cherish... to improve ourselves."

An eight-member fife and drum band led patrons to the quad, where a bonfire was lit using a candle from Washington's Mount Vernon home. In just a few minutes the fire was roaring, with flames lighting up much of the quad. Jacket potatoes, mush peas, hot apple cider and smores were served. Commemorative tri-cornered hats were given out as patrons mingled and warmed themselves by the bonfire.

The second annual celebration of Washington's birthday finished at the Hippodrome with free bowling, pool and birthday cake.

-Tim Herring
As students unpacked their suitcases and duffel bags from winter vacation, they were greeted by "The Monopoly Man" and "Jailbird George" walking through campus. It was the grand beginning of GW O-POLY and Winter Welcome Week. The weeklong series of events, sponsored by the Student Activities Center, brought the GW community together for food, fun and lots of free stuff.

A group of thirty students, faculty, and staff collaborated for nearly a year to create GW O-POLY. As stated on the game's box: "Play GW O-POLY and experience student life and the excitement of living and learning in the city of politics, presidents and parades, again and again!" The game features the Washington Monument, J Street, Thurston Hall, the Smith Center, the Hippo, the housing lottery and much more.

Winter Week 2000 began with Tom Deluca, comic hypnotist, who was welcomed by a packed Lisner Auditorium. Continuing with the week's theme, the Program Board sponsored a panel discussion on the Microsoft monopoly debate, followed by karaoke in the Hippodrome. The pinnacle of the week was MARVIN O-POLY, a casino extravaganza that included events throughout the Marvin Center. The festivities included craps and blackjack tables, boardwalk food, inflatable twister, human bowling, swing dancing and billiards.

"It was interesting to see people after they bowled themselves," said Rudy Alvarez. "They were stumbling around dizzy, but I think they liked it."

-Matt Kernkraut
The Event Formerly Known as Homecoming took campus by storm the first weekend in February, bringing students together for fun, food and free stuff.

On Friday night three hundred sixty students flocked to Union Station for a free viewing of the highly anticipated thriller, Scream 3. After the show, complimentary beverages and hors de ouvres were served at America's Center Café.

Perhaps the most exciting event of the weekend was the match-up between the Colonials and the Musketeers of Xavier. Although down by fifteen points at half-time, the Colonials stormed back to upset their conference rivals by eleven points. Coach Tom Penders rushed the scorer's table and ripped the microphone from a stunned announcer—“Smith Center fans are the best!” he yelled.

The Washington Hilton was the place to be on Saturday night, as nearly three hundred students attended the formal dance. A few minutes past midnight, Patrick Ledesma and Elizabeth Cox were crowned Mr. and Ms. GW and enjoyed a spotlight dance.

Jon Stewart’s stand-up comedy performance in the Smith Center rounded out the festive weekend. Stewart’s sarcasm charmed the large crowd, as did his joshing of Vice President Chernak and his wife’s dog.

“I thought the Vice President was a strong man, but a fair man. It’s just a shame he has a Lhasa Apso,” Stewart said.

- Sean Lee & Tim Herring
livin' la vida loca

The capstone event of Homecoming was an appearance by comedian Jon Stewart. Although Stewart rescheduled his original Thursday appearance because of conflicts with a movie filming, his performance on Sunday made the three-day wait worthwhile. The host of “The Daily Show” on Comedy Central delighted a packed house at the Smith Center. Stewart sent the crowd into fits of laughter with his teasing of Vice President Chernak and other administrators, his candid treatment of college life and his “Merit” chain-smoking antics. In a brief question and answer period afterwards, one student asked Stewart if he could “bum a cigarette”, while another student begged the comedian to come back to Thurston Hall after the show.

“I like standup a lot although it’s a bit much when you do it every night. You just have to keep people laughing for an hour,” Stewart said in an interview following the show. “And I’m one of the luckiest sons of bitches you’ll ever meet.”

-Tim Herring
Students saw many changes in the housing lottery this year. To ease stress, the Community Living and Learning Center designated separate weekends for the lottery, one for rising juniors and seniors, and one for rising sophomores.

"It was a lot more disorganized last year," said Lisanth Cabrio. "At least with the two weekends you don't have to wait here for hours."

Students monitored room availability on cable channel thirty-three and made housing choices accordingly. As always, New Hall was the first to go, filling up even before all senior numbers were called. Guthridge, Munson and JBRK also filled up quickly, mostly with juniors.

The lottery for rising sophomores was frustrating for some, as all residence halls but Strong Hall and those on the Mount Vernon campus closed at around number twenty-five hundred. The Dakota and The Schenley were the top choices for rising sophomores. Mark Levine, assistant CLLC dean, said that students who opted for the guaranteed waiting list would be assigned a room by July first.

-Tim Herring

The 34th Annual Martha's Marathon made the most of its Mardi Gras theme. A plethora of beads and balloons helped the RHA-sponsored event take in more than thirty-seven thousand dollars for housing scholarships.

Bidding began at 7:30, with students dipping into their savings accounts to snatch up weekend getaway packages, sports paraphernalia and dinners with administrators. Interesting auction items included computer equipment, cell phones, Israeli foreign policy documents and Mike King's '98 - '99 away jersey.

"I can't believe I got this for thirty dollars," said Chris Fleming, who obtained a pennant autographed by the coach and owner of the Dallas Cowboys. "I know people that would kill for this."

The highlight of the evening was the auction for lottery numbers two through ten. Bidding started at $2,500 dollars and quickly rose. Most of the picks went for around four thousand dollars, with number six going for a staggering forty-six hundred dollars. Freshman Alisa Becker won the raffle for the number one housing pick. "I'm shaking, I really didn't expect it," she said.

A silent auction followed, with students bidding on items such as dinner for two at the State Plaza Hotel and an autographed photo of Orioles pitcher Scott Erickson.

-Tim Herring
Election season was impossible to miss. Colorful posters with catch-phrases littered campus, while dedicated candidates pressed the flesh in hopes of securing victory. Hatchet endorsements were given out, candidates went door to door in the residence halls and voters chose a side.

Before casting their vote, students had to maneuver through small armies of palm-carders. To entice voters, candidates gave out items such as Mardi Gras beads, bubbles, condoms, crayons and matches. The unseasonably warm weather made the ordeal more pleasant than in years past, giving candidates and voters a chance to talk about issues and enjoy the seventy-plus degree weather.

The elections committees, who dealt with anxious onlookers and the occasional paper cut as they counted ballots, undertook a decidedly less pleasant activity. By four thirty in the morning, Seth Weinert was declared PB executive chair, and Elizabeth Cox, Ben Getto, Peter Frost and Phil Meisner were declared winners in the Marvin Center Governing Board race.

The Student Association elections proved to be a more complex matter, as no presidential or executive vice presidential candidate hit the forty percent mark required to win outright. Jeff Marootian, who missed the forty percent mark by less than three percentage points, was forced into a run-off with David Burt for the top spot in the SA. In the EVP race, Chris Voss and Cathy Resler faced a run-off to decide who would lead next year's senate.

Burt and Resler were announced winners of their races early Thursday morning in the Hippodrome. An emotional David Burt called his mother on his cell phone and then embraced his opponent Jeff Marootian.

"I haven't cried like this in a while," Burt said. "(The election) hasn't driven us apart. I think it's driven us closer."

Resler felt like a great weight had been lifted off her shoulders after the election, though her resolve to better students' lives was stronger than ever. "(Elections) are always the time when people are most annoyed with the campaigners," Resler said. "But it is also when we find out what problems students have with the University."

-Tim Herring
Former Republican Senator and Presidential candidate Bob Dole captivated a packed Marvin Bette Theater with his idiosyncratic sense of humor and stories of national pride. The event, which was sponsored by the College Republicans and televised on C-SPAN, gave students insight into the complex world of American politics.

The World War II veteran spoke of the importance of self-sacrifice and dedication, while applauding students who strove to make a difference in their communities. Dole stressed the importance of building a national World War II memorial which "will be a symbol of peace, strength, freedom and liberty."

Although Dole spoke of the need to think in terms of the nation's best interests, he said that personal relationships were at the heart of everything.

"You never forget your friends," he said.

BOB DOLE
Speaking as part of the University Symposium, former White House press secretary Mike McCurry let students know that both the government and the press were in need of reform. In his lecture entitled "The Political Media Dialogue", McCurry lamented that a "noble purpose" in journalism has nearly disappeared as only "cute quotes and sound bites get noticed."

"The way a story reaches America is where we have the problem," McCurry said. "One person standing at a podium at the White House briefing on the news is a lousy way to get information."

Even though McCurry expressed disappointment about the current state of politics and reporting, he was confident about the future.

"The Internet is a market for better news. Politics and the press are awakening to changes around them."

MIKE MCCURRY

Bob Woodward visited GW as part of the University’s Family Weekend. Woodward, who covered the Watergate scandal and worked as the assistant managing editor of The Washington Post, spoke in Lisner Auditorium about the changing political climate and the role of the media. He also ventured a guess as to why Bill Clinton succeeded as a politician.

"He answers all your questions in paragraph form and maintains impeccable eye contact," Woodward said. "When you get home and begin to transcribe your recorded interview, you realize that all his answers are gibberish and B.S."

Woodward also asked people to be critical of the media and its attempts to juxtapose very different events.

"Any comparison you make between the Lewinsky scandal and Watergate would be poor at best," said Woodward. "One was a major state-involving event, the other a personal affair by a-_nitzebag._"
GW hosted its seventh annual Bhangra Blowout at Constitution Hall this year. Twelve universities competed in the event, showcasing folk music and dance while raising money for scholarships and charities such as the Asian Women's Self-Help Association.

Festivities began the afternoon before the competition as GW hosted "Bhangra on the Quad". Performers from different schools mingled and enjoyed authentic South Asian food and mendhi.

The show got underway as Mayor Anthony Williams proclaimed "April 1, 2000 as 'Bhangra Blowout' in Washington, D.C." GW students Neil Badlani and Roger Kapoor hosted the event and performed comedy skits in between the dance routines. The Lollipop Kids, a popular South Asian dance troupe, performed as well.

GW faced tough competition from schools such as Georgetown, Cornell and Yale. A few of the more adventurous schools incorporated funky dance beats with traditional bhangra for added effect. Johns Hopkins University's all-male team captured first place honors and the $2,500 grand prize.

The South Asian society hopes that proceeds from Bhangra Blowout will eventually fund a full-tuition scholarship. After this year, the Society will have donated $75,000 to the endowment fund.

"The most impressive thing about Bhangra Blowout is the way the South Asian Society has had the foresight to create a scholarship with the profits," said Neil Badlani. "It won't happen overnight, but because the event is so popular and successful, it is possible this could grow to a full scholarship in the future."

-Tim Herring
Students voice their political views during the World Bank protests that closed the university for a day. During the wave of political activism that took the campus by storm, University Police assert authority as they control the crowd.
protests and patrols

taken over by controversy

“Hey, hey! Ho, ho! The IMF has got to go!”
“More world! Less Bank!”

On Saturday, April 16 at 5:45 a.m. students were awakened by these battle cries as protesters marched defiantly through campus, arms linked and vinegar soaked bandanas protecting them from potential tear gas and pepper spray.

It was estimated that 10,000 demonstrators from around the country came to protest the annual spring meetings held between the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Demonstrators were primarily white 20-somethings, and protested everything from the World Bank and IMF to animal cruelty. Carrying signs, banners and even giant puppets, they paraded through campus. At one point they formed a human chain on 21st street stretching from the Marvin Center past Quigley’s Market.

Metro and campus police manned every block, decked out in full riot gear. They stood ready in the heat and humidity, billy clubs and shields in hand. All blocks surrounding the World Bank buildings were closed to all traffic. The police blockades were rivaled by the barriers of demonstrators as they linked themselves together with pipes and chains. One group of five men linked themselves together by the neck with bicycle locks. Others wove yarn between street signs or pulled trash cans and even cars into the street.

To ensure student safety the University canceled one day of classes and suspended the outside visitor policy in all residence halls for five days. The Thurston Block Party and the Spring Crew Regatta were also canceled as a result of the demonstrations. Some students protested the shutdown, but the University held their ground. “I don’t think there’s any question that the decision that was made to limit access in the residence halls, the Marvin Center and to cancel classes was the right one,” Mike Gargano, Assistant Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services, told the GW Hatchet. “With all the street closings there wasn’t a way for a lot of the faculty to make it into town to have the classes. Even the federal government gave their employees that were in the restricted zone the day off.”

-Sara DeGraeve

photos taken by Amy E. Lestition, Sara DeGraeve and Jade-Snow May
GW's best and brightest turned out for the 15th annual Excellence in Student Life Awards. Many students dressed in formal attire for the MC Ballroom event, which boasted live jazz music and a light fare prior to the ceremony.

Jessica Love and Anthony Rizzuto were the masters of ceremony for the event, introducing administrators and student leaders. Michael Gargano, Assistant Vice President of Student and Academic Support Services, gave the introduction and promised to make the night go a bit faster than in previous years—he said that his tuxedo was due back at 10 p.m.

The ceremony was filled with stirring speeches about community involvement and personal dedication. Awards such as Student Organization Advisor of the Year and Student Organization Superlative Achievement Award were accompanied with applause and shouts of support.

The atmosphere was jovial, as large groups such as Latinos for Progress and Lambda Chi Alpha—honored for multiculturalism and Greek life respectively—filled the stage and posed for photographers. After awards were given out from the chartered student organizations, JCFS Scholarships were awarded in addition to Baer Awards for Individual Excellence, students celebrated a year of hard work and innovative student leadership.

- Tim Herring
Spring Fling came complete with warm weather, free food, the Bloodhound Gang, laser tag and the annual Chalk-In.

Students filled the mid-campus quad and H Street to enjoy the 80 plus degree heat and de-stress. The sounds of many different bands filled the air, from the rowdy Bloodhound Gang to Soul Country, Nine Stories Up, Bicycle Thieves and Waterstreet. The Bloodhound Gang hit the stage at 1 p.m. and delighted Spring Fling goers with hits such as “Bad Touch” and “The Roof is on Fire”. The band’s on-stage antics—band members started a congo line and dared a student to drink a case of tepid Dr. Pepper—added to the show.

Students could dunk SA president-elect David Burt or don oversized gloves and pummel their closest friend in the inflatable boxing ring. The “moon-bounce” in front of the Academic Center gave students the opportunity to regress into childhood immaturity. The 15th Annual Chalk-In also allowed students the chance to unwind as they colored in H Street in front of the library.

And because all that activity can stir up the appetite, burgers, chips, sodas, sno-cones, cotton candy and other sweets were supplied.

-Sasa Nikolic and Tim Herring
fun in the SUN

spring fling brings the bloodhound gang and the annual chalk-in
The Story
THE ATHLETIC
“While it’s so important to win, it’s imperative to compete.”
—Dave Weinbaume
swimming & diving    cross country    gymnastics    golf    tennis    volleyball    the future
One man walked onto the court, women gained long awaited recognition, but they all competed.
men's basketball
The men's basketball team focused on rebuilding after losing a number of seniors to graduation last year. The season ended with a defeat during the quarterfinals of the Atlantic-10 Tournament when the men lost to UMass 86-68. However, the men's team did win the BB&T Classic, went 5-3 vs. NCAA Tournament teams, and had a successful A-10 season with a 9-7 record and a No. 2 seed in the tournament.

Freshmen guard SirValiant Brown scored 33 points in the quarterfinals, reminding GW that the future would be bright. "We're gonna build something special here," Coach Tom Penders told the GW Hatchet. "We have some very high-level caliber players coming here. We need more Val Browns and Chris Monroes to compete where I want to compete."

Brown, one of GW's most promising new players, was a freshman force to be reckoned with. He annihilated a record of former Colonial star Shawnta Rogers by attempting 277 three-pointers to Rogers' 238 last season. GW also scored a record 2,417 points this year. The previous high was 2,414 in 1997-98. GW's offense (80.6 points per game) ranked 13th in the nation, and GW also racked up a University record 2,443 points this year.

"It's been a great, but it could have been a disaster," Penders told the Hatchet. "Some magazines (The Sporting News) picked us to be number 170."

"Maybe we were not a consistent team, but even if we were down by twenty points we would never give up," said sophomore Albert Roma. "There were many games at half time when we were down, but somehow or another we found a way to come back, and I think that shows a lot of courage from a young team."
Chris Monroe, SirValent Brown, Arthur Andrews, Mark Lambe, Head Coach Tom Penders, Mike King, Bernard Cotton, Sam Arroyo, Dorlen Brown, Student Manager Jon Coburn, Administrative Assistant Jimmy McGovern, Strength and Conditioning Coach Guennadi Bratichko, Assistant Coach Rob Wright, Patrick Ngongba, Antwon Iturbe, Albert Roma, Francisco de Miranda, Valery Khamene, Jason Smith, Assistant Coach Tommy Penders Jr., Asst. Academic Coordinator Karin Ecolol, and Manager Peter Toohey
Mark Lund

My greatest memory has been the last four years! I will never forget all the times the students would chant “We want Mark” and when the season ticket holders say “Rudy”. I will never forget the feeling that I had after our loss to UMass this year in the A-10s when I realized that the dream was over. It was kind of fitting on that day when we were practicing at UPenn and I saw a plaque that told what basketball and life are like:

“To win the game is great
To play the game is greater
To love the game is greatest of all”
Elisa Aguilar

“I love playing because I like to compete and win. Also, basketball gives me the opportunity to meet people that are going to always be my friends. I also had the opportunity to travel a lot. I have gotten to play in different countries and learn about different cultures, styles of life, and languages.”

Special Achievements: Rookie of the year, two times in the first team in the conference, chosen to play in the All Star game.
Manager Mike McCarthy, Cathy Joens, Corrin Reid, Marlo Egleston, Elisa Aguilar, Kristeeena Alexander, Starr Jefferson, Lindsey Davidson, Strength & Conditioning Coach Krissy Kahler, Assistant Coach Kara McVey, Assistant Coach Tori Harrison, Katarina Baskova, Petra Dubovcova, Leslie Carlson, Elena Vishniakova, Erica Lawrence, Assistant Coach Kathy Wilson, Head Coach Joe McKeown
The women's basketball team had an extraordinary season highlighted by a 15-0 record at home and a strong showing at the Atlantic-10 championship games. They ended the season with a record of 26-6.

"I'm really proud of this team, for them to go undefeated at home," Coach Joe McKeown told the *GW Hatchet*. "It's a really special group. We had a tough home schedule. When we started out in October, if you look at our home schedule you see Rutgers and Virginia Tech coming off the 'Sweet 16.' So to go through it undefeated, man, it just says what a special year it's been for this group."

Petra Dubovcova, an A-10 Player of the Week, helped carry the Colonials to the A-10 championship game after defeating La Salle and UMass in the playoffs. After a close and well played game GW unfortunately lost to Xavier 80-66.

The season finally concluded with the NCAA tournament. In the first round the women beat the University of California Los Angeles 79-72. However, in the second round the University of Notre Dame annihilated GW with a score of 95-60, the Colonials' worst loss in five years.

"We surprised a lot of people this year," senior guard Marlo Egleston told the *GW Hatchet*. "It hurts a lot now, but down the road, we'll have good memories."
(kneeling) Gabriela Mojska, Jill Levey, Devin Cahill, Shannon Farley (standing) Renee Arnold, Suzana Mauole, Tracee Brown, Abby Einst, Julie Jahne, Theresa Ridder
The women's volleyball team achieved their main goal this season. After four years, the team finally made it to the conference tournament held over the Thanksgiving holiday in Philadelphia. They also finished fourth in Atlantic 10 regular season play. Other highlights included junior Tracee Brown achieving the 19th highest blocking percentage in the country.

"The season was marked by the team's effort to overcome injuries. Junior Jill Levey, the team's prime setter and co-captain, had to sit out for the end of the season after she broke her fibula, a bone in the lower leg. While the team felt her absence, junior Suzana Manole took Levey's place and the Colonials finished the season strong.

"We put a lot of heart and soul into this," said Levey. "We dedicated all of 1999 toward preparing for competition and now that it's over, we can start the next cycle that will hopefully lead us to an even more successful season in 2000."

"My greatest memory is meeting the teammates that came in 1997. The first time we met, I was the last one to get there. As I walked closer they were all smiling and as they introduced themselves they gave me a hug. I hope that we all remain close friends for the remainder of our lives."

Renee Arnold

Special achievements: Co-captain sophomore and junior years and made an All-Tournament team sophomore year.
The women’s soccer team ended their season with a record of 3-15-1. The team was young, with only five upperclassmen on the roster, and they struggled to rebuild after losing last season’s two top scorers to graduation. As a result, the team earned the worst winning percentage in program history (.184) and lost the most matches ever (15). However, the team played hard despite their uphill battle.

Senior captains Carina Sonberg and Katy McQuillin provided the team with great leadership. Outstanding young players included freshman Caroline Donaghue, who led the team in scoring, and sophomore Tiffany Williams who led the team in assists. Williams also made the All Tournament team at the University of California Berkeley tournament and sophomore Courtney Wright was named second-team all-conference and started seventeen games.

Michele Rodriguez-Smith, second-year head coach and an alumnus of the GW soccer program, said the team would only benefit from such a difficult season. "You can only grow stronger from these experiences," Rodriguez-Smith told the GW Hatcher.

Katy McQuillin

“I have played soccer for my entire life, but the past four years at GW have been the ultimate competitive experience, complete with glory and defeat. I have felt the rush of scoring a winning goal in overtime of a huge game as well as the despair of a losing season. I would not trade my experience playing soccer at GW for the world. I will forever cherish the hard work, the glory, the satisfaction, the struggles, and the guidance provided by my time here.”
Kirk Lewis, Greg Kahn, Bjarni Thraustason, Mike Goldman, Bucky Bennett, Riccardo Forno, Evan Nierman, David Fishman, Jake Olinet (Asst. Coach), Chris Stockton (Associate Sports Information), Michael Jelencovich, Jeff Greenspan, Matt Osborne, Marty Williams, Gregg Friedman, Ted Tucker, Fridrik Omarsson, Andre Cardin, Jason Holloway, Zak Adams, Nick Parypinski, George Lidster (Head Coach), Mike McMoil (goal keeper coach)
The men's soccer team was extremely young this year and ended the season with an overall record of 3-12-2. With a roster of twenty-one players, there were just four seniors, only two of which were starters. Eight freshmen were introduced to the team, some hailing from countries as distant as Iceland.

While the soccer team didn't have a strong winning record, many individual games were extremely close. The Colonials often lost by only a single goal, including their final game against Temple University. The main challenge the men faced was learning to play together as a team. With so many new players, it was difficult for them to find their groove. Another difficulty was how far away many of their games were played. The Colonials missed having the spirit and enthusiasm of fans to cheer them along.

The future looked extremely promising for this team, however. A new practice field at the Mount Vernon campus would be available for the men next season, allowing them to be closer to the GW community. The team would also be more comfortable playing together. "No doubt this was not just a rebuilding year," Coach George Lidster told the GW Hatchet. "It was a year where foundation was put into place."

Marty Williams

"I have lots of memories, but I think my favorite was when I scored the winning goal against Va Tech in the last game of my freshmen year. Also, walking off the field after the loss to Temple in my last college game knowing that it was all over, and knowing it was worth it."

Evan Nierman

"Though at times it was really tough to balance schoolwork, soccer, and a social life, I certainly don't regret all the hours of hard work I spent practicing, playing, and traveling. It was not easy to get motivated for every single day, but the vast majority of the time I loved being on the soccer team. I have loved the sport all my life and having the opportunity to compete at the college level for my school was great. I love the beauty of the game, the skill involved, and the competition."

Special achievement: Captain senior year
Jeffrey McCarthy, Vincent Pace, Daniel Uriano, Nathan Edwards, Matt Kascak, James McManus, Robert Wolcheski, David Talbott, and Donaldson

Sarah Traynor, Erin Farrelly, Jenee Peterson, Eileen Kickish, Paige Simms, Julie Ann Lieurance, Mackenzie Jessen, Jessica Alderman, Jennings
Many extraordinary achievements were accomplished this year, but difficulty marked the season for the cross-country team. The runners were very young and many were getting their first experience with racing a five-mile distance. While this proved difficult in the beginning months, the runners improved as the season progressed.

"In our sport you have to be patient," Crack Hatchet told the GW Hatchet. "We're doing the right things (in practice), but we have to wait for it to set in now."

At the ECAC/IC4A race in Bronx, NY, the GW men, David Talbird and Matt Kascak performed well. Talbird and Kascak, they are the future. In their first major collegiate competition, Talbird finished second for GW, 32nd overall, and Kascak finished 56th overall.

The GW Invitational was a huge event for the cross-country team. Talbird and Kascak finished in the top ten and senior Jeff McCarthy won the race. The following week Talbird was named A-10 rookie of the week, and McCarthy was named the A-10 co-runner of the week. The season concluded with McCarthy making the All-A10 conference team.

The women's season also ended successfully. At the conclusion of the ECAC/IC4A meet, the women were led by senior Julie Ann Laurance, who finished 56th. Six seconds behind her was sophomore Jenee Peterson, at 20 minutes and 20 seconds.

Jeff McCarthy

“I love running. It's great to have something that you excel in, and I excel in running. I also love being part of a team. There's something about having other people depend on you and other people to depend on that makes running more satisfying. I guess it's a sort of camaraderie. Of course, it requires a lot of practice, but all the time spent training is worth it when you can experience the benefits first-hand.”

women's crew
The women's crew team had a competitive season filled with numerous extraordinary victories and upsetting losses.

The women's varsity crew finished 14th out of 18 at the Eastern Sprints on Lake Waramaug on May 14th. This race eliminated GW from the NCAA Women's Rowing Championships.

"The team did well," GW Coach Steve Peterson said in a Sports Information press release. "I think all of the crews were rowing technically very well, we were just overpowered. Racing into a headwind is always going to be better for the bigger, stronger, crews."

While having trouble at the race at Lake Waramaug, the women's crew team finished second in the Atlantic 10 Rowing Championships, led by a novice squad that brought home three gold trophies after winning all of its races. The Colonials entered the race ranked first in the A-10 but finished the nine-race event on the Cooper River in Collingswood, NJ with 40 points, nine points behind first-place Massachusetts and 14 points ahead of third-place finishers Dayton and St. Joseph's.

The GW novice team won the novice eight "B" final (8:04.8) and won the novice eight "A" final (7:26.7) 22.4 seconds over UMASS.

"We went in with high hopes," novice coach Angela Hart told the GW Hatchet. "And they were very excited to beat UMASS by as much as they did."

Other achievements during the season was Coach Steve Peterson being named the A-10 Coach of the Year by his fellow conference coaches.
Salvatore Assenza, Carlos Horcaitas, Michael Riegelman, Jeremy Dutra, Charles Porter, Shane Funston, Ethan Hawke, Geoff Kitzman, Justin Parody, Grant Bursek, Jack Dellinger, Nick Henneman, Pat McLaughlin, John Creedon, Justin Hutchinson, Brandon Craig, Christina Mulligan, Vikas Gupta, David Espinoza, Mike Kagen, Frank Bottino, Brendan Gilbert, Jay Anklowitz, Karl Crow, Justin Rome, Johann Aakre, Matt Moton, Max Gustashaw, Belden Schroeder (not pictured Coaches Gene Kininmonth and Matt Pascal)

The Varsity Eight men's crew team row in "The Duel" against Georgetown.
With a mix of youth and experience, the GW men's crew team, under the leadership of first year coach Gene Kininmonth, concluded an extraordinary season, arguably one of the most successful in recent history.

Opening their season with a second place finish at the Occoquan Sprints, the Colonial men went on to beat Colby College, the University of Massachusetts and Wesleyan University the following week. At the Atlantic 10 Tournament, GW placed a close second, narrowly losing to St. Joseph's.

The most memorable race of the season occurred at the National Intercollegiate Rowing Championships held in Camden, NJ. George Washington University's graduating senior oarsmen rowed the race of their lives to win the silver medal in the varsity coxless fours event. The result was the best ever by a GW crew at a National Championship. Following the race, coach Kininmonth said, "I am extremely proud of these student-athletes. It was an honor to have had the opportunity to coach such talented athletes who have so much integrity." Looking forward to building on this year's successes, Kininmonth explained that he "can only imagine the possibilities that await."
women's water polo
The 1999-2000 season marked the inaugural varsity season for the women’s water polo team. Women’s water polo had been a club sport for five years during which time the players dreamed of someday gaining varsity status. With an increase in the number of female students enrolled in the University, GW was required by Title IX to increase the number of women’s varsity sports. Women’s water polo was the first to be added.

The team continued to compete in the Mid-Atlantic Division as it had in the past, since club and varsity teams compete with one another in women’s water polo, but even so, the season proved to be very different.

Newness pervaded the team, which consisted of eight returning players, nine freshmen and one transfer student. There was a new coach, Scott Reed, to lead the way. Everything seemed fresh and exciting from the first day of practice to the very last game.

"The team anxiously awaited each game, not quite sure what to expect from themselves, but always hopeful for the best," said senior Danielle Cormier.

Seniors Carolyn Nelson, Melissa Komasz, and Danielle Cormier had been on the team since they were freshmen. They were particularly excited for each game, almost unable to believe their dreams had finally been realized.

“This new team stuck together through the most gratifying victory and the most disappointing loss, through health and injury, to the end. But the end of this season was really only the beginning for the women’s water polo team,” said Cormier.
The men’s water polo team made the most of a tough season as they worked with a small roster of fifteen players. Seniors Rush Taylor and Tony Paster led the team, which consisted mostly of underclassmen.

One of the team’s closest games was played in Massachusetts against New York’s Queens College. The Colonials led at half time but with six seconds left the two teams were tied. In the final .7 seconds the ball turned over and Queens won by one goal.

The team played hard and worked together. They were at their best against some of the toughest teams on the East Coast, finishing 4th at the CWPA Southern Championships and then placing 7th in the Eastern Water Polo Association’s Southern conference.

The Colonials will lose Rush Taylor, Tony Paster, Bill Blackburn and Doug Maitz to graduation this year.

“I loved the camaraderie of the team,” said Rush Taylor. “We spent so much time together we got to know each other much better than if we just had a class with them. Water polo also enabled us to get out and see other parts of the country which has been an amazing experience.”
Josh Gimpleson, Rush Taylor, Dean Moss, Kevin Norman, Chris Greene, Gur Doytel, Scott Reed (Coach), Brad Oliver, Spencer Hugret, Doug Maitz, Tony Paster, Taylor Woodbury, Bill Blackburn

Rush Taylor

"One of my greatest memories is helping the team make it to the Eastern Championships for the first time ever in my sophomore year. My main goal in the water is to have a good time. I have always tried to relax and enjoy the ride."

Special Achievements: Water polo All Conference Team sophomore and senior years, All Eastern Team senior year, captain.
What I love is the rush you get when you hit the cold water at dawn and the feeling you get in the middle of a practice when you don't feel like you can go any further, but you keep going anyway and at that point in time, you decide that you are invincible. I love racing, competing against others and the clock, in order to go harder and faster than you have ever gone before. There are no words to describe the pride you feel when you touch out a rival in a close race and your teammates are going wild on the side of the pool.

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams concluded a successful season with fourth-place team finishes at the Atlantic-10 Championships held in Buffalo, N.Y. The teams took home a slew of individual wins at this meet. Senior Tim Champney won the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke titles for the fourth straight year. He also led GW to titles in the 200-yard and 400-yard medley relays. Senior David Simonetti won the 100-yard butterfly and senior Juan Bocanegra won the championship title in the 200-yard individual medley. Senior Rich de Wet defended his 50-yard freestyle title for the second year in a row and junior Alvaro Fortuny set a new team record in a second-place finish in the 100 breaststroke. In addition, sophomore Nell Friar captured the 100-yard breaststroke title in the women's race.

“We all have our ups and downs with swimming, but the experience of being a college athlete will stick with us for a lifetime,” said Rachel Smith.
The Men’s Baseball team had an extraordinary season marked by broken records and exceptional honors bestowed on players.

The Colonials closed out their season with a three game sweep of Duquesne, breaking GW’s previous record for most wins in a single season. The previous record was held by the 1998 team with a total of 33 wins.

Headed by fourth year head Coach Tom Walter, GW played exceptionally in their final games against Duquesne. The starting pitchers shut down Duquesne as they went a combined 19 innings giving up only two earned runs. The Colonials offense, led by Matt Walker and Mike Bassett, pounded Duquesne’s pitching for 27 runs and 33 hits. Strong pitching performances were seen from starters Adam Belicic, Chris Worth and Greg Conden.

Another victory claimed by the Colonials was tying for first place with Virginia Tech in the A-10 West Division. The Colonials finished the 2000 season 37-21.

Many players gained enormous recognition. Adam Belicic, Matt Walker, and Eric Mitchell were all selected by Major League Baseball organizations in the 2000 First-Year Player draft held June 5-7. In addition, Matt Walker was named the most valuable player. Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Year, freshman Greg Conden, was named to the Freshman All-American team by the Collegiate Baseball newspaper. Conden was also named Rookie of the Year and to the All-Conference Team. This was the first Atlantic 10 player to win Pitcher or Player of the Year honors in the same season he earned the Rookie of the Year award.
Baseball has been something I have done forever and just enjoy succeeding in. It's been very Big to succeed in a sport in which it is very easy to fail—probably the easiest sport to fail.

**Special Achievements:** Season and Career GW goals

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Ryan Pace
men's tennis
Coach Jeanne Genglue Swiacki, Lisa Borromeo, Sunien Miller, Susie Coggin, Kat States, Sharine Weingarten, Ashley Lustia, Ghada, Skaff, Jadie Horten, Carolina Deutsch, Tracy Wei, Megan Goldsmith
Each of the women's tennis matches were extremely close. Every player exerted all their effort whether they eventually won or lost.

One match exemplified the hard work and determination exhibited by this team. Senior captain, Ghada Skaff, rebounded from a tough straight-set loss against Army to defeat her opponent 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, at the Number 1 position. During the Cornell University Women's Tennis Winter Indoor Classic, sophomore Lisa Borromeo advanced to the championship match of the "D" singles consolation flight before losing to her Penn State opponent.

"Lisa and Ghada would have lost if they didn't keep their heads in (their matches)," GW head coach Jeanne Gengler Swiacki told the GW Hatchet. "They were mentally tough."

The future for the women's tennis team looks promising due to numerous talented freshmen. During the match against Central Connecticut State University, freshman Tracy Wei dominated her singles match in the No. 2 position defeating her opponent 6-0, 6-0.
Erica Lewy

“I love what gymnastics has done for me. It has not only supplied me with endless hours of joy and happiness, but it has taught me so much about life. I will take with me so many useful skills… leadership, teamwork, commitment, dedication, drive, power, and respect.”

Special Achievements: top all-time record at GW on the floor exercise with a 9.95, captain of the team senior year, qualified for NCAA Regionals three times and won A-10 Championships three times consecutively.
This year GW gymnastics experienced the most successful season in history. They broke the school record four times during the season with a final score of 195.675 and won the Atlantic-10 Championships for the third straight year.

Their success was mainly due to great performances both at home and on the road. At home the team had the advantage of familiar judges and fans cheering them along. The gymnastics team had never broken a record while away, but this year their first record-breaking meet occurred at the University of Rhode Island. Senior captain Erica Lewy provided strong leadership while sophomore Jessica Mantek and junior Darden Wilee were the backbone of the team. Sophomore Devon McCalla also had an extraordinary season, breaking many individual records and winning the Atlantic-10 Championship.

“This team is the greatest team I have ever been a part of. We are all extremely dedicated and respect one another. We are constantly doing whatever we can to help each other improve. Everyone is always there to give advice, listen to each other’s problems and be a friend. This year everyone really pulled it together and did everything they could to make sure we had a successful season. Lastly, without our coaches, Margie and Barry, none of this could be possible. They have given everything they had to help us accomplish our goals,” said junior Amanda Forrest.
cheerleading
The 1999-2000 season for the spirit program was filled with excitement and many new beginnings. The program had fourteen returning members that provided an incredible foundation for all nine rookies.

Four-year veteran David Soulier, along with 1999-2000 MVP's Dionne Harden and Kate Nurczynski, took special leadership and support roles that helped the team strive together for excellence and growth in the program. A new coaching staff comprised of Erin Movshin, NFL cheerleader for the Washington Redskins, and Stephanie Jojokian, director and choreographer for the NBA Wizards Dance Team, focused the program on building both team and individual skill level, and enhancing the overall atmosphere of spirit in the GW community.

A remarkable amount of commitment and drive allowed the squad to perform a flawless routine at Midnight Madness, having had only two weeks to prepare following their auditions. Other season highlights included performing two halftime shows in the Smith Center and one halftime show at the MCI Center for a Washington Wizards game. In addition, they invited the children of GW season ticket holders to participate in "Jr. Colonials!".

Comic skits by George, Big George, and even Martha helped build spirit in the Smith Center during all home games. These excellent achievements were recognized by almost fifty GW cheerleading alumni at the third annual spirit program reunion held at the new University Club in February. The support of alumni and the GW administration encouraged the program's hope to be competing on a national level in the near future.

David "Turkey" Soutter

"Cheerleading is unlike any other sport I've ever done and also one of the most difficult. The sport itself is centered around support of another team which can be very interesting. Even though the basketball teams play the games, we feel that we help with some of the intangibles. And when the team is down, that's when we work trying anything to get the crowd back into the game. It is also a true contact sport and a true team sport. In cheering, you can't just do your own thing. When people are flying upwards of 30 feet in the air, it is very important to cooperate."

Special Achievements: 1999 Rutgers College Camp Partner-Stunt competition champion. 1997 UCA Nationals 7th place squad.
Tim Derdenger, Dan Reardon, Brad Friedlander, Michael Goldman, Reid Rosenthal, Darren Ressler, Thomas Blankvoort, Ryan Day, Coach Allen, Bryan Derdenger, Gavin Parsons
Coached by Scott Allen, the golf team had a rigorous schedule practicing three days a week on the course and two evenings a week at the driving range. In the fall and the spring, the team played five tournaments, each hosting twenty teams of five. This year, sophomore twins Bryan and Tim Derdenger returned with the top two scoring averages.

"Last year, we had a younger team that made freshman mental mistakes," Coach Scott Allen told the GW Hatchet. "That shouldn't be the case this year."

The team consisted of ten players from both the United States and Europe, led by junior Darren Ressler and senior Greg Kroll.

During the 36-hole GW Invitational, Michael Goldman fired a 160, which placed him in a five-way tie for 48th place among 133 individuals. At the conclusion of the GW Invite, the Colonials' A team placed 19th while the GW B team was 20th among the 27-field team.

For many players the highlight of the season was the annual spring break trip to Bermuda. The players were on the course by 7 or 10 a.m. every day, practicing for six to seven hours. They played either 18 or 36 holes each day.

Tim Derdenger
"The number one reason for me to play is competition... I love competition, the better the competition the better I play. I also love playing golf because it's such a humbling sport. One day I think I have this game mastered but a week later, I can be struggling just to find a swing... there is always time to practice. I practice every day because I strive for perfection, even though I know it will never occur."
I love making music. I love basketball and sports in general and playing for sporting events gives me a chance to be involved. I enjoy the comradere among those who appreciate making music together.

Special Achievements:
GW Band Vice-President

The best part of band is travelling with the teams to tournaments. My favorite trip was to Connecticut for the Women's NCAA in 1998. In the second round of the tournament it was GW vs. UConn UConn. There were thousands of UConn fans and only a handful of GW fans, but we never stopped cheering for our team, and they came incredibly close to winning. The energy was intense, and the band did a lot to create that energy. It's great to get to participate in the team's success and play a part in generating that success.

Special Achievements: Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Fraternity for Bandmembers, served as a band officer.
The GW Colonial Brass, known to most as the pep band, wrapped up their successful season in South Bend, Indiana this year. Although the trip to South Bend was exciting, it was the process of getting there that was enjoyable for most.

Band members, led by Dr. Ben Fritz and student conductor Stephanie Bowers, put in a rigorous schedule, sometimes playing at four games in a week. They added spirit to the already pride-filled Smith Center fans, who helped the Colonial Women go undefeated at home this year.

The Band, comprised of Brass, Saxophones, and Percussion was present at all home and tournament basketball games at the Smith Center, MCI Center, in Philadelphia (on two separate occasions), and in Indiana for the Women’s NCAA Championship.

"The Band looks forward to bigger and better things ahead and will surely return to support the Colonials in the future," said sophomore Mark Walz.
intramural volleyball
The coed intramural volleyball league was not Olympic bound. In fact, this league was not based on cutthroat competition, or the tallying of wins, but on the simple love of the game. Although friendly competition did invigorate the weekly game schedule, many of the teams' players were out just for the enjoyment of hitting around a ball with friends.

Teams were comprised of one or two captains and a group of coed individuals who rotated in and out of the games, keeping an even number of male and female players on the floor at all times. Many members could not spike the ball or even serve the ball successfully, but the laughter that filled the gym during the evening games at the Smith Center on Monday, Wednesday, or Sunday nights said it all.
intramural floor hockey
Intramural sports were an ideal option for regular students to become part of a team and experience the thrill of competition. They allowed participants to develop skills in teamwork, build confidence and have a great time playing a sport with friends.

Each floor hockey team was comprised of both women and men who, through working and playing together, formed lasting friendships with each other.

"Most of the players had very little experience or had never even played before," said junior Bryan Laliberte. "My team didn't even practice to try and get better, so we weren't the best team out there. However, those were the things that make playing so enjoyable. We went out there each week to have fun and enjoy a laugh or two."

Nonetheless, many teams took their sport quite seriously. Play became quite competitive, driving the teams to play even harder.

"In the end, though, it was just a game and there was always next week," said Laliberte.
THE STORY
THE ORGANIZATIONS

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, its the only thing that ever does."

~Margaret Mead
organized Students
They moved, they went to trial, they even went to protest.

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As the largest student programming organization, the Program Board planned, organized and implemented most of the exciting events on campus. PB sponsored both large and small-scale projects ranging from educational lectures and theatre screenings to carnivals and concerts such as Live and Rahzel. Through its many committees and activities, PB was able to target a wide variety of interests. The Board catered to the needs of the entire GW community via both traditional and specialized events.

PB's traditional events included Fall Fest, Spring Fling, concerts, the Film Series, Ambassador Lecture Series and International Week. PB also provided students with a variety of new and exciting events on campus such as Oktoberfest, a night with the cast of MTV's The Real World and the new hit show The West Wing's Premiere Party. The program schedule also included educational programs and programs designed to recognize influential people and groups in the D.C. and national communities. Recognizing the achievements of women and their ever-changing role in society, PB also helped sponsor events in recognition of Women's History Month, including lectures, films and receptions.

In addition, PB helped other students plan events and assisted them by forming co-sponsorships or incorporating them into already existing programs. The PB assisted over fifty student groups in planning and financing their events. They strove to serve as not only a programming organization but as a valuable resource for all student groups.

—Ruthlene Abu Sahid
Ed Kowalczyk, the lead singer of Live, entertains a packed crowd at the Smith Center.
Student Association members help the Foggy Bottom Community with Foggy Bottom Clean-up.
The Student Association bettered both the GW and Foggy Bottom communities this year. The SA spearheaded Foggy Bottom Clean-up, a project that attracted volunteers from the University and the neighborhood. The SA also hosted a baseball game that raised $1,600 dollars for Turkish Relief, following the earthquakes that devastated that region. GWopoly, the University’s own version of Monopoly was introduced by the SA as well.

Between planning projects, the SA overhauled their leadership mid-year. Eight articles of impeachment were introduced against President Phil Meisner by the SA Senate. After eleven hours of testimony and deliberation, the only article that passed cited Meisner for ‘gross negligence’, and he was removed from office. Executive Vice President Caity Leu became the new SA President and she appointed Kim McGraw as Executive Vice President.

Under Leu’s leadership, Student Advocacy advisors were developed, a student survey about life at GW was conducted and a new Joint Elections Committee Charter, which would govern over future elections, was passed.

—Sara DeGraeve

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The 1999-2000 year was one of the most successful years to date for the College Democrats. In August the CDs began their Youth in Politics speaker series with Democratic National Chairman, Joe Andrew. C-SPAN covered the event live and it was an excellent way for incoming freshmen and returning students to be introduced to the CDs community.

The kick-off event for the Youth in Politics series included an appearance by Senator Paul Wellstone (D-MN). Senator Wellstone had visited the campus previously and was a favorite due to his vibrant speaking style and message of the importance of getting involved in politics early in life.

Just a few weeks later the CDs welcomed Representative Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) to campus, also as part of the Youth in Politics series. Representative Sanchez shared her experiences regarding running and winning a grassroots campaign. The CDs were delighted the Program Board and all three Latino groups, Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad, Latinos for Progress, and La Unidad Latina co-sponsored the event.

The CDs took a brief break from the Youth in Politics series to focus on the 2000 election when Bill Press from CNN's Crossfire came to campus to share his thoughts on the presidential and congressional elections.

The Youth in Politics series continued when the CDs hosted Representative James Clyburn (D-SC) and Representative Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL), who shared their experiences of being African-American in Congress.

The CDs also held a Women in Advocacy event featuring top activists from EMILY's List and the DNC Women's Leadership Forum. In addition to bringing speakers to campus, the CDs held town-hall meetings about issues like affirmative action, went on a camping trip to Assateague to clean up the beaches and held their annual internship fair.
Presidential candidate Bill Bradley throws in his hat in hopes of getting the Democratic nomination.
In commemoration of Veteran's Day, College Republican board members donate a wreath to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.
working to change the guard

college republicans

The College Republicans, one of the most successful student-run organizations on campus, was a powerful force on campus with over three hundred members. The CRs worked with many organizations such as the Federalist Society, AIPAC and the College Democrats to get the student body active in politics.

The year started with the kick-off of the organization's Congressional Lecture Series program, in which members of both the general body and the Executive Board invited members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to speak to students on issues of their choice. The first speaker was Congressman Bob Barr (R-GA). Congressman Barr returned to GW later in the semester to become the first member of Congress to ever speak at the Mount Vernon Campus, attracting over eighty students.

The CRs participated in many events, including the Christian Coalition Conference, the Young Hispanic Republican Association reception on Capitol Hill, the Conservative Political Action Conference, the Senate Majority Dinner, the Republican Governor’s Association of America’s Majority Dinner and the Republican Women Leadership Forum.

The CRs other activities included charitable efforts such as helping the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Other projects included the annual tradition of laying a memorial wreath at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day to honor America’s fallen soldiers and raising funds for the World War II Memorial Project Fund.

The highlight of the year was an evening with former Republican Senator and Presidential nominee Robert J. Dole. Senator Dole spoke to a Bert Theater crowd of over five hundred students, while his remarks were televised on C-SPAN.

- Brad Murphy, Chairman
November 8, 1999
UPD nabs men soliciting sex

November 11, 1999
Senate removes Meisner as president

February 24, 2000
Preacher brings his dogma to GW amid controversy

February 7, 2000
GW party poses problems
Pakistani students’ after-party ends in violence

December 2, 1999
Gunshots fired following Colonials basketball game
The GW Hatchet entered its second century of providing news to the GW Community. To commemorate the turning of the calendar to a new century and a new millennium, the Hatchet did a yearlong series entitled "At the Millennium: GW in Perspective".

The series took a look at the past, present and future of the University from a variety of angles, including academics, race, gender, the campus plan, technology, drug use, sports and activism. Special Projects Editor Matt Berger pulled together one of the most in-depth series in the history of the publication.

The Hatchet also introduced readers to the D.C. Diary, the first-person journal that gave readers a close-up look at the places, people and events of GW and Washington.

The core purpose of the Hatchet remained covering the news that shaped the University community. The Hatchet provided students with coverage of everything from the impeachment of the Student Association president to an armed robbery in the Marvin Center.

-Dustin Gouker, Editor in chief
The 2000 Cherry Tree Executive Board

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The yearbook was called several things, but "Cherry Tree" was the name that stuck. Originally called the Columbiad in 1890, it was also known as The C in 1904, the Mall in 1905, and finally The Cherry Tree in 1908.

This year the 'Tree' journeyed to record the life of the university. The editorial board strived to cover every aspect of GW, from academics to sports to how students spent their free time. To organize this enormous project, the e-board members were responsible for separate facets of the book such as Greek life, photography or copy. The challenge came in bringing these unique aspects of the publication onto the same page.

Working on a tight deadline schedule, the entire board met biweekly to update each other and make sure all relevant campus events were being covered. However, despite the huge amount work done every day, the true magic happened during deadline weekends. E-board members and graphic designers stayed through the night designing, editing and reediting pages to be sent to the publisher. Creative juices flowed and ebbed, usually corresponding with everyone's caffeine levels. Wading through empty Coke cans, pizza boxes, napkins, and crumpled paper they would wearily stumble out of the office to go home and sleep, only to return the next day and start the next deadline.

It was rewarding work, however, and the e-board knew their efforts had produced an extraordinary, meaningful and attractive book.

-Sara DeGraeve
Cherry Tree Editors come together during deadline weekend.

from new york...
telling the GW story

...to marvin center 422
The Hawaii Club was a multicultural organization made up of members of various backgrounds. As a group, the Hawaii Club aimed to educate the community about the history, culture and spirit of Aloha that is unique to Hawaii.

The year marked great progress for the Hawaii Club as it established itself in the community through various events. The big debut took place at the wildly successful Midnight Madness celebration where eleven members of the club performed a lively Tahitian dance.

In the spring semester the Hawaii Club offered free hula and Tahitian lessons weekly, taught by two members of the club. However, the biggest event of the year was the Hawaiian Luau, held in April. The luau featured Hawaiian music, dance, food and crafts.

—Aishah Valencia
Michael Plostock, Candice Yee, David Todd Metnick, Alicia O'Neil, Christopher Voss, Christina Manzi, Cassandra Rowe, Ervin Ha, Renee Dhyana Paris, Ga Testa

American Civil Liberties Union

Heather J. Saslovsky, Michele Umansky, David Portnoy

Arab Student Association
More than two hundred students became actively involved in the IAS this year, enjoying everything from Model UN trips to cultural events.

GW's Model UN Team was the anchor of the International Affairs Society. With groups of students ranging in size from twelve to twenty, the team traveled to Montreal, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Georgetown, bringing back awards, stories and most importantly, lifelong friendships.

The IAS also hosted conferences such as the fourth annual Greater Washington Conference for International Affairs and the second-ever Washington Area Model United Nations Conference in early April. Over five hundred middle and high school students from across the nation attended.

In addition, the IAS hosted presentations by the Peace Corps, State Department officials, GW professors and nationally renowned experts. The group also planned foreign food nights, 'Diplomacy' games, and town hall meetings.

-Colin Van Osten O’Loughlin
Association of Caribbean Students

Nagdalena Koniutis-Nanni, Steve Snyder, Teresa Logan, Craig Johnston, Roosevelt Davis III, Ryan Reed, Tanya Sharpies, Sean Griffith, Dwight Hall, Mariah Sussman, Mathew Portanova, Beth Faragna, Purcyle Peake, Ary Aerman, Christian Maher, Ibn Butler, Lindsay Williams

Baptist Student Union

Stacey Barros (Baptist Campus Minister), Erin Basham, Yumi Cosbert, Aaron Wynn (Not Pictured: Elizabeth Elliotte)

Best Buddies

Chinese American Student Association

Peter Cheng, Jenni Suen, Vastiha Lin, Lin Chen, Kenneth Pao, Cora Mak, Yvonne Luk, Mary Chang, Tracy Wei, Grace Li, Julie Zhang, Sonia Ahn, Jim Lee, Kenneth Lee, Sam Lee, Gary Sun, Marcu Sgro, Franz Kuo
The Residence Hall Association held several events to raise money for housing scholarships. At the Suitcase Party, several prizes were raffled off including a spring break trip to Rio de Janeiro. At the 34th annual Martha's Marathon of Birthday Bargains, everything from Israeli foreign documents to housing lottery numbers were auctioned off. Over four thousand raffle tickets were purchased just for a chance to win the highly coveted number one housing lottery pick. In total, these events raised over $40,000 to be used for housing scholarships.

The RHA also made a huge effort to make Housing Selection 2000 a smooth process compared to years past. The RHA webpage provided everything a student could possibly want to know about the residence halls, including floor plans and amenity lists. The "Roommate Rendezvous" took place as a means for students to find a roommate. During housing selection GW Channel 33 broadcast information such as what lottery numbers were being called and what rooms had already been chosen.

In addition, the RHA held many community service programs. They provided weekly grocery service to the residents of St. Mary's Court, a retirement home located behind Hew Hall and the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. volleyball tournament collected and donated clothing to Miriam's Closet, a center for the homeless. Finally, the RHA held the second annual Yard Sale as a means for students buying and selling trinkets they had accumulated over their years at GW.

—Noelle Frame
Chinese Student & Scholar Association

Class Council 2002

College Democrats

College Republicans

Jenn Gillespie, Christina Kaku, Beth Lester, Helen Casteel, Rachel, Ayanna Morali, Liz Zentos, Elana Schwartz, Anjan Choudhury, Jeff Marootian, Adam Brenneman, Amanda Marlatt, John Dunn, Jesse Demastrie
The Colonial Club Field Hockey Team experienced a turnaround season this year. Founded only four years ago, the team was struggling in terms of numbers, dedication, and winning. This past season, however, the field hockey team had 11 members, only two of which were juniors and seniors, assuring further improvement in upcoming years.

The first highlight of the field hockey team’s season was their Columbus Day Weekend trip to North Carolina for the UNC Field Hockey Tournament. The girls were able to redefine themselves as a strong club team, coming out of the weekend with wins and a stronger team bond.

Another high point for the team was a game against top-ranked University of Maryland. It was only two short years ago when they were defeated by Maryland’s 8-0 powerhouse team. This year the Colonials surprised UMD with a 2-2 tie after regulation play. After UMD’s insistence on overtime play, they came out on top 3-2, but the game still marked a major milestone in the GW field hockey team.
Colonial Field Hockey Club

Ricki Weisberg, Emily Barsons, Katie Myers, Korin Davis, Amanda Hicc, Liz Donohue, Christine Bender, Corina Monagin, Laura Bonita, Holly Prochillo, Kate Stepan, Deth Penfield, Sarah Edelman, Michelle McMaster, Jen Wolchansky, Meredith Ramsey, Tara Moscatecco, Maria Ramirez, Glynnis Breen, Melanie Gordon, Bri Brumstead, Rebecca Fox

Creative & Performing Arts Community

Lauren Roth, Mike Mattmiller, Annie O'Neill, Elizabeth Wainwright

Dance Performance Project

Lauren Sharp (Vice-President), Genevieve Rickmeyer (Secretary), Colleen Hooper, Miranda Herhberg, Jill Zeigenfus (President)

Delta Sigma Pi
university band

The GW Bands made lasting contributions to the world of music in order to commemorate the year 2000. In February the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band performed a concert which featured the world premieres of five new pieces, all composed specifically for the GW Bands. Composers included Elliot Del Borgo, a prominent name in modern literature, and Dr. Ben Fritz, the Director of Bands at GW. The “Music for the Millennium” concert was the second of the year. Works on that program included *The Lord of Rings* and *Carmina Burana*.

Besides performing with the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band in a concert setting, GW band members also performed with the Colonial Brass. This group entertained the crowd at all men's and women's basketball games in the Smith Center and traveled with the teams to the Atlantic 10 tournaments and other post-season games. Colonial Brass members began each game by singing the Alma Mater in Kogan Plaza and clearly demonstrating to any passers-by why they were in the band and not in the choir. After their vocal serenade, the rugby-clad band journeyed to the Smith Center to take their place in the bleachers and astound the spectators with their renditions of “Pretty Fly (For a White Guy),” “Sweet Child O’Mine,” and “Jungle Boogie,” among other classic songs.

-Nicole Phelps
Fencing Club

Professor Scott, Hilly, Tiger, Grasshopper, Verne, Pickett, Navy, Schroom, Lady, Morticia, Shadow, Red, Sleepy (not pictured: Gomez, Frenchie, Evil Jeremy)

German Club

Brad Wolterg, Clarke Rehme, Jedn Binder, Tanya Karimi (Co-President), Kyan Matsuno (Co-President), Chris Messer, Gitta Ghovans-lou, Craig R. Carroll

Golden Key National Honor Society

Megan Rigney (Chapter Advisor), Elizabeth Elliott (treasurer), Heather J. Saslovsky (President), Sarah Reece, Mallory Barg, Brandon Moss, Alice Stachowiak, Bruce N Farquharson, Zahid Amin, Shafbat Anwar, Jim Lee, Eleanor Miller, Suzi Meyers, Debbie Ginzi (Secretary), Jennifer Skinner (Vice President)

GW Hatchet

David Holt (Associate Sports Editor), Russ Rizzo (Assistant News Editor), Steven Postal (Assistant News Editor), Margaret Magee (Managing Editor), Francesca DiMeglio (News Editor), Matt Berger (Special Projects Editor), Zach Leibowitz (Associate Sports Editor), center: Rich Murphy (Opinions Editor), Evan Woodward (Production Asst.), Dustin Gouker (Editor In Chief), Ali Gazan (Arts Editor), Theresa Crapanzano (Assistant News Editor), Gayle Horwitz (Features Editor) Not pictured: Matt Besser (Photo Editor), Grant Wernick (Assistant Photo Editor)
The George Washington University Troubadours were the University's premier co-ed a cappella group. There were sixteen members who were selected through grueling auditions held at least once every semester. The Troubadours sang a wide variety of songs, including rock, pop, gospel, jazz, country, folk and blues.

The Troubadours arranged all of their own songs, calling them "troubs". The group sang in various places on campus, such as the Marvin Center, Lisner Auditorium, and at the Interfaith Baccalaureate and Parents Weekend. Also, the Troubadours had the opportunity to sing at various off-campus functions, such as the kick-off for the 2000 Census and the Vice President's Christmas Party.

The group traveled to many exotic places to share their musical talents including Italy, the Czech Republic, Disneyland, California and even Maryland. During the summer of 2000 the group planned to travel to Spain on tour.

- Adam Hall
Dominique Dje Djé, Benjamin Takis, Casey Reivich, Tua Dang, Korin Davis, Brian Flatley, Lauren Collins, Chip Ward, Edalin Michael, Jason Sherman, Katy Phillips, Julie Will (not pictured Jeremy Daniel)
The GW Jitterbugs Swing Club was a student organization dedicated to promoting swing dancing and swing music from the 1920s to 1950s. Their goal was to educate the students, faculty and staff about the importance of swing to American performing arts and American culture.

Events ranged from "Vintage Film Nights" to "The First Annual Intercollegiate Swing Dance Competition." Crowds ranged from fifty to five hundred people. In two years the GWJSC successfully completed more than twenty major events, including the popular "Lindy-Hop" lessons for GW students.

The Jitterbugs entertain at RHA's Casino Night.
Indian Students Association

Roshan Polepalli, Vikkram Bahhru, Smita Kampuni, Kartile Bulusu, Falguni Patel, Deepak Gutpa, Anku Nath

International Affairs Society

International Student Christian Association

Hua Ni, Yizhen Lin, Hui Shen, Sheng Gao

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
Generic Theatre Company was the largest, longest-running student-run theatre company on campus. Since the early 1980s, Generic has sought to bring the community together with quality performances. From comedy to drama, classical to Shakespeare, absurd to musical, or improv to a play in twenty-four hours, Generic tried it all.

Students directed the shows, hung the lights, hemmed the costumes, acted the parts, hung the posters and even wrote the scripts. It was a collaborative process, and anyone was invited—only qualification in Generic’s books: you have to love theatre.

Generic’s 2000 Board endeavored to intensify the company’s commitment to excellence while increasing the audience base. Operating mostly out of GW’s blackbox theatre, the Downstage, Generic saw thousands of students come through the doors and come out smiling.

Generic’s 1999-2000 season included All in the Timing, a wonderful comedy that compiled short plays into one zany evening; Picasso at the Lapin Agile, the Parent’s Weekend comedy written by Steve Martin, telling the hilarious fictional story of Picasso and Einstein’s encounter in a French Pub; Pippin, Generic’s first and widely successful musical that told the story of a Pippin’s search for his identity; and finally, Julius Caesar, a comedic look at a production of Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar gone awry. Second semester began with the innovative and first ever 24 Hour Play, where writers scripted the play one night, rehearsed the next day, and put the show up the following evening. 6 Characters in Search of an Author, a story about six characters of a play searching for the author that will finish writing their lives, followed as the first big play of the semester. Next performed was Arthur Miller’s Creation of the World and other Business, a creative-tragic-comedic spin about the biblical beginnings of time. Finishing up the busy year was the long running Festival of Mirth, a showcase of student written plays. As the Generic Theatre Company liked to say, “We may be Generic, but we’re never bland.”

—Frannie Rosenberg

Jitterbugs Swing Club

Roxana Cordova (Vice President), Sandra Gutierrez (President), Gina Rodriguez (Treasurer and Secretary)
Latinos for Progress became one of the most active and well-known student groups on campus. An integral part of the GW community, LFP prided itself on coordinating Latino activities, uniting Latinos in the community, increasing Latino cultural and political awareness, educating the University on Latino affairs and serving the Latino community of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

LFP experienced growth and success due to the organization's quality campus programming. Hispanic Heritage Month kicked off in mid-September with a Latino style barbecue that attracted over two hundred students. LFP went on to serve even more Spanish flavor at their annual Fiestass event. Also during Hispanic Heritage Month, LFP played an essential role in bringing *The Last Angry Brown Hat*, a highly acclaimed play that relives the history of the Chicano movement in East Los Angeles, to Lisner Auditorium.

In addition, the Executive Board was able to raise money for GW's first Latino Leadership Scholarship Award. LFP members were also active in the community as a founding organization of the National Association of Latino College Students, an accomplishment that led to an invitation to the White House from Brian Barrero, Director of Latino Outreach.

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photos courtesy of Latinos for Progress
Colonial Inauguration, created over a decade ago, continued to thrive as a student orientation program. CI provided all undergraduate students with an exciting, informative and memorable entry into the University. The Colonial Cabinet, a group of thirty students with diverse backgrounds and experiences, served as peer mentors and friends to all CI attendees. During CI, the cabinet led small groups through the two and a half day adventure, performed skits on issues related to college life and answered questions from students and their families regarding campus life. However, the most important job for the cabinet was to teach new students how to the GW fight song and sing it with pride.

-Matt Kernkraut
New Hall Council

Julie Radocchia (President), Bryan Laliberte (Treasurer), Rachel Field (Secretary), Ian Graber-Raines (RHA Representative), George Kargiolakis (Vice President), Allison DeSevo (RHA Representative), Christopher Vanderveer

Organization of African Students

Kerni Elebute, Akia Lineberger, Jepheth P. Sunwabe, Wame Jallow, Adeniyi Abdul

Parliamentary Debate Society

Sam McCree, Charles Koppelman, Jake Welch, Adam Grahm, Jon Williams, Peter Hanink, Nick Ebinger, Lindsay Oishi, Danielle Wilkerson, Rachel Rool, Scott Lunin, Raj Sinha, Kate Mereand, Aaron Schroeder, Alissa Price, Eric Benson

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity
The mission of the Association of Caribbean students was to promote Caribbean culture on the GW campus. In an effort to fulfill their mission, the ACS brought students of various backgrounds together to share their culture and educate the entire University about Caribbean and West Indian culture.

The ACS sponsored or co-sponsored events such as Unity Bashment, the Thanksgiving Dinner Showcase, AIDS Walk, American Red Cross Blood Drive, Delta Book Club and Caribbean Weekend in an effort to bring about intercultural exchange.

—Nadine Tomlinson
Philippine Cultural Society

Sam McGree, Charles Koppelman, Jake Welch, Adam Graham, Jon Williams, Peter Hanink, Nick Ebinger, Lindsay Olsho, Danielle Wilkerson, Rachel Rool, Scott Lunin, Raj Sinha, Kate Menand, Aaron Schoedel, Alissa Price, Eric Benson

Pitches

Jessica, Jennifer, Remy Tesser, Sheila, Sara Brown, Stacy, Amy Gabel, Jessica T., Jennifer Romano, Sylvia, Larissa Davis, Katherine Fischkoff, Kate Killinger, Rachel, Marnie Maton, Shaab

Program Board

Alexis Rice, Jessica Love, Ian Zeitzer, Kelly Dunphy, Bryan Gless, Andrea Spiegel, Seth Weinert, Ruthlene Abu Sahid, Amit Shashidharan, Tina Lam, Alex Hetgott, Pam McLemore, Vanessa Horgan, Christina Fanitizi, Alex Harisiadis, Patrick Ledesma, Alicia O'Neil, Paul Batchelor, Cassie Gunter, TJ Buontemp, Sas Nischel, Asher Porat, Eli Gorin, Peter Konwerski, Nikki Poindexter, (not pictured: Ni-Cheng Liang, Andrea Bautista, Lilly Needleman)

Project Management Institute

Alexis Rice, Jessica Love, Ian Zeitzer, Kelly Dunphy, Bryan Gless, Andrea Spiegel, Seth Weinert, Ruthlene Abu Sahid, Amit Shashidharan, Tina Lam, Alex Hetgott, Pam McLemore, Vanessa Horgan, Christina Fanitizi, Alex Harisiadis, Patrick Ledesma, Alicia O'Neil, Paul Batchelor, Cassie Gunter, TJ Buontemp, Sas Nischel, Asher Porat, Eli Gorin, Peter Konwerski, Nikki Poindexter, (not pictured: Ni-Cheng Liang, Andrea Bautista, Lilly Needleman)
The Chinese American Student Association (CASA) sought to promote understanding of Chinese and Chinese-American culture, create fellowship within the GW community and support the greater Washington area through community service and charitable activities. CASA achieved these objectives through Chinese movie-nights (followed by discussion on Chinese culture), sibling programs, Chinatown tutoring, a date auction, Chinese New Year Celebration, a Moon Festival and potluck dinners.

This year was CASA's second year of existence. Events included a fundraising dinner to help Earthquake victims in Taiwan and the annual Chinese New Year's celebration. The New Year's celebration was particularly successful, attracting many members of the GW and greater Washington area community. The celebration featured many events intended to educate the audience about Chinese culture, including a Lion Dance, a Chinese Dance exhibition, Chinese "Yo-yo", Chinese Opera and a martial arts exhibition.

—Jenni Suen, President
Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society

Psychology Club

Aviele Kaufman, Karen D'Angelo, Julie Zhang, Jaclyn Surles

Public Health Student Association

Recess

Surni Tripuraneni (Social Chair), Nse Obot, Mary Ann T. Mcyat (Secretary), Akon Ate (President), Brook Hebert (Treasurer), Marc Ehman, Shannon Zimmerman, Tracy Silvey, Renee Jeffreys (Vice-President), Jessica Marien, Pranathi Kondapaneni (not pictured: Aimee Ferraro, Pranat Kumar, JD Graves, Jacqueline Finn)
The George Washington University Ice Hockey Club was one of the elite members of the Mason-Dixon Collegiate Hockey Association, winning the league championship in the 1997-98 season and recording only one regular season loss in 1998-1999.

The 1999-2000 season was the fifth for the Colonials. Playing in new uniforms and with a diverse mixture of new and old players, the Colonials faced the challenge of forming a cohesive unit out of an array of individual talents and experiences. Coaching the team this year was Grahame Fraser, assisted by Laurie Barnes, Tom Deters and Eric Travers. The team was led by Captain Matt Schlifftman and Assistant Captains Tej Datta and Mike Pearlstein.

-Eun Hoe Han
The Young Entrepreneur Society (YES) was conceived by Joshua Rogin in order to promote the education and practice of entrepreneurship for motivated, undergraduate students who wish to supplement their academic education with practical application and real world experience. The club aimed to draw upon the vast resources of the University, the Washington business community and the student body towards a better understanding of small business management through workshops, lectures, and exercises. YES served as an umbrella organization for proactive business projects run by students in search of guidance and support. It was created to fill the perceived void of entrepreneurship at the George Washington University.

YES was founded under the realization that student have a sense of personal independence and practical ingenuity unparalleled at any other institution of higher learning. GW students are at the forefront of the business and political arenas on campus, in Washington, and in Cyberspace. This Society, as a means of collecting and channeling this energy, will serve as the backbone of student entrepreneurship and creativity. The society hoped progressive thinkers would transcend the traditional definition of a student organization and intend to nurture future leaders who will work to eclipse the accepted interpretation of a college education. Also, YES melded activism with capitalism in order to transform resourcefulness and imagination into productivity and profit.

Joshua Rogin and Avi
Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers

South Asian Society

Student Admissions Representative Program

Student Association


Ben Getto, Jospeh Ardito, Chris Jenkins, Tommy Goodwin, Josh Rothstein, Roger Oen, Cathy Resler, J.P. Blackford, Moose Lazzani, Beht Alviti, Baran Kilical, Caity Leu, John Linder, Dan Becker, John Williams, Todd Sargent, Andrea Blount, Tayseer Aldaghlas, Erik Telleen, Jeff Baxter, Katy Theranger, Jon Rodeback, Dan Loren, David Burt, Doug Miller, Manny Flores, Levent Yanik

(not pictured: Abby Lestition, Rachel Field, Steven Mandelbaum)
Thurston Hall Council

Turkish Student Association

Ultimate Frisbee Organization

Universally Speaking Toastmasters


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University Band

University Singers

Wooden Teeth

Word Up!

Bible Study

Jeff Wandersman, Dorothy Robinson, Alexis Mastromichalis, Moira Haney (Secretary), Lisa Viscidi, Sudeep Sharma (Publicity Chair), Vani Murugesan (Secretary), Chrissy Spera, Sarah Diamond, Ariana Markoe (Editor-in-Chief), Lauren Silberman, Kathy Rooney (Events Chair)
THE STORY

the past  rush  charters  serenades  sweethearts  the present  suites
THE GREEK LIFE

“Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop to look around, you could miss it.”

—Ferris Bueller’s Day Off
eight different chapters...

four days of rush

one decision

photos taken by Michele Charles
Each year, freshmen and sophomores are invited to choose whether Greek life is the right decision for them and if so, which house best fulfills their ideas of being Greek. With eight different chapters, an increased freshman class size, and the acquisition of Mount Vernon two years ago, GW's Greek life has flourished significantly in the past few years. To accommodate the growth in interest, the Panhellenic Association discussed having Recruitment, formerly known as rush, hosted at local hotels.

However, reconstruction at the Marvin Center was completed in time for the week-long Recruitment parties in late September, and the third and fourth floors gave sororities ample room to display their chapter's best and most known qualities.

Two hundred and fifty-two women registered for Recruitment, a week of parties during which rushees met individual sisters and learned the different qualities each sorority offered. One hundred forty women went to a final round of parties Friday night known as Preference.

A new feature of Recruitment this year was Philanthropy Day, where both Rushees and Sisters made gift bags for the children of Steven's school. The paper bags were decorated and stuffed with school supplies for the students. Greeks are often known for their social functions and promises of sisterhood or brotherhood. To continue with this tradition, Philanthropy Day, implemented by the National Panhellenic Association, introduced a different, more community-minded aspect of sorority life to potential new members.

Aside from the addition of Philanthropy Day, an exemplary group of Recruitment chairpersons and Rho Chi's (Recruitment counselors) guaranteed the success of the process, as did the executive board of the Panhellenic Association.

"This year's rush was the biggest at GW so far and it was very successful," said Kathleen McCann of Delta Gamma. "It was great for all houses and a lot of wonderful girls turned out."

-Tim Herring, Annie Nguyen, & Lauren Perlis ©1995
The Panhellenic Association consists of representatives from all of the sororities, and its officers design programs that unite the Greek community. (L-R) S. Lash (VP Programming), A. Bustamante (Asst. Programming), O. Davies (VP Marketing), J. Geraghty (President), E. Lavalle (VP Administration), A. Reich (VP Finance), H. Frank (Community Service Chair), M. LePage (Scholarship Chair).

photos courtesy of Rachel Spilken

** múltia corda, una causa**
(many hearts, one purpose)
Delta Gamma

Tuesdays at Days

Cream outfits

Anchors and Mermaids

Who sent the email?

Tau Delta Eta

diverse

active in the community

friendly

fun

a closer union of friendship
Sigma Delta Tau


Foggy Bottom Cleanup

The Torch

Yellow Tea Rose

Prevention of Child Abuse

Patriciae Multae Spes Una

(one hope of many people)
karaoke competition

coin toss

national kidney foundation

breakfast in bed

homeless walk

photos courtesy of Maureen Keely and taken by Jade-Snow Moy

phi sigma sigma


diokese hupsala (aim high)
The Interfraternity Council consists of representatives from all of the fraternities, and serves as the governing body of all recognized general fraternities. (L-R) M. Allam (VP Judicial Affairs), S. Singer (VP Communications), S. Greenberg (President), S. Sade (VP Risk Management), C. Phillips (VP Rush), not pictured B. Schoeneman (Executive VP).

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photos taken by Rudy Alvarez

12 recognized fraternities

to promote greek life

to encourage scholastic achievement

to promote positive greek relations
Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sig Eps make a strong showing during their year as a colony.

Red and purple

Roses and rivulets

Success breeds success

October 1, 1999

Virtue, diligence, and brotherly love

Photos courtesy of Mick McDonough
beta theta pi


fall 1996

making good men better

all english kings drink beer

star and crescent

scarlet, green and white

diligence and commitment

the gambler

photos courtesy of Brenden Wilson and Laura Lapetina

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**Sigma Nu**

To walk in the way of honor
theta delta chi


Remember "twisty"
greek week champs
parades
intemurals
smaller?

...a friendship built on mutual esteem and dependence...
phi kappa psi


champagne social

gentlemen

delta alpha

phi psi troopers

live ever, die never

photos courtesy of Dan Cox and Maureen Keely

equilateral triangle
red carnation
alpha phi chapter

signature bowl

pi alpha omega epsilon alpha

surf and turf

purple aster

pumpkin drive

football

smoke and live music

photos courtesy of Karin Swenson and Bob Simon

committed to lives of excellence

scholarship

character

leaders

brotherhood

do unto others as you would have them do unto you

photos courtesy of Michele Charles and Mandisa Turner
alpha kappa alpha


dynamic

strength

endurance

leaders

innovative

by culture and by merit
delta sigma phi

sisterhood, scholarship, service
Members: S. Aryan, A. McDaniel, J. McLaughlin-Williams, A. Clark, F. DeMiranda, D. Wright, D. Burt, C. Langham, not pictured V. Harrison

excellence

integrity

perseverance

manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind
Members: N. Williams (President), K. Turner (Vice President), C. Strong (Treasurer), N. Kamera (Secretary)

salvery women's shelter

dove

showtime at the apollo

October 1997

excellence without exception

white rose
a larger philanthropic family

Wednesday mornings at 6 a.m. Greeks groggily filed into Miriam's Kitchen to lend a helping hand. On Saturdays they fanned out to clean up neighborhoods, picking up trash and beautifying the community.

The Greeks dedicated a great deal of time and energy into a myriad of community service and philanthropic projects, serving both the GW community and D.C. metropolitan area.

Special projects included Jail & Bail, sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi, which raised money for the Ronald McDonald House Foundation. The Watermelon Fest, organized by Lambda Chi Alpha and the Blood Drive sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha were also successful service projects.

- article by Michele Charles, photos taken by Jade-Snow Moy and Annie Nguyen
Delta Gammas show lady-like spirit during tug-of-war in the Greek games on the quad.

skits at the smith center
polly esther

Greek games on the quad
real truth with the real world
Greek Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 8:18pm
Greek Week begins. Posters are up all over campus promoting the Decades theme. We're excited about competing to see which chapter gets the most points by getting members to attend the week-long events.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 3:20pm
Everyone is talking about “Real Truth” with cast members from the Real World. I have to pick up my tickets early because it's going to be sold out.

7:16pm
The crowd in front of Lisner is crazy. Greeks are getting in first. Almost all the chapters are here. Everyone's wondering which cast members are coming and what they're going to say.

8:08pm
Kaia and Montana are on stage. They're discussing real life issues before the behind-the-scenes Real World stuff. Another lecture on alcohol, drunk driving, and sex.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 8:48pm
Polly Esthers has the decades theme down, and Greeks have actually taken the 70s dress code seriously.

9:20pm
The date auction begins and is a free for all. Whole groups of girls are buying guys, but the guys aren't sharing their dates. The crowd goes crazy when two sorority girls say, “The more you bid the more we'll do.”

10:48pm
The Disco King and Queen competition begins. Looks like Delta Gamma's Brooke Reinders and Kappa Sigma's Joey Epstein are taking home the honors.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:40pm
Greeks filing into the Smith Center are taking this event pretty seriously. It's 80s skits and lip sync night. You can tell who practiced and who came to laugh at the other chapters and each other.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1:20pm
This is the last chance for chapters to catch up and win some points so they can be the winners of the Greek Week Cup. It all comes down to a day full of tug of war and obstacle courses.

3:58pm
A BBQ ends the week. After all the Greek community building, Phi Sigma Sigma and Kappa Sigma come out chapter winners.

-Michele Charles
THE STORY

the past  individualistic  aesthetic  original  emotive  the present  perspective
THE GALLERY

“Art is not the application of a canon of beauty but what the instinct and the brain can conceive beyond any canon.”

~Pablo Picasso

creative  expressive  conceptual  imaginative  innovative  abstract  the future
Passion Unveiled

Poetic thoughts, passionate brush strokes and snapshots of singular moments reveal one’s individuality.

Sculptor
Creator
Storyteller
Architect
Illustrator
Sketcher
Photographer
Cartoonist
Designer
Printer
Poet
Painter
SCENES OF HEARST CASTLE

MAMTA JAIN
NEOCLASSICAL WASHINGTON

ZACK AISLEY
I flee
Because I cannot fly
No wings no salvation
Only rubber on asphalt
Tenderness pouring from metal mouths
Temporary trances
Fingers dancing on wood
Sweating in pain and pleasure
Empathy and consolation in desolation
Pieces of heaven

In this beguiling inferno
Smiling at suffering
Laughing at pain
Whispering empty promises
To countless fields of open ears
He straightens himself into
the old wooden bridge-chair
grinning proudly, proudly part
of my younger sister's big day.
My grandma, his partner fifty-nine years,
stands tall at his side,
her eyes glancing down upon him.
to maintain his body heat,
he crosses his frail bony arms
across his sunken chest.
He covers the metal walking cane
to protect his pride,
while holding her pocketbook securely.
His chair's positioned strategically
in front of our garage doors,
facing the pre-prom party
like a private investigator
lost in action.

Eyes fixed on the excitement,
careful not to miss a thing.
Lines of boy after girl pose
in front of the lush shrubbery
bordering the driveway.
The boys wrap their rented tuxedos
around their dates' evening gowns,
draping the pavement
in reds, blacks, silvers, even whites.
Each couple smiles tightly
frozen lips displaying white porcelains,
their jaws tightly pressing the pose
the photographers, the proud parents,
yeare to capture in the rolls of film.

A soft summer breeze sways
through the line
rifling the cork-screw curls
and slicked-back gel,
relief from the setting sun ahead.
The same breeze pushes against grandpa
challenging him to resist.
He is wrapped in a bright red winter jacket,
fleece-lined collar firmly zipped
above his quivering jaw.
He thanks me for the jacket
and refuses to go inside.
He will fight the chill for ten more days,
just happy to be part of the picture.
study of head of Leda - Leah Fisher
grandma and grandpa

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erica brotman
EARLY SPRING
AILEEN TORRES

Flowers bloomed Monday
Withered Wednesday

They were deceived

Warmth awakened them
Shivers silenced them

Night
Pink blossoms light
Against navy sky
Nonchalant in their beauty
Daring me not to stare

I could not resist

Through licorice branches
I smiled at the moon
Who does not care what I do with my time

LIBRARY
RACHEL SPILKEN

PLEASE DO NOT CONSUME FOOD OR DRINK IN GELMAN LIBRARY

The signs, paper yellow, blue and green, wallpaper the room, covering window panels, the back of cubicles, the tops of wooden desks. Read me - I'm urgent. Follow my direction. Consuming will lead to anarchy. Students revolt, running through the stacks chasing each other down, throwing books from the shelves and ripping out the pages.

It all begins with a girl sitting below the paper signs. She wears all black, a black t-shirt enveloping her long lacy skirt brushing against her combat boots. Bright magenta streaks through her hair, black. She lifts her bookbag onto the desk, taking out two notebooks and a heavy organic chem text. She grabs inside again, pulling out make-up and a hand-held mirror.

Opening the compacts and tubes, she dusts gold shadow onto her eyelids, coats a mascara wand through her lashes and fills in her thick lips, red. She paints a clear layer of polish on her nails, choking the air. Unzipping her bookbag again, she pulls out the diet coke can.
Atlantis was a perfect place for the most part. Most everyone was happy and chubby and smart even though life did get a little boring sometimes. You see, there was nothing much to create; cold fusion was uncovered many years in the past, just how long ago no one knew. There were schools for all the young citizens - those under 50 years of age - so they might become productive and responsible members of society. Society was what the chancellor had declared as being the most important thing of all. Everyone agreed, all ten thousand citizens.

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Mark thought about the color yellow as he walked to the meeting with Principal Smith. He liked yellow, the way it beat other colors by just being itself. The chancellor’s edict made bright yellow illegal, but Mark kept a bright fabric swatch under his anti-gravity mattress where no one could find it. He even thought about bringing the swatch into the school’s laboratory and making it brighter. And he just might have done that, if there wasn’t the business of getting expelled to deal with.

Mark stopped at the entrance to the laboratory, five doors down from where his meeting with the Principal was to take place. This is where it had all been done, where his marvelous plan had come to fruition. It was irreversible, final, beautiful. Mark smiled, shuffled on.

"Young citizen Jones. You are seven minutes late," the Principal said, his lips as straight as a pen. He wore a neatly pressed, mahogany-brown suit.

"I apologize. I had to stop by the lab, make sure I had cleaned up from yesterday."

"Indeed. Seems like you’ve been spending an awful lot of time in the lab, don’t you think?" The Principal’s voice rose. He struggled to keep from sneering.

"Well. I’ve been working on the project."

"Please don’t insult my intelligence, young citizen Jones. I know you’re smart and want to remove yourself from schooling altogether. But this is unacceptable."

"Why, what’s the matter? We do these projects twice a month. Mark shifted in his chair, pretended to be nervous. He wished that he could start sweating and almost laughed at the thought.

"You broke the rules. You created against the rules."

"I made Earth similar to all the other planets. It’s just more advanced. I gave them a decent amount of intelligence. At least they can make simple calculations and—"

"Yes." The Principal tore open the project book and flipped through the pages. He spat out words. "Analytical skills, lust envy, all acceptable as outlined in the handbook." He stared at Mark.

"Then I’m afraid I don’t see the problem," Mark said. He waited anxiously for a response. The Principal turned the project book around on the desk. Two bold-faced words marked the page. Mark was nearly giddy.

"You gave them hope. Somehow, you managed to insert hope into the creation program. The creation program can’t be reversed. I must admit, you are even smarter than we had guessed." An eerie calm came over the Principal. He sat back in his chair, expressionless.

"Oh dear." Mark feigned discovery. He shook his head and looked towards the floor. "I didn’t even realize—"

"I’m sure you are aware that the accepted punishment for such a violation of the creation code is...expulsion."

"Yes, I am aware."

"But I have talked this over with the Advisor Board and they seem to agree with an alternative punishment."

An alternative punishment? Mark straightened in his chair.

"Indeed. One of the characters in the book that you gave to your humans, as you call them, much intrigues me. You will be inserted into your program as this character. We have already worked out all the logistics." The Principal smiled.

"What are you talking about?" Mark managed, dumfounded.

"It’s really quite an exquisite program. You won’t even remember who you really are. You will think that you are actually him!" The Principal checked his grin. "This will serve two purposes. You will see what you have done to these Earth humans. And you will allot them a degree of hope, although nothing will truly come of it. You have truly done a bastardly thing, you know."

"And what character am I?" Mark was frantic.

"Jesus, of course." The Principal replied.
THE CHARACTERS
THE CHARACTERS
as one sees it
THE CHARACTERS
"During [my] eleven years, I have watched and participated in an extraordinary blossoming of the institution as it has brought its light out from under the basket and more proudly held its colors high."

-Vice President Walter M. Bortz
"Can you believe that people don't like me?" says President Trachtenberg, bending forward with palms uplifted. "It's funny when you think about it—there are actual flesh and blood individuals who don't like me. I just don't get it." He settles back into the couch and sighs.

Since 1988, President Trachtenberg has taken steps to rid campus of undue modesty, helping to create, as he coined it, an "eight-hundred pound gorilla" of a university. As construction of the Health and Wellness Center and the School of Media and Public Affairs building continued, it was clear that GW had the necessary vigor and self-confidence for the new millennium. Student and alumni pride was not in short supply either.

"There's a more conspicuous pride about GW now than applicants. Students know that GW is a good place to be, and attitude is everything."

Along with student pride, the student population has grown. Trachtenberg conceded that GW has its physical boundaries. "Some people worry we have no sense of limits. That's not true—we don't want to become the University of Michigan. It's unlikely that we'll take over twenty thousand students."

When asked to give advice for the typical GW student, President Trachtenberg stressed the importance of personal initiative. "I admire the student who puts their shoulder to it. You have to grab life by the lapels and dance. You'll never be as free as you are in college, and that's especially important at this University." Trachtenberg stated.

"In a city like this, constructive self-indulgence is the rule. And learn how to tango. Everybody should learn how to tango."

-Tim Herring

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"How do you want students to see you?" I ask, eager for Vice President Chernak's response.

"Dressed, hopefully." He nods and smiles.

"I see," I reply. "And where do you see GW in ten years?"

"Pretty much where it is. The Foggy Bottom area."

Dr. Robert Chernak considers his job as Vice President of Student and Academic Support Services unique, challenging and requiring vision. In his eyes, there was never a more exciting time for higher education—and GW was ready to seize the opportunities.

"We've embarked upon a great journey here, and things are only going to get better," he said. "Of course, higher education will change and GW will change too. In ten years the technology infrastructure will be strong enough that things like the housing lottery and waiting in long service lines will be handled online."

"I see interactive online education becoming more prevalent and degrees becoming more consolidated. Students may graduate in three years instead of four, especially if the job market and the economy stays hot. It's our job to make sure that students are prepared for life after college."

In addition to enhancing the ability to accommodate students through technological upgrades, Vice President Chernak expressed enthusiasm about the impending maturation of both the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses.

"We're building great facilities now, and in future years both the Elliott School and the Law School will expand. There will be apartment style living at Mount Vernon and new athletic fields."

Dr. Chernak expressed the importance of making the most of one's college years.

"Take advantage of the city, take advantage of your professors and take advantage of your friends," he stated. "The sum of those parts is essentially the college experience."

-Tim Herring

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WALTER M. BORTZ
vice president for administrative & information services

"I have many fine memories of GW. During these eleven years I have watched and participated in an extraordinary blossoming of the institution as it has brought its light out from under the basket and more proudly held its colors high. If those who pour their life's efforts into this institution continue to believe that GW can become even more than what it is or has been, then it will. It is an international university located in the world's capital providing opportunities for studied exchanges between and among tomorrow's policy makers."

Dennis H. Blumer
vice president & general counsel
Louis H. Katz
vice president & treasurer

"The first thing that comes to mind when I think of GW is the word dynamic. As an administrator, I face the challenge of finding that right mix of investment in our academic and student programs, our technology, our built environment and our community, so that the University's financial position is balanced, and that the result is consistent with our short- and long-term goals as an institution of higher education."

Donald R. Lehman
vice president for academic affairs

"One of my favorite memories of GW is working on my dissertation research in the library reading room when the University Library was located in Lisner and Stuart Halls, circa 1968."

John F. "Skip" Williams
vice president for health affairs
GRAE BAXTER  
executive dean, gw at mount vernon college

"The most significant change I have observed at GW since I have been with the University is the 'birth' of the new Mount Vernon campus and the related focus on, and higher visibility of, academic, athletic, and leadership opportunities for undergraduate women— a wonderful development, enriching the entire University community."

LINDA DONNELLS  
associate vice president for student & support services & dean of students

JILL F. KASLE  
university marshal

"The first thing that comes to mind when thinking about GW is Commencement on the Ellipse!"
My memories of my years at GW and my thoughts about GW currently both relate to the individuals who ARE the University and who make it a place to be.

When I think of the students at GW, I am reminded of the basketball coach who was evaluating two prospective players. As he pointed to the north end of the gymnasium he stated, ‘see that basketball player, he is seventeen years old, in four years he will be twenty-one years old.’ The coach then turned to the south end of the gymnasium and said, ‘Now see that basketball player, he is also seventeen years old; in four years, he will be a star.’ The moral of the story, at GW anyone can become a star!

The biggest change I have noticed at GW since I have been here is amazing recruitment and student services publications! Seriously, they’re hot, and we work hard at that! Our campus is beautiful too!
GW is only going to be bigger and better in the future. We have better students, facilities, and support for the students coupled with bigger goals, aspirations, and visions to make great things happen! As a campus and community, we can be proud of the direction we are heading, not only in the life of current students in the next few years, but more importantly long term, as we strive toward our 200th anniversary and beyond.
Rodney L. Johnson
director of parent services

“During my fifteen years at GW one of the most important changes has been the commitment of the University to communicate and provide better services to parents of the undergraduates.”

John E. “Jack” Kvancz
director of athletics and recreation

Dolores A. Stafford
director of the university police department

“My favorite memory of GW by far—was sitting twenty seats away from President Clinton at a GW basketball game in the Smith Center when we played number one ranked UMass and beat them! The crowd was electrified, and the ‘GW spirit’ that this event created on that day was amazing!”
My favorite memories of GW are as a student and how helpful the faculty in the School of Education and Human Development were to me. The faculty had high standards for students but were also very accessible when a student needed to talk to them.

Mary Hatwood Futrell
dean of the graduate school of education & human development

The opportunities for students at The George Washington University are really extraordinary . . . Our challenge, as administrators, is to make many of these opportunities available to students attending college ‘at the center of it all.’

Susan M. Phillips
dean of the school of business & public management
As the Jenny McKean Moore writer-in-residence, Dan Barden enjoyed teaching and living in Washington, D.C. While living at the Lenthall House on the Foggy Bottom campus, Barden led fiction workshops, using his skill as a writer to better his students' work.

The author of *John Wayne, A Novel* used a hands-on approach in the classroom in order to solicit the best possible work from young writers. Although Barden was a favorite among students for his vitality and sense of humor, he always demanded great effort when it came to the creation of a short story.

"My teaching style is like a Tony Robbins infomercial. I try to get into the meat of what's going on in my students' stories. Enthusiasm is big," Barden said.

"I like D.C. a lot. People are doing a lot of things that are foreign to me. People aren't as cynical here as they are in New York," said Barden, who earned his M.F.A. from Columbia University. "My wife and I love it here. If I got a contract to teach here for thirty years, I'd sign it in a heartbeat."

-Spotlight photos and article by Tim Herring

Steve Roberts made his students flex mental muscles they weren't even aware of. He raised their self-confidence and inspired them to think more of themselves.

"I encourage students to test their powers," he said. "A lot don't fully understand what they're capable of. I think if you set high expectations, students will live up to them."

Roberts' classes were run as open forums where students could share ideas. He wanted students to think more deeply and advised them to write about what they know and work for what impassioned them. Roberts wanted to instill one key ability in his students-to be able to observe and think about things more carefully.

"I want my students to automatically approach everything from the inside out," said Roberts.

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Hopefully, in the future we'll continue to make progress toward becoming one of the top universities in the United States. Our faculty, our new physical plant, our student body, and our location in one of America's great cities are all in our favor.

HARRY HARDING
dean of the elliott school of international affairs

My favorite memory of GW is walking across the campus after Kogan Plaza was finished. It created a true campus-like feel at GW.

JEAN FOLKERTS
director of the school of media and public affairs

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dean of the school of engineering & applied science

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English as a Foreign Language
Dr. Robert Ganz came to GW in 1964 to please students with his eccentricity and passion for poetry and the humanities. One of the elder statesmen of the faculty of the English department, Ganz felt he helped students gain a historical perspective about the world of ideas, something often lost in the highly specialized world of academia.

According to students, Ganz established himself as a "must-have" professor. He was inspired by the pursuit of learning and used anecdotes, humor and good-spirited interrogation to reach his students.

"I've reached a lot of people, somewhat successfully I think, and stressed the importance of history. History needs to be more of a goal," Ganz said. "The modern man is essentially Hamlet. I've always felt that we're all human, and that the human predicament doesn't change that much."

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Michael Bradley was one of the few economics professors not only to get his students to show up for class at eight a.m., but to make them laugh. Who wouldn't crack a smile (or ever forget) that certain graphs can't be connected to each other because a pot of boiling acid lies between them. Bradley said he was able to make any situation humorous because he would rather laugh at life than cry.

Students' curiosity was one of Bradley's favorite things about being a professor. He enjoyed those who were skeptical and challenged his statements. He didn't always know he wanted to teach, in fact he started his post-college career as a sheet metal worker. However, he found his niche at GW, one that incorporated both research and teaching, and left him time to shop during the day before the grocery store got crowded.

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Thank you for thirty-five years of opening our minds, challenging our thoughts, and permitting us to look at the world from a unique vantage point. You helped us to hear the jazz.

JON A. QUITSLUND
professor of english
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the past  thurston  pizza delivery  csa's  late nights  hallway hangouts  madison
THE UNDERCLASSMEN

“All the world is a stage,
And all the men and women merely players.”

- “As You Like It”
Will Shakespeare

the present  elevator breakdowns  chinese buffet  piano lounge  fire drills  cllc  the future
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Andrew Kim, Gandhi Lindor, Kristin Wardel, Ben Kostrzewa
THE CHARACTERS

the past  thurston  internships  the inaugural ball  weimar  the present  columbia plaza
THE GRADUATES

"Understand that friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on. Work hard to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle, because the older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young."

-Wear Sunscreen, Kurt Vonnegut

Despite conquering four years of work and play, this moment cannot simply be characterized by one feeling, but by many.

Accomplishment
Exuberance
Fear
Exhaustion
Anxiety
Pride
Relief
Happiness
Excitement
Sadness
Elation
Joy
Monumental Celebration offered graduates and their family and friends one last hurrah the night before commencement on the Ellipse. Scrumptious foods, entertaining crowd-pleasers and dancing filled Union Station's grand hall and surrounding rooms.

Rich desserts spilled over trays on table after table of food, and fortune tellers gave students a chance to glance at what was ahead. Enormous Big George lumbered through the elegant crowds stopping to pose for pictures. Artists painted elaborate designs on children's faces and there was even a balloon sculptor on hand to create unique party favors.

A deejay played favorites dating back to the graduates' elementary school and junior high school years, bringing back memories for all. Students danced beside their friends, parents, brothers and sisters, relieving some of the stress of graduation week.

At 12 a.m. the party reluctantly ended as students headed home to rest before commencement, or went out with friends to draw out the fun for just a little while longer.

-Sara DeGraeve
Graduates and their families enjoy a night of food, drinks and dancing at Monumental Celebration, the cap-off event of Grad Week held at Union Station.
After four years...

you did fall in love, at least once.

you did immerse yourself in academia.

you did become part of world events.

you did watch fireworks on the National Mall.

you did cheer the Colonials on to victory.

you did graduate in front of the White House.

you did wish it would never end.

you did find out that...

Something happened here.
caps and gowns

Commencement 2000

Celebration

dinner reservations
announcements

diploma

honors
Each of us must choose whether to live our lives narrowly, selfishly, and complacently, or to act with courage and faith.

- Secretary of State
Madeleine K. Albright
Congratulations Class of 2000
Jaime Brancato achieved her personal goals through the invaluable balance between collegiate scholarship and its connection with DC's community. As a peer advisor for the Elliott School, she had the personal satisfaction of helping underclassmen adjust to GW academically and socially. Jaime also volunteered at the White House, gaining valuable experience in various executive offices, and attained an internship at the Department of Commerce working with international trade research. Her interest in international economics grew when she was a student assistant at the Office of the United States Trade Representative for two years. Jaime also studied abroad in Salamanca, Spain during the spring semester of her junior year, offering her yet another perspective of the world.

Jaime Brancato
Suzanne Bratis was a student of both the Environmental Studies and the Geography Department. She spent a year abroad, studying at Oxford University's School of Geography and traveling throughout Europe. While at GW, Suzanne devoted much of her time to the Mock Trial team. She was one of the founding members of this organization and acted as lawyer, president and coach over the course of her time with the team. In only a few years, GW Mock Trial became a competitor at the national level and developed a growing community within the school. Suzanne pursued a career in environmental conservation with an emphasis on environmental education.
Tej is from the home of the '91/'92 Stanley Cup Champion Pittsburgh Penguins where he lives with his mum (Nilu), dad (Bhupinder), brother (Raj) and Shih-tzu (Stubby). In addition to serving as an assistant captain, he exhibited his goal scoring prowess and website developing expertise with the GW Club Ice Hockey Team. Tej was also a paperboy for the GW Hatchet where he became a production assistant and was forced to work long and late hours in the middle of the week. He later moved up the employment ladder by accepting a position at the National Institutes of Health where he conducted medical research. He graduated from with a degree in Economics and minors in Biology, Art History/Fine Arts and Statistics. Tej continued his education at the Temple University Medical School.
Anand Desai had a rewarding four years at GW. An International Business and Finance major, he traveled and studied all over the world, visiting over twenty countries. Highlights included backpacking around Europe; learning Spanish in Salamanca, Spain; interning in Bombay, India with friends Gaurav and Sajit; and sailing around the world with Semester at Sea. Anand enjoyed life in Washington as well, performing in President Clinton's Inaugural Celebration and competing in Bhangra Blowout, where his team placed first in 1999. He also worked at the International Business department all four years, where he created and maintained its website. After interning for Arthur Andersen Consulting, he secured a full time position and worked in Washington as a business consultant.

Anand Desai
Jeremy Dutra, an economics and political science major, graduated summa cum laude from the Columbia School of Arts and Sciences. A junior year inductee to Phi Beta Kappa, and member of Pi Sigma Alpha (national political science honor society), he was the recipient of the Joshua Evans III Prize in Political Science. A four-year student athlete, Jeremy competed as a member of the varsity crew team. The highlight of his four years of rowing occurred this year at the Intercollegiate National Rowing Championships. Placing second at this event, Jeremy, along with fellow seniors Justin Hutchinson, Sal Assenza, and Jason Anklowitz, made history by becoming the first GW men's crew team to medal at the national championships. Jeremy also interned for US Senator Dianne Feinstein and served as a vice president in the SA. Jeremy furthered his studies at Georgetown Law School.

Jeremy Dutra
Kristiana Gomes, an activist, was dedicated to the pursuit of justice. As president of Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP), Kristy educated students about the harmful consequences of the "war on drugs." She organized events for the College Convention 2000 in Manchester, New Hampshire that voiced SSDP's concerns to presidential candidates. Kristy also testified before the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission in favor of alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders. In addition, Kristy was the president of Alpha Phi Sigma, the Criminal Justice Honor Society and she volunteered with Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive (HIPS). She also volunteered with the National Lawyers Guild as a legal observer for the World Bank and International Monetary Fund protests. Kristy furthered her pursuits at the Georgetown University Law Center.
Jenna Harju, a theater major and dance minor, received the Presidential Arts Scholarship for acting. Jenna also created and coordinated the 1st Festival of the Arts to promote awareness and celebrate all facets of the arts at GW. She performed in many of the Theater and Dance Department's Mainstage productions, including Croak, The Seagull, The Memorandum, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Jenna choreographed and performed her most well known solo work, Ophelia, for the Student Performance Art and Dance Event and also choreographed a piece entitled, Be Longing, for the Mainstage. Her last creation at GW was her senior thesis performance: a one-woman show entitled Women and Madness. Jenna would like to thank all those who supported her, especially her advisor and mentor, Alan Wade.
When Emily is ninety and jogging along the Reflecting Pool, she wants to look back and know that she seized every opportunity that came her way. Working at the Information Center her first two years at GW, she realized the countless opportunities available to students. A project for an introductory Political Science course sent her to the White House press briefing room and sparked a passionate interest. After interning in the Press Secretary's office for two years, she was hired as the assistant to the Senior Advisor to the President and traveled on Presidential Press Advance teams. Emily juggled many activities but will always remember scrubbing graffiti in the Shaw neighborhood, conversing over coffee, tutoring international students in English, pulling many all-nighters, and laughing a lot. Socially and professionally, the strengths that she gained from GW are evident.

**Emily Karcher**
Steven Mandelbaum, originally from Old Bethpage, New York, spent his four years experiencing some of the most coveted and extensive opportunities that GW and Washington have to offer. From the moment he stepped on campus in 1996, he was involved in the presidential campaign of Senator Dole, working in Elizabeth Dole's office. This led to positions in the President's Office at the American Red Cross and to directing the entire technology and Internet operation of Mrs. Dole's own 1999 presidential bid. On November 3, 1998, Steven was the first GW student to be elected to public office in the District in Columbia, winning a seat as a write-in candidate on the Foggy Bottom Advisory Neighborhood Commission. Active in student life, Steven arguably became one of the most controversial student leaders, known for his work in student campaigns and as a former SA Vice President. Steven also excelled academically, placing on the Dean's List and earning a Bachelors of Business Administration and a Masters of Science in Information Systems Technology in just four years.
Alice McKeown made academic, administrative and social contributions to GW. An Honors Program Scholar, she made the Dean's list every semester and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Her work-study position in the Anthropology department influenced her greatly as it expanded her experience in her major field and allowed her to appreciate the hectic life of University professors. Above all, Alice delighted in the numerous friendships she formed at GW and other universities in the area, from which she learned the most important lessons of college.
Angela Minielli of Flushing, New York double majored in American Studies and History and minored in Africana Studies. Angela took full advantage of the opportunities offered by GW and Washington, serving as president of the American Studies Student Association and chapter historian of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honors fraternity. She interned for Sen. Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), the National Building Museum, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Angela's love of history manifested itself in her unique jobs, which included giving bicycle tours of Washington landmarks and guest lecturing at the Discovery Channel Store on the hidden history of the monuments. Rafting the seven seas with the Semester at Sea program was the highlight of college for her. Angela thanks Mountain Dew for sponsoring her four fun-filled years at GW.
Elizabeth Roberto majored in Human Services and minored in Sociology and Women's Studies. Her accomplishments included co-coordinating the Student Leadership Conference, serving on the Joint Committee of Faculty, and working as a Community Facilitator in Thurston and Crawford Halls. She also served on the executive board of the Human Services Student Organization and participated in numerous community service activities. Elizabeth made the Dean's List, received the Excellence in Peer Leadership Award, and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key National Honor Society and the National Residence Hall Honorary.
Michael Smith came to GW thinking he would be a History major, but he ended up with an additional degree in Classical Humanities. The newly discovered love of the ancient world led him to become Consul of the Classics Club for two years, sent him on an archeological dig in Pompeii, and a spring tour of Greece. Michael also spent time representing the University in many areas. He was a visible member of Colonial Brass, supporting GW's basketball teams throughout the NCAAs, and was a member of the University Symphonic Band. He served as a Freshman Advising Workshop peer advisor during his junior and senior years, counseling students on how to weave between the endless red tape of GW. And in his senior year, became a member of the Academic Integrity Council.

Michael Smith
Rachel Spilken graduated summa cum laude with a BA in psychology and a minor in creative writing. Rachel worked in the University Counseling Center, was a Community Service Aide and was the Coordinator of the Peer Tutoring Service. She held various positions in her sorority, Alpha Epsilon Phi, and was President of Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society. Rachel was elected into Phi Beta Kappa as a junior and was a member of Golden Key National Honor Society and National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Other extra-curricular activities included volunteering as a CSAS Peer Advisor for freshmen, Student Admissions Representative (STAR), and Senior Interviewer for the GW Admissions Office. She also volunteered at a domestic violence shelter. Rachel continued her education by pursuing her doctorate in clinical psychology at Rutgers University in New Jersey.
Allison Hillary Zeiger has been accused by colleagues of living at "The Church". An Electronic Media major and a Judaic Studies minor, Allison exhibited a flair for radio early in life when disc jockeys asked her to sing her requests on the air. Serving as a teaching assistant, her interest in media broadened at GW to include television production. Her professors nominated her to represent GW at the annual meetings of the Radio and Television News Directors Association and the National Association of Television Programming Executives. In her spare time, she gave campus tours to prospective students as a STAR. Her love of television news production should prove an asset behind or in front of the camera.

Allison Hillary Zeiger
Senior Adverts
IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!
Your friends and family
are so proud of you.
You've shown us how talent,
plus knowledge,
plus effort = success.

We all love you very much,
Mary Ann and Terry Anderson
May 2000

We are so very proud of your accomplishments.

Love,
Mom & Dad
Rachel & Jeremy
and
Bob, Dale, Brent & Pepper

May, 2000

Dear Shiri,

Robert Frost wrote . . .

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference

With pride in your accomplishments
With anticipation of your future travels
We send our love

Mom, Dad, Ilana, Sara
It is not the critic who counts, nor the person who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better.

The credit belongs to the individual who is actually in the arena; whose face marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends time in a worthy cause; who at best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his/her place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

~ Theodore Roosevelt

Monica,

YOU MADE IT! CONGRATULATIONS!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Nonna and Valeria

P.S.: Tickle!
How time flies—
Just yesterday you were our little girl,
talked a mile a minute
 Asked a million questions.
You were and always will be the apple of your dad’s eyes.
His little girl, a precious gift from God above.
And look at you now—
all grown up and ready to explore God’s world in a deeper level.
You came into His world—
bright eyed and ready to experience everything.
You are a bright treasure, a precious gift from God.
A reminder of His mercy and goodness to us.
We love you Jolly Jombuck and always will.
Go, therefore and seize the day.
Enjoy each moment, drink from His fountain
knowing that “Underneath are the everlasting Arms!”
The Lord is with you Selah!!!!
Love Always,
You Know Who!!!

Dear Kevin,

Today as you graduate from GW University, we are all so proud of your accomplishments. We will always be there for you in all your endeavors.

We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Cory, Jeremy, Justin, Mom-Mom Lil and Pop-Pop Moe

Kenny,

As life rolls on, remember that we love you and are proud of your accomplishments!

XOXOXO,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations & Best Wishes to
Robin Moses

We are very proud of you. May your life be filled with Good Health, Happiness and Success in all that you do.
Lots of Good Luck!

love,
Mom, Dad & Neil
Parents can only give good advice or put their children on the right paths, but the final forming of a child’s character lies in their own hands. As parents we can share in this great accomplishment, but it is your effort that made it possible.

Love you madly, Mom and Dad

Yesterday, you were my tag-along-shadow... today, your silhouette is faith, beauty and unlimited success... Congratulations little sister! Love, Danielle

If we stand tall it is because we stand on the backs of those who came before us.

Love, Mom-Mom (Your Grandma Ida would be proud of you!)
Julie Beth,
You never stop amazing us. You always do everything so perfect—graduating cum laude in three and half years. We know that your success at GW and your strong values will carry you into a life in which all your hopes and dreams will come true. Having you in our family makes us lucky.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Joshua and Jeremy
(Fievel, Zoe & Foster, too!)

Dear Matthew,

Today we thought about your handsome face,
and, felt your excitement for life
and your genuine happiness
and we, as your parents,
burst with pride
as we realize our dreams for you came true.
What an extraordinary person you have become.
And, as you continue to grow
please remember how much we love you.

Mom & Dad & Eve

Barbara Joan,

We thank you for all of your accomplishments and wish you all of the success you deserve.

We are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, MaryEllen, Thomas and Kelley

Dear Sarah,

May you always hold on to your love of family, your commitment to honesty, and your sense of humor.

Congratulations & much love,
Mom, Deborah & Lily
In honor of
Brian Forman

“To dream anything that you want to dream. That is the beauty of the human mind. To do anything that you want to do. That is the strength of the human will. To trust yourself to test your limits. That is the courage to succeed.”

~Bernard Edmonds, American writer.

Dear Brian,

Dreams do come true and we hope that all of your dreams become a reality for you.

Our hearts are overflowing with extreme pride and much love as we celebrate this milestone in your life. You are an incredibly special young man and you are destined to achieve great things. May beauty, happiness, fulfillment and peace continue to surround you all the days of your life.

Congratulations on your graduation from George Washington University. We wish the very best for you always.

With much love,
Mom, Dad and Corrie
DEAR GABE,
GO CONFIDENTLY IN THE DIRECTIONS OF YOUR DREAMS!
LIVE THE LIFE YOU HAVE IMAGINED.
WE LOVE YOU.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Marisa

Dear Trish,

Your growing years were filled with challenges met with grace, style and dignity, leading you to the road you take today. You have evolved into a dynamic young woman who has made us very proud to be your family. Your hard work and diligence have enabled you to create a wonderful future for yourself. May health, success, and happiness which you so richly deserve follow you throughout your life. Congratulations and God Bless You Always!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Michael, Grandmas and last but not least COWS!!!
Some little girls dream of becoming a ballerina, but every parent, brother, and grandparent dreams of having a daughter, sister, and grand-daughter just like you.

Congratulations, Alice, we are so proud of everything you have become.

We all love you.
Dad, Mom, and David Armstrong
Gramma Mike and Gramma Wright

Congratualtions Richard Gruber
and the Class of 2000

We are so proud of you not only for all your achievements but for who you have become.

All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Andrew & Spencer
Dear Chris,

Your family is very proud of you! Congratulations and Good Luck in the masters program.

Love,
Mom & Dad, Kerry, Alicia, Corinne, Peter, Joey and Muffy
Good luck, happiness, and success in all you do, dearest Becca.

All our love,
Mom & Dad

Gretchen,
Your accomplishments are extraordinary! You've made us very proud.
Good luck in the future.
Just remember: wherever you go, take time to stop and smell the roses!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Abby

Chris Hayler,
We are proud of you!
Mom, Dad & Don

Joey,
You have a keen mind, a driven spirit and a generous heart — these attributes will set you apart.

Love,
Mom and Dad

TO LISA: OUR AMERICAN DREAM,
Once in a lifetime a truly gifted and special child is born. You are that child. Your achievements have made us proud beyond belief. You have become the young lady that every parent dreams their daughter will become. Your sweetness is equally matched by your beauty and intelligence.

Thank you for always showering us with sunshine and joy. We wish you happiness, success and positive thoughts always.
You are the greatest love of all!!

Forever,
Mommy, Daddy, Jay, Jesse, Grandma & Poppy
COnGRATULATIONS AND
BEST WISHES
TO OUR SON

DAVID MICHAEL FARBER

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND
PUBLIC MANAGEMENT
CLASS OF 2000

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

LOVe,
MOM AND DAD

Remember when . . .

CONGRATULATIONS!
To our Princess, Kristeena
LOVe,
Ma, Dad, Marc & Chris

Jerry,

The world is your oyster.
Enjoy.

LOVe,
Mom & Dad

THANKS TO THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY:
THE GLOBAL, TECHNO CHILLERS
YOU HAVE BEEN A UNIQUE AND SPECIAL PACKAGE
FROM YOUR VERY FIRST COMMENCEMENT
NO DOUBT THIS ONE IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF A
WHOLE NEW AND WONDERFUL JOURNEY
WE ARE SO PROUD
LOVE you
MOM AND DAD
SHAWN
GRAM AND GRAMPS

HEATHER TORI SACHS
Dear Dawn,

Congratulations on your graduation from George Washington University!
We are so proud of you, and we wish you continued success in everything you do.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Shaun

Dear Gregory Starace,

WE ARE SO PROUD . . .
GOOD LUCK AND MUCH HAPPINESS.

Your Loving Family

Beth Feldman,

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other, wings."

Have a wonderful future!

We love you.

Mom, Dad and Neil

Congratulations Alan Gruber and the Class of 2000!

May your future be filled with good health, much happiness and success!

With much pride and love,

Mom, Dad, Andrew and Spencer
To Our Son, Darnell Bennett

As you go out into the world always remember that you are never alone, God is with you always.

Love,
Mother & Dad,
Willie & Cassandra Bennett

Congratulations John, You’ve come a long way . . . baby!

George Tania, Mom & Dad

JAY MILLER BRENNER, B.A. 2000

Congratulations!
We’re very proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad
and all of your family

We loved your California look, Kris, but are very proud of the military makeover.

Congratulations from Dad, Mom & Karl.

Kay Quinn Frohne Class of ’68
Kris Krohne Class of ’00
Columbian School of Arts & Sciences
TO JODI BOTWINICK
CLASS OF 2000,

WITH GREAT PRIDE AND LOVE WE
WATCH YOU RECEIVE YOUR DEGREE
FROM GW. WE WISH YOU LOTS OF
GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND
LOVE IN YOUR FUTURE. YOU ARE
THE BEST!!!

ALL OUR LOVE,
MOM, DAD, TRACI,
AND RANDI

Tracy,

Congratulations! We wish you continued
Success, Health & Happiness on your journey
through life.

“Shoot For The Moon. Even If You Miss It You
Will Land Among The Stars.”

Love,
Your Proud Parents & Brother

CONGRATULATIONS ADAM
GAME
SET
MATCH

YOUR PROUD AND LOVING FANS
Mom, Dad, Joshua & Kirby

Today we saw the first honey bee
lift its clust weightless wings in the air
and hover there with its neon tentative
buzz, and the world was new again.
May it always be new for you.

Congratulations Dana Mermelstein,

With your grace, energy, intelligence,
compassion and love of adventure, we know
this is only the beginning.

Love,
Mom & Dad
Otra Meta Realizada

Que Bonito Tesoro Es La Juventud Estudiada!

Gabriela tu perteneces a la primera graduación del siglo XXI, tienes la oportunidad de ser una pionera de un mundo mejor. Las pesadillas de las drogas, la injusticia del odio y de las guerras que no vuelvan a la tierra. Tu como representante de la juventud hispana del nuevo milenio tiens que luchar por la felicidad y la justicia social de nuestra comunidad. La ciencia, el trabajo y la concordia brillaran bajo otro sol, brillara otra luna; los campos segados con amor darán abundantes cosechas y el hambre se saciará. En los talleres y fábricas se entonará el himno al trabajo. Que bonita oportunidad tienes para construir un mundo nuevo. Los niños te reirán y los ancianos ya no serán marginados y se sentirán útiles hablando de sus experiencias pasadas y de los errores cometidos en el milenio anterior. Este milenio representará el milenio de la mujer en el cual ya no serán relegadas a segundo plano y se sentirán útiles al servicio de la sociedad sus conocimientos adquiridos en las aulas universitarias. Gaby, que la antorchas divina baje del reino de Dios para que ilumine el sendero que esperas recorrer.

Toda tu familia te deseamos éxitos en tu empresa futura, por que siendo útil te sentirás feliz. Dios te bendiga siempre!

Tu Familia

“Own only what you can always carry with you:
Know Languages, know countries, know people.
Let your memory be your travel bag.”

-Alberto Solzhenitsyn

Dear Kimberly,
As you travel forward to a bright future, always remember the pride and love we have in our hearts for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Grandmom,
Penny and Nicky
How many roads can a person travel in four short years?

Jeremy,

We are very proud of you and of all your accomplishments. You have studied, served, and rowed your way to success. Continue to pursue your dreams and follow your heart in all that you do. God bless you as you graduate from The George Washington University.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Sarah and Rachel
Your smile is bigger today than on your first day of school. As you travel through life take that smile and the lessons learned... those of the hand, the heart and the mind... and share them wherever you go.

We wish you happiness and great success in your future endeavors, wherever they may lead you. Congratulations, we love you.

Dad, Mom & Michael

Congratulations and Good Luck to Tara Hakimi, her Friends and the Class of 2000.

With Love.

Dad, Mom & Sis
Dear Jen,

From the time you entered our lives on a very snowy February morning until this graduation day, you have filled us with joy and hope and pride. Through the ballet slippers, flag twirling, basketball hoops and flights to foreign destinations you have given us adventure, excitement, and beautiful memories. Your hard work, dedication, and need to explore and reach out have made you the wonderful young lady of today ready for new challenges and accomplishments. Your love of family and home with your desire to grow in new places are hallmarks of your personality. As you begin this next part of life's journey go with our love and our hope for all that is best for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ashley and Laura

When you were a child...

your mother told you that you could grow up to be a dancer, a dreamer, an artist, a role model. You were promised the stars and given only your heart to move towards them. You were told that one day, you too would know what it was to truly live, to truly love and to truly be. And then one day, you were no longer a child and you understood your day had come.

(This is supposed to be a spot in your yearbook where my parents congratulate me on making it through four hard years of college and wish me luck in my life. And while I have found all of the ads this year inspirational, I realize that my parents would be happier if I instead took this chance to wish the special people in my life congratulations and good luck.)

To the friends and sisters who have made the past four years more than just drinking at Tequila or studying at J Street, I wish you all the love and happiness the future brings. We may not know now where the road ahead will lead, but at least we move towards it strengthened by that which we have overcome. Thank you for four good years.

-Annie
Listen to the **MUSTN'TS**, child,
Listen to the **DON'TS**
Listen to the **SHOULDN'TS**, the **IMPOSSIBLES**, the **WON'TS**
Then listen close to me —

Anything can happen, child,
Anything can be.

—Shel Silverstein

To our Elizabeth-Liz,

We are so proud of you for coloring outside the lines, for thinking outside the box, and for listening and being true to yourself. Congratulations on all Your achievements! Listen well. You have the whole World ahead of you!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Meg, and Olga

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**This Little Penny is to Wish On — To Make Your Wishes Come True**
This Little Penny is to Dream On — To Dream of All You Can Do
This Little Penny is a Dancing Penny — Bright...Light...Quick, Quick as a Week
This Little Penny is to Laugh On — To See that Tears never Fall
The Last Little Penny and Most Important of All —
This Little Penny is to Love On — Where Love is, Heaven is There
With Those Five Pennies — You'll Be A Millionaire

**TO OUR MOST PRECIOUS and BEAUTIFUL GIRL**
JADE - SNOW

CONGRATULATIONS - WELL DONE!!

May Your LIFE Be Filled with PROMISE, HEALTH, JOY, SUCCESS and GOOD FORTUNE!!

We Are so Very PROUD of YOU!! WE LOVE YOU!!

Kisses and Hugs Now and Always,

xoxo Mama and Papa, Edward and Nicholas xoxo
Elizabeth,
With great pride in your attainments and wishes for a joyful future.
Much love,
Mother & Daddy

Sara Emily DeFoeve

Congratulations
Little Baby Bull!
Love
Steve

Sara, you've accomplished a lot in your young life—everything from making my hair curl to making us the proud parents and brother of a GW graduate. You've given us a very full 21 years so far... 21 years of making me so proud and happy to be your mother.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Steve.
XOXOXO
Amy,

Congratulations!!! Graduate of the Class of 2000.

These footprints were the beginning of your journey starting early in life. One foot in front of the other slowly adding more steps to your path. The distance grew each day.

Your path was of knowledge, understanding, communication. You have learned to be a negotiator and peacemaker.

We are wide-eyed, beaming with pride looking over your path.

Congratulations on your accomplishments, graduating from The Elliott School of International Affairs and being Editor-in-Chief of the Cherry Tree Yearbook.

Anticipation of the future is exciting and more footsteps toward your goals are overwhelming.

Keep your path moving focused on your dreams.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Abby
as one sees it
This is how we experienced the year. Doubtless, you have much more to add. That is the beauty of having a variety of perspectives. We are all unique players but we shared a moment on the same stage. Now we will perform on many different stages, writing our own stories and playing our own parts.
We look back in order to understand our future as a
Lawyer
Biologist
Journalist
Stock Broker
Engineer
Computer Scientist
Politician
Peace Corp Volunteer
Teacher
Entrepreneur
Administrator
Artist
Doctor
Forensic Anthropologist
Astronaut
Filmmaker
Diplomat
It was never dull. Whether we were in New York, at the Cheesecake Factory or in our tiny office, there was always something going on. Debates, creative breakthroughs and stupid jokes kept me entertained every day! Amy, thanks for being the other side of my brain and complementing me perfectly. You finally got me to go out once, and you never got rid of me again! Thanks Elizabeth for waking me up with the rooster, and surprising me every day with yet another one of your antics. Jade-Snow, thanks for showing us, and with the most amazing language I've ever heard. Tim, you're hilarious, intelligent and determined. Good luck. To the rest of you- we did it! It would have been impossible without any one of you.

Saying thank you after four years is hard, since my experiences here and my life now would be so different had certain people not been a part of it. I want to say thanks to my roommates for their support, because a home is more than just a place to sleep; my sisters for their love, because no picture or poem can express what each of you gave me; and my tried and true friends simply for who you are, because friendship is as much about growing together as it is learning from each other. You make life beautiful, and I'm ever thankful.

To the Club Cherry Tree trendsetters: we wrote, we photographed, we struggled, we laughed, we never slept, and finally, from the mess, we emerged with our yearbook and our friendship. The hours passed by more enjoyably than to each of you. To our designers: your creativity and enthusiasm is endless and appreciated. And, most importantly, to my many sources for conversation, innovation, adventure, wit, beauty, thoughts, guidance, understanding and laughter: you give me the energy to live life at its very fullest. May your lives be as colorful as mine.

From the moment we went to New York City, I knew we were going to have a wild year at The Tree full of energy, creativity and always laughs! Amy, thank you for that little push of encouragement I needed. I have learned so much from you this year- treasure your determination and passion always. Sara, you crack me up-your friendship has meant so much to me. Abby, your sparkling blue eyes and smile cheered me everyday, I'm so glad we became closer this year. Jade-Snow, you are a gem-

I'm so happy you joined us this year. To all the graduates: best wishes in all your endeavors. Tim and Beth, good luck next year. I know it will be fabulous!!

Thank you for being a part of my life. CTY E-Board- It was great working with each and everyone of you. Amy- I'm eternally grateful for your training me with a part of your college legacy and having faith in a talent I never considered. Jen- Who would have thought that such different people would become such great friends? We have to start working on our sitcom! You can't put our friendship into words, but you know. We have formed a bond with people at GW. It's impossible to think of my life without your existential humor. Jen- Yes! & Ms. Deu- all rights & Monopoly pieces- you are my partner in crime and we will be the best. Edward & Nicholas- I don't tell you enough, but I love you and you have been the most important people in my life. I love you with all my heart.

Thanks to all the members of Club Cherry Tree for making Marvin Center 422 the best office (without a view) that I could have imagined. For those of you who are getting out of here with diplomas: you made me laugh and reminded me that the most important thing in life is... actually, you never told me anything like that. Anywho, I'm sure you guys will succeed in anything and everything you do, whether climbing up the corporate ladder, getting advanced degree, or touring Europe with a devilishly handsome man named Armand. You all had me at hello.

"Forget regret for life is yours to miss, no other way. No Day But to Today." Amy- Sister, best friend, roommate, and boss. You forced me every other day only made me stronger. I have so much respect for you and admire your devotion because I knew first hand everything you gave up to make the book the best. I thank you for letting me into your passion. I am so proud of you. Elizabeth (Baby Doll)- First a friend, but this year we became coworkers, thank you for always being there for me through everything this year. Sara- You brightened up the yearbook office with your great attitude, thank you. Beth- I am glad that we became such good friends, thank you for always listening. Mom and Dad- My biggest supporters. I know this year wasn't easy for any of you, thank you for always standing by me. To all my other friends, I realized how deeply lucky I am to have you by my side this year. Thank You.

I entered Club Cherry Tree not knowing a soul and left with memories of 10 people who worked together in the most stressful situations but who were able to leave it all behind to go out as friends. Our office was not just a place for schoolwork and the occasional work for the book, but a home away from home. It was a place to come and sit on the couch to chat with your friends.

I would first like to thank the editor-in-chief for giving me this opportunity. Next I would like to thank the Greek community for making my section as colorful as it is. I am also grateful to the designers, who have made my ideas and visions come to life so that it is not just the same old same old Greek section with a list of positions and group photos. Finally I would like to thank my sisters at Alpha Kappa Alpha for supporting me in such a challenging and rewarding position.

-Elizabeth Carrieger

-Abby Lestition

-Beth Ebenstein

-Amy Ebenstein

-Sara DeGrate
I sought a theme and sought for it in vain,
I sought it daily for six weeks or so. Players and painted stage took all my love,
And not those things that they were emblems of...

In the foul rag-and-bone shop of the heart.

- William Butler Yeats, The Circus Animals' Dessertion

My journey as a member of The Cherry Tree has come to end. The adventure was a long one, 4 years, but it did not seem so. As I look back, it feels like only yesterday. I was asking the question, “Do you like my spread?” as a timid and shy graphic designer. Wow! How time flies...

The full use of your powers along lines of excellence

- Definition of “happiness” by John F. Kennedy

Sara is my right hand woman. As executive editor she fulfilled her duties above and beyond my expectations. Thank you for your dedication and willingness to cover my back. Through working together we have established a long lasting friendship. Thank you for the laughs, smiles, words of encouragement and reasoning, waking up at 7am to meet Thornton Studio, making T-Grill some of our favorite nights, and for just being there.

Elizabeth, the Arts Editor, established this position of her own free will and initiative. She tackled the academics section, the gallery, and the history of GWU for the entire book. Her will to strive for precision and perfection will not be forgotten. Thank you for being my friend, confidant and letting me drag you into my adventures.

Abby, as an organizer Editor worked with 270 organizations in order to create a vibrant organizations section. Her support as my best friend, roommate and sister is what I am grateful for. I am glad you became part of my passion, for I couldn’t have imagined the year without your smile to brighten up the office. And this is the last time that I can say, “You’re Fired!”

Annie, the design editor, worked diligently to establish a book with consistency. She managed a design team and taught everyone QuarkXpress. Thank you for your creativity and animation. Your ideas have helped to make the book a work of art.

Lisa, as assistant graphic designer you helped create the masterpiece with patience, ingenuity, and creativity. We both began the journey together four years ago, and together we have finished. Thank you for your constant dedication and enthusiasm.

Jade-Snow, the queen of photography and my savior. I couldn’t have asked for a better photography editor. You were exactly what I was looking for and you met every expectation. Thank you for making me smile and put up with my craziness. I’ll never forget our nights out for “our drink.”

Tim, the copy editor, comedian and handyman, thank you for tackling the story. Without your hard work, the story could not have been expressed with elegance and beauty. Thank you for listening up the office and I wish you the best of luck next year.

Beth, you embarked on the board as the sports editor, which was not your specialty, but you attacked the section with your enthusiasm for the creation of the yearbook. Through Club Cherry Tree, we have started a friendship; thank you for the stories and laughter.

Michelles, the Greeks editor, had the most difficult section to assemble and did it with heart and motivation. Thank you for bringing a new perspective to the book and involving the more fraternities and sororities than ever before.

There are many others that have supported and aided me throughout this year.

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Thank you to everyone who has helped me succeed this year. I hope that you enjoyed the ride as much as I did. Thank you all!

- Amy E. Lestition
PRESS RUN

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Ed Thornton & Michael Sawchuk

PHOTOGRAPHY
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PHOTOGRAPHY REPRODUCTION
All photos, except senior portraits were scanned for reproduction by the staff using a Linotype-Hell Saphir Ultra2 scanner driven by Heidelberg's Linocolor 5.1.5 imaging systems. Taylor publishing scanned senior portraits using a Linotype-Hell TOPAZ scanner.

COMPUTERS
The staff used Power Macintosh computers for all aspects of production, including two Power Macintosh G3s with 266 mHz, Mac OS 8.5, 160 MB RAM, 4 GB Hard Drive and SONY Multiscan 500PS monitors, Power Mac G4 with 450 mHz, MacOS 9.0.0, 512 MB RAM, 20 GB Hard Drive and a ViewSonic Professional Series PT813 and a Macintosh 7500/100 with 80 MB and a SONY multiscan 20se monitor.

SOFTWARE
QuarkXPress Passport 4.12 was used in all phases of production. Photo manipulation was completed in Adobe Photoshop 5.5. The scanner operated using Linocolor 5.1.5. The Folio was designed in Adobe Illustrator 5.5.

TYPOGRAPHY
All typefaces in the book are from Adobe and Linotype font libraries. AGaramond was the primary font used in the book along with Futura, Officina Sans for the photo caption and credit, Arial, LoveLetter, Filer Plain, Crumble, Violation, Numptual Script, Pablo Plain, Hack and Century Gothic.

OUTPUT
Proof pages were printed on Hewlett-Packard Laserjet 4 MV printer. Final output was made directly to film at 175lpi.

COVER
The cover is matte lithicote duotone using Uncoated Pantone Process 5323-1 & 518-7.
THE END.

or is it your beginning, as you see it?