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Dear Ms Kress:

The DC-facilitated talks between representatives of The George Washington University and the Foggy Bottom community regarding GW's Campus Plan 2000 are going very well, and are nearing their conclusion. I thought you would be interested in seeing the enclosed two articles that sum up the plan. One is from GW's newsletter *By George!* and is a complete executive summary, and the other is from the *GW Hatchet* and gives the student point of view.

Also enclosed is a *GW Hatchet* article reporting on the great progress our University has made toward diversifying our faculty. With the new Campus Plan in effect, we can be assured of the tools and resources we need to continue this progress.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or ideas about these matters, please call me at 994-9132.

Sincerely yours,

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Building A Campus For a New Century

Construction and Renovation Projects Demonstrate GW's Dedication to Maintaining a Modern Facility

BY BARBARA PORTER

The new millennium finds GW at a crossroads — one that will transform the look of this urban campus and thus the services it can offer to students, faculty, and staff. But while much of the focus has been on the new buildings being added to GW's architectural portfolio, renovation projects are underway to bring the campus to a new level technologically and physically. In the last five years, the campus has 'morphed' from adequate to state-of-the-art with improvements and additions ranging from technology upgrades to expanded classrooms to facelifts for existing campus buildings.

The Marvin Center renovation began with a new ground floor retail area, which debuted as classes began for the '99–2000 academic year. The ground floor amenities include a mini-grocery store, post office, the new home for the student travel agency, and a student radio station. Other improvements include expanded student organization offices. Just in time for Parent's Weekend in October of 1999, the fifth floor transformation from a single game room to the Hippodrome became complete. Students are now gathering daily at the new Hippodrome — a hub complete with wide screen televisions, snack bar, and games.

"Adding food service and widening the common area really gives students a nice place to hang out," says Mike Gargano, assistant vice president for Student and Academic Support Services (SASS). "We've been very pleased with the response and the turnout at the Hippodrome."

With a menu of hot and cold munchies and televisions tuned to the latest sporting events, the Hippodrome hasn't been empty since it opened. It was packed during exam time as students took a respite from the demands of studying for finals. Marvin Center renovation continues into 2001 with a new conference space on the third floor, a new home for the GW visitor's center, and an atrium entrance on 21st Street.

"Everything we are doing will really take the Marvin Center from being functional to being a student-centered facility," Gargano adds.

Parking is always an issue of con-

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cern, and the University has responded with the University Parking Garage addition to be completed next year. The addition to the parking garage will accommodate 220 parking spaces and will expand the garage north to I Street. While the expansion is getting much deserved attention, Byron Wills, parking services manager says it's just one part of an overall effort to improve and upgrade parking on campus.

"We are constantly improving current structures with new gates, signage, surfacing, or asphalt," says Wills. "All of these efforts will allow us to better serve the University's parking community."

A major project underway will revolutionize the way students, faculty, and staff pay for parking. By the fall of 2000, Wills hopes to begin testing a new automated process that will allow parkers to debit parking fees from their GWorld debit dollar accounts. That will eliminate the hassle of having to buy parking tickets during business hours. The system should be fully operational by the spring of the following year. But the big question is will there ever be enough parking?

Wills is ever optimistic. "One day we will have enough. Right now the community is utilizing the stacked parking option. When the new spaces become available after the construction projects are completed, we will more than adequately satisfy our parking needs." An additional 400-plus spaces will be added to the mix with the completion of parking garage addition, the new Media and Public Affairs Building, and the Health and Wellness Center.

Finished projects in line for recognition are plentiful. The Mid-Campus Quad has been packed with students and faculty since its opening in the fall. A signature outdoor gathering place, the Kogan Plaza is located at a major campus crossroads across from the Marvin Center and adjacent to the Gelman Library. The plaza features three new gateway entrances, a tempietto, an outdoor café, realigned loading docks for Gelman Library and Lisner Auditorium, and new landscaping, surface treatments, and lighting. This 50-by-90 foot plaza was jammed after the Four Tops concert on Parent's Weekend and also provided a space for a reception after the President's Night concert featuring Arlo Guthrie. The Mid-Campus Quad is just one more example of how GW planners and architects are trying to add a more cohesive look and feel to GW's downtown setting.

The Gelman Library reconfiguration of former office space on the sixth and seventh floors was completed in 1999. The renovated offices now house special collections, University archives, additional general collection stacks space, new office space for University professors and engineering management, communication, German-Slavic languages and literatures, and the Center for Communitarian Studies.

The University has been renovating labs, offices, and classrooms by the dozen. Laboratory reconfigurations and additions are now com-

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plete in Lisner Hall's anthropology lab, Bell Hall third and fourth floor biological labs, Phillips Hall language and visual anthropology lab, Gelman and Funger Hall computer labs, and Ross Hall biosafety level three lab. Classroom expansions and upgrades include rooms in Corcoran Hall, Lisner Hall, Bell Hall, Stuart Hall for the Elliot School of International Affairs, Funger Hall, Phillips Hall first and second floors, and the Academic Center third through seventh floor.

The Burns Law Library experienced renovations in both the faculty offices and the reading rooms. Residence Hall received technological and electrical upgrades, Thurston Hall's dining services were renovated, and Francis Scott Key Hall replaced its kitchenette.

The University proved it could turn a hotel into a dorm when it purchased the former Howard Johnson's across the street from the Watergate. The transformation completed over last summer included replacing king-sized beds with singles, installing high speed data wiring, and adding new clothes closets. A quaint diner in the hotel became a dining hall for the 386 freshman who also enjoy the Hall on Virginia Avenue's rooftop pool. The purchase and renovation addressed growing need for housing as GW boasted one of its largest freshman classes on record.

Of course, no retrospective on the campus's physical growth would be complete without mentioning the new projects — the Media and Public Affairs Building next to Tower records slated to open in the fall of 2000, the Health and Wellness Center, and the replacement hospital. So, while the cranes and construction fences are evidence of GW's growing pains, renovations will continue to bring older structures on campus into a new century.

Suzann Vogel contributed to this story

Major Projects Currently Under Construction

- **HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER. A new health and recreation facility offering gymnasiums, weight training, racquetball courts, squash courts, an elevated jogging track, a lap pool, a juice bar, and below grade parking, 2001*.**
- **MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS BUILDING. A new 6-story building to provide tiered classrooms, faculty and staff offices for the School of Media and Public Affairs, television and radio production studios, a 248 seat auditorium, an art gallery and below grade parking, 2000.**
- **MARVIN CENTER RENOVATION AND EXPANSION. An extensive renovation of the student center offering a brand-new ground floor retail area, an expanded bookstore, improved student activity areas and offices, new conference space, a new home for the GW visitor center and a new atrium entrance on 21st Street, 2001.**
- **UNIVERSITY PARKING GARAGE EXTENSION. The existing parking garage is being expanded to provide an additional 240 parking space. The new construction will extend the garage north to Eye Street, 2000.**

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Recently Completed Major Projects

- **MID-CAMPUS QUAD. A signature outdoor gathering space at a major campus crossroads.**
- **1999 HALL ON VIRGINIA AVENUE. Renovation of the former Howard Johnson's Hotel opposite the Watergate complex to serve as a University residence hall for 386 students.**
- **1999 GELMAN LIBRARY SIXTH AND SEVENTH FLOOR REALIGNMENT. Reconfiguration of former office space on the sixth and seventh floors.**

Major Projects, 1995–99

- Mid-Campus Quad
- Hall on Virginia Avenue renovation
- 2033, 2035, and 2037 F St. Townhouse renovation for NROTC, museum studies, and human sciences
- Corcoran Hall 101 classroom renovation
- Lisner Hall geology classroom renovation
- Gelman sixth and seventh floor realignment
- Bell Hall — first floor geology/physics renovation
- Bell-Lisner-Stuart exterior renovation
- 2125 G St. — first floor/psych-ology renovation
- 2110, 2112, 2114 G St. townhouse renovation for anthropology
- Lisner Hall 130 anthropology lab renovation
- Bell Hall third floor biological science lab renovations
- Bell Hall fourth floor biological science lab renovations
- 2142 G St. townhouse renovation for judaic studies
- 613 and 617 22nd St. townhouse renovation for athletics
- Lisner Hall Stacks conversion/classroom project
- Stuart Hall renovation for Elliott School of International Affairs
- 2147 F St. townhouse renovation for Graduate School of Political Management
- Hall of Government third and fourth floor classroom renovations
- 2000 H St. Moot Court classroom renovation
- Funger Hall 103 and 108 classroom renovation
- Funger Hall reconfiguration for math, public policy, and various institutes.
- Gelman Library 24-Hour access computer lab
- Funger Hall 636 computer lab
- Phillips Hall 215 language and visual anthropology lab
- Stockton Hall/Burns Law Library Law faculty office renovations
- Burns Law Library reading room renovation
- Academic Center third through seventh floor renovations for Columbian School of Arts and Sciences
- Ross Hall School of Public Health and Health Services office renovation, and biosafety lab
- Phillips Hall first and second floor renovations — Columbian School of Arts and Sciences
- Phillips Hall B2 level renovation — Information Systems and Services offices
- Thurston Hall dining services area renovation
- Francis Scott Key Hall kitchenette replacement and electrical upgrade
- Residence Hall technology and electrical upgrade
- Telecommunciation hub room project
- Construction of New Hall residence hall
- 600 21st St. townhouse renovation for tourism studies
- 609 21st St. townhouse renovation for engineering student organizations and political science teaching assistants
- Anniversary Park
- Washington Circle gateway

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GW analyzes faculty diversity

Report finds an increased number of minority professors

by Zeb Eckert
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW is making strides to maintain a level of diversity in its faculty, according to the annual Report on Recruitment and Retention of Women Faculty and Faculty of Color.

Presented to the Faculty Senate last Friday by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the report lends insight into the demographic makeup of the University's faculty.

Of the University's 970 faculty members for the academic year 1999-2000, 144 are minorities. There are 668 men, with 84 minority men, and 302 women, with 60 minority women.

The most striking portion of the report is a statistical comparison between the academic years 1988-'89 and 1999-'00. Since 1989, the University experienced a 95-percent increase in the number of faculty of color and a 49-percent increase in the number of women faculty. Minority increases during this period are particularly notable in the Asian population, but the increase of African-American and Hispanic faculty members has not seen similar growth, the report indicates.

"Although we continue to show long-term gains in the number of women faculty and faculty of color, we are concerned about achieving further increases, particularly since the percentage of Black and Hispanic faculty members has not increased substantially over this period," according to the report.

Faculty positions, classified by tenured or tenure-track and non-tenure-track, give similar results. Men compose 69 percent of the faculty and hold 75 percent of tenured or tenure-track positions. Women, who comprise 31 percent of the faculty, hold 25 percent of tenured or tenure-track positions. Faculty of color comprise 15 percent of the total population and hold 13 percent of tenured or tenure-track positions.

"Evidence suggests that our recruitment efforts have been successful over the past 11 years," according to the report, in reference to these statistics. The data indicates "that while we continue to make progress, it is slow, and we cannot relax our efforts."

Students said diversity is an important component of a well-rounded education.

"I think that whoever is teaching a class has a very big impact on what students learn and how they learn it," freshman Hunter Elliot said. "They definitely can lend a different perspective."

In the wake of last Friday's report presented to the Faculty Senate, the University has several committees discussing issues of equity for minorities and women. The Faculty Senate approved in December a resolution for amending the Interim Policies and Procedures Governing Sexual Harassment Complaints. An ad-hoc committee was also formed to discuss sexual harassment.

"The University continues to deal with complaints of sexual harassment," according to the report. "Committed to maintaining a positive climate where individuals can pursue their academic and work activities in an atmosphere free from coercion and intimidation, we are determined to work toward alleviating occurrences of sexual harassment."

As indicated by national research, issues of sexual harassment go hand-in-hand with equity for women and minorities.

Quelling harassment and increasing diversity should be a main focus of the University's efforts, freshman Liza Sacks said.

"If all the professors were the same – if they were all white males – you wouldn't be getting a diverse perspective of a certain subject," Sacks said. "There should be a variety of diverse ethnicities and males and females."

SA signals support for GW campus plan

Conditions in resolution urge increased communication with local community

by Matt Berger
Hatchet Staff Writer

The Student Association Senate endorsed the University's campus plan Tuesday with conditions urging additional communication between GW and the Foggy Bottom community.

SA senators stressed the maintenance of a proportional student enrollment and the need for a committee to discuss University expansion outside the campus boundaries as stipulations to their support.

"It's basically saying that we support the campus plan," said Kim McGraw, SA executive vice president. "However, to make the University better, these are things we believe should be considered."

The bill was passed unanimously after the GW administration requested the SA review the plan before it is sent to the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission and the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The campus plan documents the University's timeline for expansion and upgrades to facilities within the University's structured borders.

"It's good that they wanted to involve us," said graduate Sen. J.P. Blackford (SEAS), who sponsored the bill. "We can give our advice and give our support."

Local community members attended the Senate meeting and praised the SA for adding the conditions, which give credence to local community concerns.

"I think they are starting to realize it's better if they become a part of what the University wants to do," ANC Commissioner Richard Sheehey said.

Ellie Becker, Foggy Bottom Association president, said it is in the students' best interest to ask for controls in admission.

"The University facilities are not keeping up with the enrollment," she said. "That has been the problem all along – too many students and not enough facilities to accommodate them."

Blackford concurred.

"We don't want the University to be adding students before we have the facilities for them," he said. Bernard Demczuk, GW's assistant vice president for Government Relations, said the SA and the University are on the same page.

"The campus plan is in fact increasing administrative and academic space and student housing," he said.

Demczuk said the campus plan hearing before the BZA has been postponed to give GW and the community another chance to come together.

But Sheehey said he was concerned the community dialogue approach is just a "delay tactic."

"We've been sitting down with them for a year, and it hasn't done anything," he said.