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Court lifts GW enrollment cap

by Katie Warchut
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A U.S. District Court lifted a D.C.-imposed undergraduate enrollment cap June 15, allowing GW to admit its full freshman class in the fall.

In the first victory of a larger legal fight between GW and the city, a judge also suspended a restriction on GW building projects. Both restrictions, lifted only for the 2001-02 school year, were part of the same condition of the University's campus plan passed in March.

D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment imposed an enrollment freeze and limited GW construction to undergraduate housing projects until the University houses 70 percent of its students when it passed GW's campus plan.

The University requested an injunction on the enrollment freeze in May to keep its freshman class. GW exceeded the cap on students living on the Foggy Bottom campus by 450 students when it enrolled 2,550 freshmen.

GW testified that it began admitting students before the Board of Zoning Adjustment officially issued the order March 29, about a week after admission letters were sent March 23.

Barber said the judge agreed with the University that the BZA issued the order during GW's admissions process, and the oral decision from Feb. 13 could not be considered final.

"The decision was issued in the middle of an admissions process that had begun months

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A record turnout for first GW glimpse

by Chanin Knight
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Incoming freshmen motioned for Michael O'Leary to turn around the upside-down GW towel he waived during the Colonial Inauguration closing session Saturday morning.

O'Leary, senior associate director for admissions, joked that the University got a "great deal" on the yellow and blue towels, GW's traditional CI parting gift to new students, because "the printer put our logo on upside down."

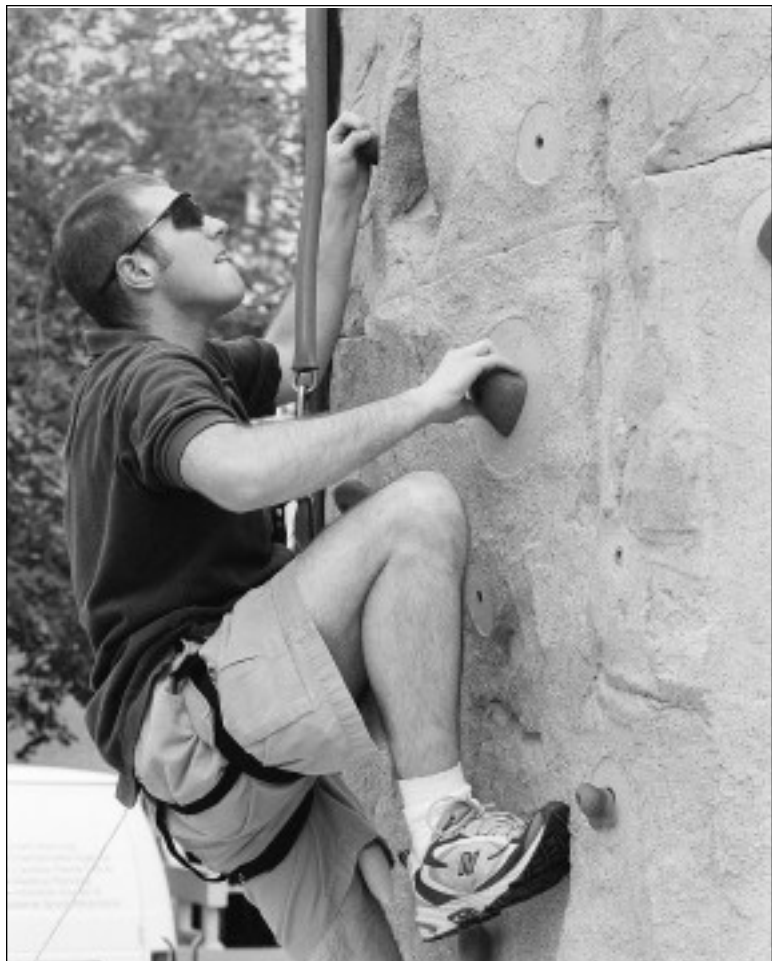
The University will need at least 2,550 towels for this year's

record freshman class, which brought higher-than-usual numbers to the first two sessions of CI, GW's three-day freshman orientation program.

Mike Gargano, assistant vice president of Student and Academic Support Services, said about 1,200 students, siblings and parents attended the first CI, held June 16-18, and about 1,050 people showed up last weekend.

Gargano attributed the increased parent participation to the number of parents sending their first son or daughter off to

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Michael Itti/photo editor

Freshman Kevin Sullivan from Boston scales a rock climbing wall sponsored by the Program Board on Kogan Plaza during the second Colonial Inauguration session Friday.

U.S. finds DNA match

by Jason Steinhardt
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DNA found on a broom handle GW basketball player Attila Cosby allegedly used to sexually assault a 46-year old crack cocaine user matches a sample taken from his accuser, an expert testified Tuesday.

But, in his opening remarks at D.C. Superior Court, Cosby's lawyer, Billy Martin, said Cosby used the broom handle found in his residence hall room to touch Kleenex that fell from the woman's pants onto the floor but did not assault her with it.

Four of the prosecution's witnesses, including a DNA expert, a doctor who examined the complainant and a Metropolitan Police officer, testified Monday and Tuesday during Cosby's return to trial for an incident last summer.

A judge dropped felony charges against Cosby last July, citing among other reasons a lack of DNA evidence.

The U.S. Attorney's Office reopened the case in January charging Cosby with nine misdemeanors, including sexual abuse, theft and a weapon violation.

Cosby admitted last year to receiving oral sex from the complainant in his Guthridge Hall room after picking her up at New Jersey and P streets.

The prosecution alleges Cosby offered to drive the complainant to his room to test drugs and forced oral sex at gunpoint before forcing her to



Michael Itti/photo editor

GW basketball player Attila Cosby leaves D.C. Superior Court Monday with his girlfriend, Lisa Couser. He faces nine charges.

masturbate. According to prosecutors, Cosby then assaulted the woman with the broom handle.

Police found a gunlock but no gun in Cosby's room.

The defense said Cosby picked the woman up for sex and not for drugs.

Once in Cosby's room, Martin said, the woman began to perform oral sex on the basketball player. He said Cosby saw that she was bleeding and told her to leave. The woman removed her pants in Cosby's

bathroom and bloody facial tissues fell to the floor, Martin said.

Cosby used the tip of the broom to point to the tissues and told the woman to clean them up, according to the defense.

Cosby, who transferred to GW from the University of New Mexico, faces a maximum of 4 1/2 years in prison if convicted of all charges. D.C. Superior Court Judge Neal E. Kravitz will decide the verdict.

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GW creates more housing University converts freshman double rooms to triples

by Kate Stepan
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GW has found housing for almost all freshmen after enrolling a class about 300 students bigger than expected, University officials said.

The University will convert 70 doubles in the Hall on Virginia Avenue and 50 doubles in Thurston Hall to triples to house some of the 300 unanticipated freshmen, Director of Media Relations Gretchen King said.

GW leased 80 rooms last week in a three-year agreement with the Pennsylvania House apartment building at 2424 Pennsylvania Ave. to ease the housing crunch. Upperclassmen who did not get

the room of their choice in the housing lottery will be offered the apartments, which hold two to three people and include kitchens.

The University is also finalizing agreements with at least one other area building to lease spaces for undergraduate housing this week, said Robert Chernak, Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services.

Universities gauge the number of expected students by predicting the admissions yield rate, or percentage of accepted students who will decide to enroll. GW expected a yield similar to previous years, about 29 percent, but 36 percent of admitted students accepted offers for the coming school year.

Chernak said GW has used the

Pennsylvania House to accommodate large classes in the past. The building offers extended-stay housing in efficiencies, which cost \$2,100 a month, and one-bedroom apartments, which cost \$2,500 a month, according to the property's Web site.

Officials in the Pennsylvania House corporate office said it is "common practice" to offer a discount on rent for multiple rooms.

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Olympic officials eye D.C. for 2012

by Kate Stepan
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Olympic committees are eyeing GW's Smith Center as an event venue for the 2012 Summer Olympics if the District wins its bid to host the Games.

The Smith Center would host badminton if the U.S. Olympic Committee selects the nation's capital among seven other cities. D.C. and Dallas are considered the top two bids by some newspapers and analysts around the country.

The Chesapeake Regional 2012 Coalition, the group in charge of preparing the Washington-Baltimore bid, chose other area universities to host competitions, including swimming and volleyball.

The University of Maryland would be the site of the Olympic Village and would host team handball and indoor volleyball events. Howard University would also get some volleyball games.

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