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UPD estimates theft loss

by Ross Rapoport and Trevor Martin
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The University Police Department is investigating whether the theft of more than \$20,000 worth of musical instruments from the music department over winter break was an organized job. Students at other area universities have reported similar thefts recently.

UPD Director Dolores Stafford said the fact that all the instruments at GW vanished at the same time from the same place without any evidence points to a premeditated crime.

"On the surface, they have a high probability of being done by the same person or persons," Stafford said.

Stafford said she was notified of instruments taken from the

University of Maryland, Catholic University and American University in recent months.

Since Dec. 20, seven GW students have reported nine instruments stolen, all believed to be taken over winter break. Stafford said it is difficult to put an exact value on the total loss because some of the incident reports did not include dollar values for the stolen items.

Leonard Jukkala, crime prevention coordinator at American University, said two trumpets were stolen from padlocked music department lockers in October.

"It was definitely a big hit," he said. "They were expensive and very personal to the artist."

Jukkala was unsure of the value of the stolen instruments.

Stafford said more UPD

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Equipment stolen from Music Department over winter break

Item stolen	Value
Violin and bow	\$7,500
Violin	\$5,000
Viola and bows	\$2,100
Trumpet	\$1,000
Trumpet	\$250
Flute	\$750
2 Trumpets and one horn	\$6,000
TOTAL	\$22,600

source: University Police

CATs instates printing quota

by Julie Gordon
Hatchet Reporter

Starting this month, students who print more than 1,250 pages in a semester from most computer labs will be cut off. The new quota applies to all Center for Academic Technologies labs, including the basement of Gelman Library and excluding residence halls.

According to CATs statistics, the move will affect 7 percent of lab users, or the about 1,100 students and staff members who go through more than 1,200 sheets of paper in a semester.

After this semester, the quota will be lowered and students will be charged for each page over it, said Michael Peckman, CATS manager. He said the new quota is aimed at cracking down on wasteful printing because his department no longer has the budget to support all free

printing on campus.

The Gelman Library is considering similar action for its labs on the first through sixth floors, but no details have been released.

Two years ago, University Librarian Jack Siggins and CATs officials discussed implementing a 250-page quota with a 10-cent a page charge after that. The Student Association passed a lution last fall criticizing the idea of charging for paper.

Peckman said he does not have the budget to allow free student printing because of "technology and politics." CATs manages all campus computer labs except in the residence halls, some classrooms and upstairs library labs.

Peckman said GW administrators have pushed to charge for student printing during discussions

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Locals debate Wellness Center

by Drew Wiseman
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Foggy Bottom residents ended an at times animated neighborhood meeting in a standstill when they were unable to come to a consensus to change their official opposition to the GW's Health and Wellness Center.

A majority of Advisory Neighborhood Commission members seemed to support opening gym membership to Foggy Bottom residents, but they split on the issue of supporting later hours. The center currently closes at 10 p.m. due to zoning restrictions.

ANC commissioner and GW graduate student Jeff Marootian called the meeting a "step forward" toward negotiations with the University. The ANC decided to send a letter to GW asking to start negotiations to allow neighborhood residents use of the building.

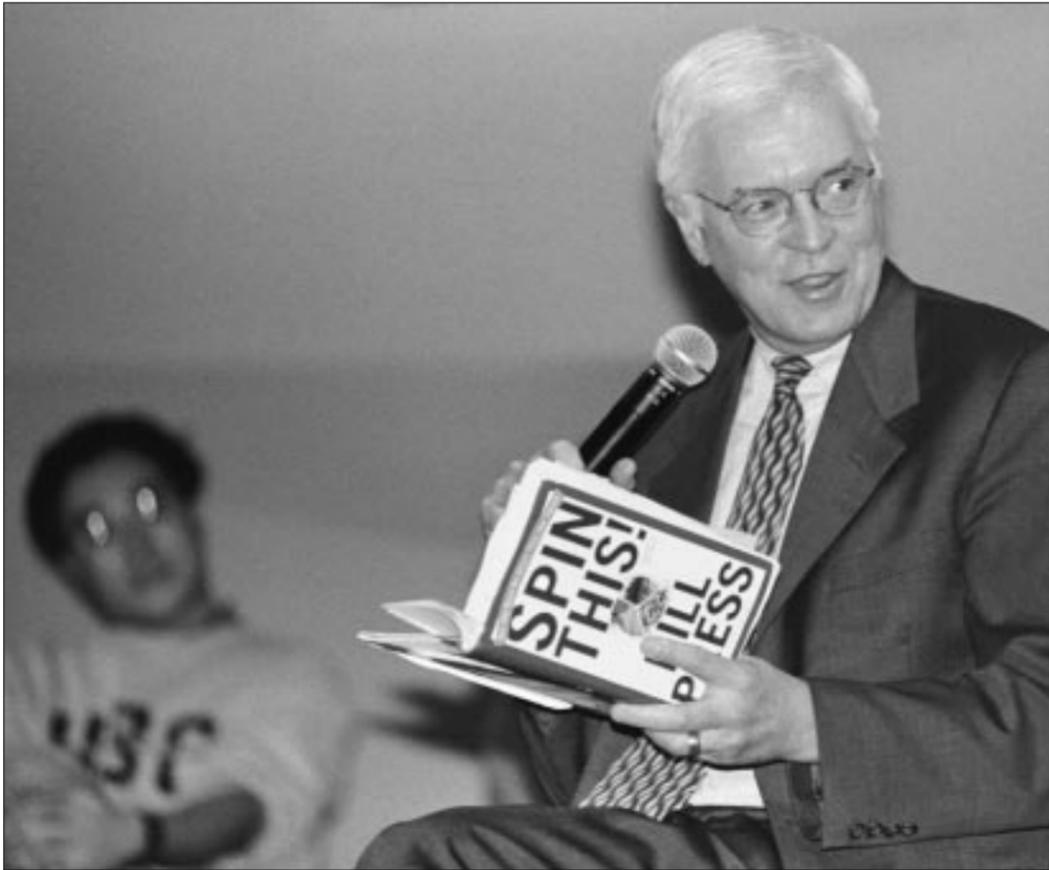
The ANC-2A, a board of elected members that represent the Foggy Bottom neighborhood in District affairs, had opposed construction of the Wellness Center in the past because of traffic and noise concerns. The facility is currently closed to neighborhood residents, GW alumni and guests of students and faculty members because of a D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment ruling.

Commissioner Dorothy Miller, one of the most vocal opponents of the Wellness Center, said she is against a resolution to change the ANC's position "because it supports GW in a financial way, which they don't need."

She later lambasted ANC commissioner Don Morency, yelling at him to "shut up" so the group could vote on an amendment to the resolution.

"He never shuts up," she said

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Chris Zarconi/Hatchet staff photographer

"Crossfire" host Bill Press discusses current events and his new book, "Spin This!" with students in the Hippodrome Wednesday night. Press took student questions for more than an hour.

Press chats with students

by Patrick W. Higgins
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CNN political commentator Bill Press talked tax cuts and pick-up lines with about 100 students Wednesday night in the Hippodrome to promote and sign copies of his new book, "Spin This."

The book is based on the once popular CNN program "The Spin Room" and covers people's creative perspective, or "spin," on issues like politics, sex and baseball.

Representatives from the

College Democrats, College Republicans, Student Association and the School of Media and Public Affairs flanked Press as students fired questions on topics ranging from President George W. Bush's tax cuts to the art of dating. SA President Roger Kapoor asked Press for useful lines to pick up women but was referred to a chapter in Press' book on dating.

The discussion centered on the possibility of delaying Bush's pending tax cuts.

"When we're back to a time

of no surplus with deficit spending, we must do everything to revive the economy and get people back to work, even if that means considering a delay in tax-cuts," Press said, responding to student concerns about the \$21 billion deficit announced Wednesday by the Congressional Budget Office.

In bipartisan fashion, Press, a self-declared liberal Democrat, answered student questions about the responsibility for the Sept. 11 attacks. With

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ANC commissioners Jeff Marootian (l.) and Maria Tyler discuss GW-neighbor relations at Wednesday night's meeting.

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