GW trustees approve 4.9% tuition hike

by Mosheh Oinounou
News Editor

GW’s Board of Trustees approved a 4.9 percent tuition hike Friday, raising tuition and fees to $27,820. The majority of the extra money will pay back facili-
ties debts and staff pay raises.

When added to room and board, the GW pricetag is now $36,930 for incoming freshmen and sophomores and is set to top $40,000 in two years at the current rate.

With a 23 percent tuition jump coupled with a 20 percent increase in room and board in the past five years, the incoming freshmen class will pay almost $7,000 more than members of the class of 2002 did when they arrived at GW.

GW will cost more than Cornell and Yale universities and the University of Chicago for the second year in a row. Tuition accounts for about 73 percent of the University’s revenue, according to the Office of the Vice President and Treasurer’s 2003 budget. Officials said at a student leaders meeting Wednesday that GW needs to raise tuition while it works at increasing alumni giving and its endowment.

This year’s boost breaks with a 13-year trend of declining tuition hikes and is the highest increase in four years. GW raised tuition 4.4 percent last year.

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Panel plans SJS review

by Elizabeth Crawford and Joseph Pollak
Hatchet Staff Writers

SA Executive Vice President Josh Singer said there are “a ton of problems inherent in the judicial system” at GW and asked the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students to begin a process of reforming the Student Code of Conduct at a Friday meeting.

“I want to see a fundamental change in the total procedures and the way that (Student Judicial Services) hear cases,” Singer said.

Singer said he wants to eliminate minimum sanc-
tions for offenses and increase publicity of SJS poli-
cies so students can be “better informed and under-
stand their rights.”

“Right now the sanctions don’t fit the charges,” Singer said.

SJS considers sanctions it imposes confidential and has declined repeated requests to release month-
ly reports of charges and the sanctions that resulted.

Interim SJS Director Sarah Janczuk was unavail-
able for comment on Singer’s criticisms. Former SJS Director David Pine and Assistant Director Emily Walker resigned this year for personal reasons.

But SJS Hearing Board members said students should be confident in the system.

Web unfit for housing

by Trevor Martin
News Assistant

When students log on to GWWeb Feb. 24 to choose housing for next year, they might not be able to pick the “want room” they want. GW officials told the Residence Hall Association Friday.

RHA President Noel Marie said Housing Services Director Andrew Soon told her Friday that BannerWeb will only allow students to select a room size and building and not specific rooms.

The RHA plans to propose a resolution that would bring the housing selection process back to its live version in January rather than the currently planned online selection if the University is unable to change the format of the online program.

The University is choosing technology at the

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CHO ENTERTAINS AT SMITH CENTER

by Elizabeth Maxwell and Amanda Mantone
Hatchet Reporters

Stand-up comedian Margaret Cho returned to campus for her fifth GW performance as part of her “Notorious C.H.I.T.” tour Saturday night, entertaining students with tales of alcohol abuse, eating disor-
ders, sex and drag queens in the Smith Center.

“It kind of freaked me out a little bit,” freshman Jeremy Stadelman said. “It was more gross than funny.”

Up for a Grammy for her most
comedy album, Cho mixed comedy with political
commentary, joking that she has
seen “I’m the One” on “Sex and the City” last season and
about male men-
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