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INS details man with possible GW link

by Drew Wiseman
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A man identified as a possible GW student was arrested Monday night at the Pentagon for falsely identifying himself and is being held for immigration violations, according to court records.

The man, whose United Arab Emirates passport identifies him as 23-year-old Sultan Rashed Sultan Jasmon Alzaabi, was riding in a tow truck on an off-limits road near the Pentagon Monday night, according to a court affidavit. The driver of the truck, identified as Imad Abdel-Fattah Hamed, was also arrested and is being held without bond.

Alzaabi and Hamed carried several forms of false identification

and were taken into custody after Virginia state troopers arrested them for driving on Route 110, which runs east of the Pentagon. Trucks have been prohibited there since Sept. 11, according to the affidavit.

The affidavit reads: "Hamed said he met the passenger at the Northern Virginia Community College, although the passenger was now at George Washington (University)."

GW officials cannot confirm whether the passenger, whose real name is still in doubt, is a student. The University has records of two former students with similar names to those found on two different licenses Alzaabi had.

According to the University, a man listed as Sultan R. Al-Zaabi

took classes in 1998. One license found in the truck with Alzaabi's picture lists him as Sultan Rasheed Al-Zaabi.

The University also has record of a 2001 graduate named Abdulla R. Al-Zaabi. The other Virginia license found on the passenger's person with a photo resembling him lists the man as Abdulla Rashed Al-Zaabi.

Virginia State Trooper Robert Hindenlang stopped the truck at about 10:30 p.m. Monday. According to court documents, both men "appeared to be Middle Eastern males in their late 20s or early 30s."

The driver said he had not seen signs warning that trucks

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PENTAGON ARREST FACTS

Driver

Possible name:

- Imad Abdel-Fattah Hamed (Va. license)
- Imad Nimer (Va. license*)

Search results:

- 2 Virginia driver's licenses with different names, birthdays and addresses

*admitted he paid \$100 to get license from Virginia DMV

Passenger

Possible names:

- Sultan Rashed Sultan Jasmon Alzaabi (passport)
- Sultan Rasheed Al-Zaabi (Va. license #1)
- Abdulla Rashed Al-Zaabi (Va. license #2)
- Mohammed Saleh Al-Murcir (Va. ID card)
- Mahammed S. Al-Murar (airline ID card)

Search results:

- 1 United Arab Emirates passport
- 2 Virginia driver's licenses with different first names and same last name; same address
- 1 Virginia ID card with his photo, different name and address than two licenses
- 1 British Airways Executive Club card with no photo or address
- 1 GW phone card listing name Abdulla Rashed Al-Zaabi
- 2 student visas and one tourist visa

source: court affidavit

Greek policies split groups



Grant Wernick/senior photo editor

Former Delta Tau Delta President Bob Simon (l.) and Zeta Phi Beta President Emmanuela Duplessy represent Greek-letter organizations that exist in admittedly separate worlds at GW.

by Heather Sala
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While the Greek-letter system at GW remains largely segregated, fraternity and sorority members explained that the differences between black and white organizations lie not in skin color but tradition and custom.

"(Black organizations) were founded in a time that wasn't conducive to African Americans, and that's why we take our organizations so seriously, because we have a legacy to uphold," Duplessy said.

She said black fraternities and sororities maintain important traditions in secrecy.

"All of the NPHC organizations are secretive by nature. While other organizations have to submit a constitution, we don't have to because the information is secretive," Duplessy said.

GW's three black fraternities and sororities and its Latino fraternity operate under the National Pan-Hellenic Council, while the 19 other fraternities and sororities are part of the Interfraternity Council and National Panhellenic Association, respectively.

"NPHC organizations are community-service based," Duplessy said. "Zeta (Phi Beta) doesn't have a lot of social events."

She said NPHC organization events are open to the GW and D.C. communities, not just fraternity and sorority members.

"Internationally every chapter

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GW suspends cap contract

by Trevor Martin
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GW suspended its contract with popular sportswear company New Era Monday after students brought to light accusations of unfair labor practices.

The Progressive Student Union led a protest Monday against New Era Cap Co., which carried the GW logo on caps in the GW Bookstore.

The Worker's Rights Consortium, a watchdog group that represents workers, released a report last summer alleging unfair labor practices. It states that New Era has violated several health and safety codes and accuses the company of disability and age discrimination.

The WRC also claims New Era limits employee freedom of association.

But New Era officials say that the WRC report, which claims New Era lacks care for workers and references sources such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and "in-depth" interviews of workers, may be biased.

"The WRC never set foot in our factories. They only talked to employees who were on

new era at gw
a recent history

New Era workers begin strike, citing health violations.

WRC releases 30-page report on alleged unfair labor practices at New Era. PSU approaches GW with allegation.

New Era applies to FLA for accreditation. Third party monitoring group begins to audit two factories.

PSU workers strike due to New Era workers' calls for boycott. GW suspends con-

strike and walked with them in the picket line," said Tim Freer, director of human resources for New Era.

Although New Era did not allow the WRC to inspect its facilities, Freer said the group will allow the Fair Labor Association, an independent firm, to inspect the facilities.

"We are in application within the Fair Labor Association and have volunteered for a full audit," Freer said.

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University stays with online housing selection

by Rati Bishnoi
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GW's housing lottery will remain online, and students will not be able to pick specific rooms, Housing Services announced this week.

Unlike previous years when students were able to choose their exact rooms, Housing Services Director Andrew Sonn said students this year will select buildings

and room sizes into the Banner Web system and receive a room assignment. Students will not be able to choose a specific floor, either.

Dean of Students Linda Donnels said programmers are trying to work in a function that will allow students to pick specific "tiers," which would allow students to narrow their selection to the last two digits in a room number. For example, students would choose a 06 room, but would

not pick the floor.

Sonn said this new system is being implemented to make the housing selection process more "streamlined." He said with more beds and students selecting, this system will make the process less difficult. Rather than a flood of room numbers on the screen, students can choose a more detailed room type.

In order to get a room, the student with the highest lottery number among his

roommates accept the housing agreement. After he has accepted, he will receive a specific room number.

Students have 48 hours to decline their assigned room by e-mailing Housing Services. RHA President Noel Frame said housing officials have not finalized the options for students who reject their assigned room number.

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