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Faculty diversity off the mark

by Gracie Lhee
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Vice President for Academic Affairs Don Lehman said he is "not satisfied" with the faculty minority representation and wants professor diversity to more closely resemble the student population.

Minorities only make up 16 percent of GW full-time professors, while they comprise about 23 percent of the undergraduate population, according to the GW Factbook. Nationally, minorities comprise 29 percent of the population.

"We try to have our search pools represent availability of candidates on the market...and in the future (hope to) have a better balance to reflect the student population," Lehman said. "But things can't change overnight."

The most recent recruitment numbers indicate that diversity among faculty members is not quickly increasing. For the past five years, GW has hired 59 Asian, black or Hispanic full-time professors, making up 18 percent of all new hires. The numbers do not include hires since last March.

Much like other competitive universities, GW departments actively search for potential faculty members with degrees from other prestigious universities, Lehman said. He said only searching for faculty members from those universities considerably cuts down on the minority market.

"We have very few black physicists that receive their degrees," Lehman said.

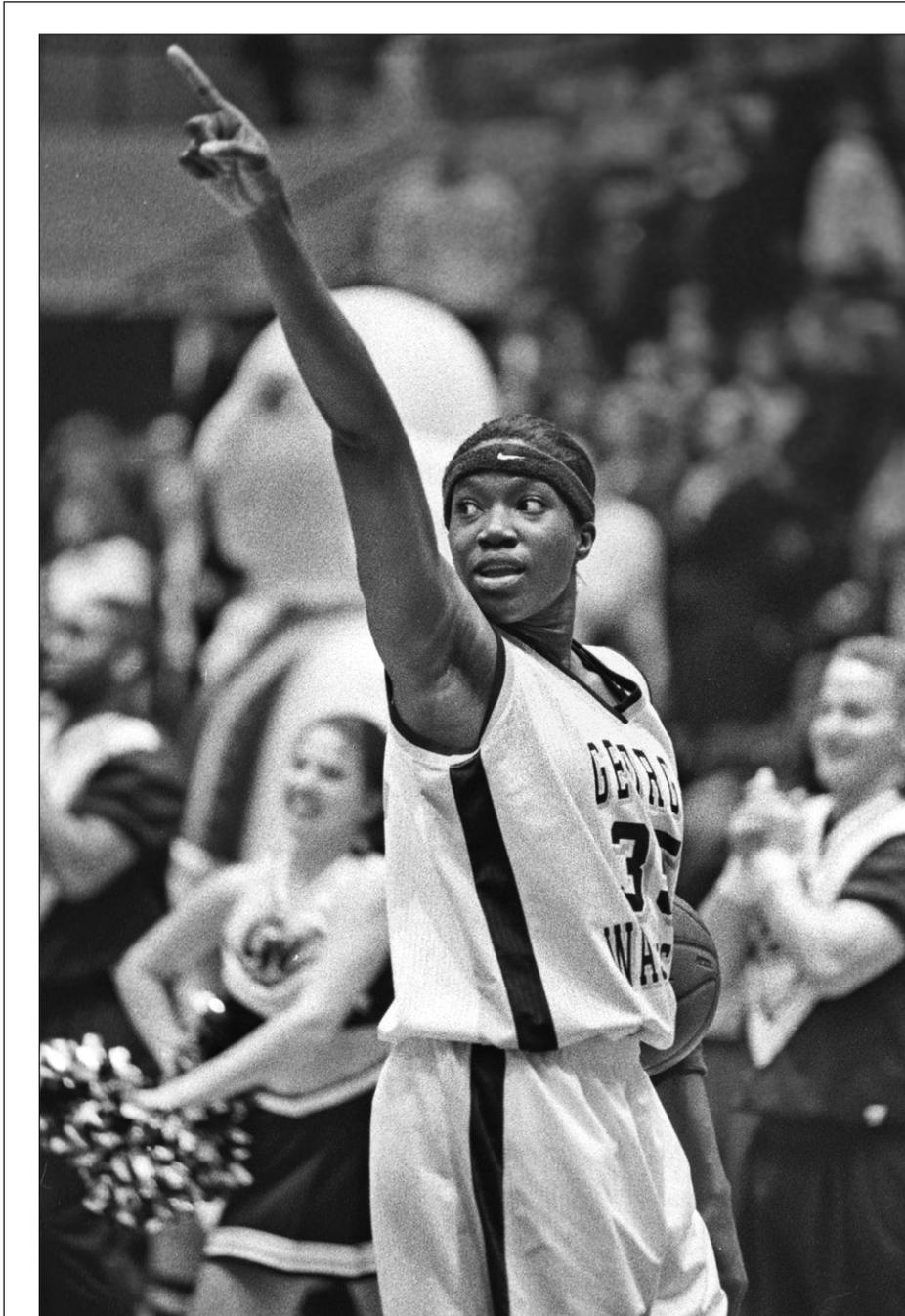
Lehman said there is a large discrepancy between departments.

"If you go into the physics department or the engineering department, you will find a

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How diverse	Faculty	Student	National
Asian	3.6%	10.2%	11%
Black	12.3%	4.2%	6.7%
Hispanics	12.5%	2%	5.2%
TOTAL	28.3%	16.4%	22.9%

Source: US Census, GW Factbook



Joe Gidjunis/Hatchet photographer

NO.1 IN THE WEST

Ugo Oha and the Colonials are number one in the A-10 West, clinching their division with a win over Dayton Friday. Oha scored a career-high 24 points against Xavier Sunday, stepping up for an injured team. See story, p. 17.

GW links to Al-Zaabi expand

by Mosheh Oinounou
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GW officials said the man arrested outside the Pentagon last week and currently being held by the Immigration and Naturalization Service could be the same individual who attended GW for three semesters in 1998.

The man, listed as Sultan Rasheed Al-Zaabi, 23, on a Virginia driver's license police obtained and his passport, also carried identification of at least one other former GW student.

Al-Zaabi and a Jordanian man were arrested Feb. 11 on an off-limits road near the Pentagon. Virginia police pulled the men over when they ignored signs banning trucks from the road. Virginia police officers found five forms of identification on Al-Zaabi, the passenger, with three different names, according to a court affidavit.

INS is holding Al-Zaabi on student visa violations for overstaying his visa, The Washington Post reported. INS spokesman Bill Shaw said the government is still trying to determine the individual's identity and gave no time frame for possible charges or deportation.

The driver of the truck, 26-year-old Imad Hamed, is charged with one count of identification fraud because of a second Virginia driver's license also found on him. Hamed was released on \$5,000 bond at a hearing Friday after being held for three days, according to an FBI spokeswoman who declined to give her name.

According to the affidavit, Hamed told authorities he met the passenger at Northern Virginia Community College and that the passenger currently attends GW - something GW has no record of.

University officials confirmed that Sultan R.

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Foreign students evade INS

by Trevor Martin
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GW International Services officials said there are very lax requirements for tracking international students once they enroll in the University and have a student visa. Last week's arrest of man believed to be a former GW student, Sultan R. Al-Zaabi, is prompting questions about tracking procedures at Immigration and Naturalization Services.

With a new system starting in 2003, the University is preparing to become more stringent in monitoring international students. One of the Sept. 11 hijackers came to the United States on a student visa that he never used.

The current system does not require GW to regulate students if they have already been issued a student visa and are already in the country, said Judith Green, director of International Services.

Green said although it is not easy to obtain a student visa, once an immigrant is in the country, the University is not required to keep the INS updated on the student's standing.

In order to get student visas from the U.S. embassy in their respective countries, immigrants need an I-20 form issued by GW. The form confirms the student's acceptance, their intention to leave the

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Fewer candidates seek Senate offices

Senators characterize SA as over-politicized

by Joseph Gidjunis
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SA senators said the Student Association elections next week will have only nine of 30 existing senators return to the ballot as candidates.

Many students not running for re-election said they are tired of politics and feel their efforts have gone unappreciated. Senior Scott Sheffler, JEC chair, said that typically more than half of senators run for re-election.

"Basically, all of the politics has made it the ineffective organization it has been," said sophomore SA Sen. Fiona Conroy (U-CCAS). "I encourage whoever is selected to work towards the ideal of service to students rather than political rhetoric."

Conroy, a second-year senator, has worked on many projects from dining services to election reform but feels "disillusioned" by the process.

"Although it has been trying at times,

I love working for this organization. I've dedicated all of my time into it," Conroy said. "But I've noticed a general disenchantment among students."

Other senators who are not running for re-election expressed similar feelings about the internal politics and ineffectiveness of the organization.

"When I started on the SA, it was very positive. I was very excited to go to meetings and make changes," said junior senator Matt Hargarten (U-At Large). "As the year progressed, that excitement slowly started to fade, and I didn't feel like I was doing anything anymore, not just me, but us as a body. I think that the SA is an ineffective body."

Hargarten said there are good people who serve as senators, but many are just there for the power.

"There is a lot of scheming going on and slimy business," Hargarten said.

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