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9-11 events to urge tolerance

■ Elie Wiesel and Madeline Albright to headline Kalb Report
by Elizabeth Maxwell
Hatchet Staff Writer

A campus-wide moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. Wednesday, one year after the first American

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Airlines airplane hit the World Trade Center, will start a day of September 11 commemorative events amidst the regular buzz of students attending class.

Performances, panels, services, vigils and discussions will take place throughout the day. The events were planned by a team of 11 student leaders and University Events staff.

The largest campus-wide

activity is an "open microphone" at Kogan Plaza from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., said Jessica Carlson, assistant director of University Events.

She said students will share thoughts and experiences and perform music during this time and 180 student volunteers will also read the names of the approximately 3,000 people who were killed.

"The fact that it takes eight hours to read all of the names makes you realize the enormity of what happened," said Student Association Vice President of Community Affairs Alice Lingo, who was in charge of publicity for the events and organized the vigil.

The day will conclude with a candlelight vigil on the Quad at 10 p.m., like last year's on Sept. 12. More than 2,000 students participated in last year's vigil.

The freshman Living and Learning Community titled

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Brandon Perlman/Hatchet photographer

Sophomore Production Director Evan Gottschalk works controls in the Marvin Center ground floor WRGW studio. The webcasting station is awaiting a federal decision which could alter its programming.

Fees threaten WRGW

by Amanda Mantone
Student Life Editor

GW's online radio station, WRGW, could stop playing music this fall if Congress approves a fee set in previous copyright legislation.

The new fees, which were set in June, could charge stations thousands of dollars in royalties retroactive to 1998, the year the Digital Millennium Act took effect.

James Billington, the librarian of Congress, set the fees this summer after years of negotiations with the U.S. Copyright Office.

According to an Aug. 16 Chronicle of Higher Education report, dozens of college and non-commercial stations around the country have already stopped broadcasting online in anticipation of fee approval this fall.

"This is a huge hurt for college stations around the country," said senior Brett Kaplan, WRGW's general manager. He said the costs

associated with the new fee would be "impossible" for the station to calculate.

WRGW, which broadcasts exclusively online, is still operating, though Kaplan said that could change if the fees set in June are enforced in the coming months.

The Digital Media Act, which included a provision requiring non-commercial webcasters to pay royalties to the record industry, announced the fee about four years ago. The fee is now being finalized in the House of Representatives and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Acting Director of Media Relations Bob Ludwig said if costs were too great, music webcasting on WRGW could cease, but other programming, such as talk radio and sports casting, could continue.

"I think it would be a matter of evaluating internet broadcasting," he said. "That particular portion of WRGW might stop, but it would-

n't effect their ability to do regular programming."

The proposed fee would charge all non-commercial radio stations, including colleges, that broadcast online seven-hundredths of a cent per song, per listener. Kaplan said the fees may not sound like much, but quickly add up to a lot of money for a small station.

The income from the fees would be split between the record label and the artist, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Legislation introduced in the House of Representatives in July may exempt small stations and colleges from paying the royalties until further notice. The Senate Judiciary Committee also plans to hold a hearing on webcasting, and at least one group of college radio stations is bringing suit in U.S. Appeals Court to minimize fees

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Campus to stay open for protests

by Trevor Martin
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GW's campus will remain open during the International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings, where protests are expected, at the end of this month, University officials said last week. Despite limited Metropolitan Police funding and expectations that the Sept. 28 and 29 meetings could bring as many as 15,000 protesters into the city, officials said classes will go on as scheduled.

Last year the University acceded to an MPD request that GW close campus and shut down operations in anticipation of

more than 30,000 demonstrators.

"In general terms we are more comfortable with the circumstances and planning this year," University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said.

Trachtenberg said he has received no requests to close the school this year in order to help accommodate the meetings and protests.

"This year's demonstrations seem to be more thoughtfully anticipated than last year's," Trachtenberg said. "September 11 has cast a shadow over all of these things."

The IMF and World Bank

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Students remain in hotel

■ 41 students stay in Doubletree as CLLC finds housing spaces
by Rachel Gould
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With limited internet access and bedding and clothing still in boxes, 41 freshmen and transfer students are awaiting permanent housing as temporary guests of The Doubletree Suites on New Hampshire Avenue.

The students were placed in the Doubletree because they submitted their housing applications "quite late in the summer," Director of Housing Andrew Sonn said. He said the placement was not the result of "over-enrollment"

and there will be plenty of spaces for students in "regular" housing by Sept. 22.

Sonn said the housing assignment is "a temporary one," and when students move, provisions like moving vans will be available.

Sonn said a list of students who receive permanent housing is posted each week. Fourteen students moved out of the Doubletree Saturday.

"The thinking behind overflow housing is that we always have a certain percentage of students who are no-shows, or who 'melt' from the housing system," he said. "These no-show beds become vacancies that we can place students into during the first few weeks to maximize the number of beds we can offer students."

Last year GW temporarily housed 16 students in the GW University Inn for about a month, and housed 60 students in the State Plaza Hotel two years ago, according to Hatchet articles.

Students named dial-up internet and charges for outside phone calls as the biggest negatives to living in the hotel.

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"It's been really hard to meet people in our own building."

-Mishkie Barnea-Smith, sophomore



Andrew Snow/photo editor

Bedding still packed, freshman Greg Grockenberger is staying in the Doubletree Guest Suites as he awaits permanent on-campus housing.

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