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Former student held

■ Pakistani man to Bush in e-mail: I will kill you

by Ben Quevedo
Hatchet Reporter

A former GW graduate student is currently being held by Immigration and Naturalization Services after the D.C. jail mistakenly released him last month. Khushal Khan, who was being held on charges of threatening to kill President George W. Bush, turned himself in days after his release.

Khan studied at GW from fall 1999 until spring 2001. He was working on a master's degree in mechanical engineering at the Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Science and was two courses shy of fulfilling his degree requirements, according to officials in the registrar's office.

Khan, whose student visa was previously revoked for unauthorized travel to Pakistan, is at least the second former GW graduate student to face deportation hearings in the last year. INS officials arrested and detained Sultan Rasheed Al-Zaabi for visa violations in Februar, after he was caught with fraudulent identification on an off-limits road near the Pentagon.

Khan, 32, pleaded guilty to sending Bush an e-mail with the heading "I will kill you" shortly after the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Washington Post reported Tuesday. According to an affidavit by a Secret Service agent, Khan also wrote, "If I am forced to go home, I swear to God I will try to blow your place up."

He pleaded guilty to copying the message to First Lady Laura Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne Cheney.

The Post reported that Khan was sentenced to 11 months in jail

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Hally Starr/Hatchet photographer

Tennis courts behind the School Without Walls high school may become a new residence hall.

GW eyes H.S. property

by Katie Warchut
Senior Staff Writer

GW and the School Without Walls are considering a deal that would provide a new building for the G Street high school and more on-campus housing for the University.

But their hopes may be dashed by a city historic preservation board that could vote to preserve the century-old property next week.

Under a plan both GW and School Without Walls officials approve, the magnet high school would also develop a program to work with the Graduate School of Education and Human Development in addition to a new facility.

Officials from the University and the D.C. public school board have discussed the partnership for years, GW Senior Counsel Charles Barber said. School Without Walls Principal Dana Bedden said the previous-

ly "mystical" idea is now solidifying and would address several problems that the school faces.

The school's current 2030 G St. building is 120 years old and vastly under-spaced, he said, at 125 percent capacity. It also lacks facilities basic to most schools, such as a gymnasium, a cafeteria and science labs.

"Partnering with GW would allow these capital improvements while funds are strapped," Bedden said, though he is unsure where the high school will procure its part of the funds.

The school is part of a city-wide magnet program. It specializes in humanities with 325 students, admitting students who qualify after an application process.

Under zoning regulations imposed last year, the University is restricted to building on campus. The high school's property lies within

these boundaries, providing both GW and School Without Walls with what officials called a

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The 2033 G St. school is currently undergoing renovations.

Workers threaten strike

■ Aramark employees upset over contract negotiations

by Rupal Doshi
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Unionized campus dining workers threatened to strike Monday if dining contractor Aramark fails to meet demands, including better benefits, more humane treatment and fair wage and hiring practices. Aramark management said the company does not expect a walkout Monday.

Employees in the Local 25 union are currently working without a contract while negotiations proceed. The 2002 contract ended July 31. The first round of negotiations for a new contract began Sept. 12, and all negotiations are scheduled to end Sept. 24.

Aramark employees said they will walk out during work Monday if that day's negotiations do not address their complaints, including demands to remove a clause banning strikes.

The workers' Aramark contract states, "the union agrees that there shall be no strike, work stoppage or other interference with normal work operations."

During a panel discussion in the Marvin Center Tuesday night, workers cited problems with employer Aramark such as low wages, lack of holiday pay, harsh "sick day" policies, unsanitary conditions and disrespectful management.

Representatives from the workers' union, Local 25, and Progressive Student Union leaders hosted the panel.

"We need students' support, because we can't do this alone," said James Generic, a PSU member who spoke at the forum. "If there is a walkout, we will make

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GW bans terrace smoking

by Julie Gordon
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In response to student complaints about a "cloud of smoke" outside J Street, GW banned smoking on the H Street terrace this semester. Though officials said the ban has severely cut down the amount of secondhand smoke students face when exiting the Marvin Center, some smokers said they are disregarding the rule.

Officials said fire safety and health risks associated with second-hand smoke prompted the new rule. Three "No Smoking" signs now adorn the terrace, where student groups often set up tables to distribute information, and the University removed all ashtrays

from the area.

The Marvin Center Governing Board, the student-run body that allocates space and proposes policy changes for the building, has been working to end smoking on the platform since last year, MCGB Chair Zack Beyer said.

Students complained that they "would often have to walk through a cloud of smoke to get into the Marvin Center" and "the smoke would seep into the building because the H Street doors were open all the time," Beyer said.

MCGB and Marvin Center officials met in February, but the final decision was "held off" until workers completed construction on the Great Hall and re-opened the 21st Street entrance, Beyer said.

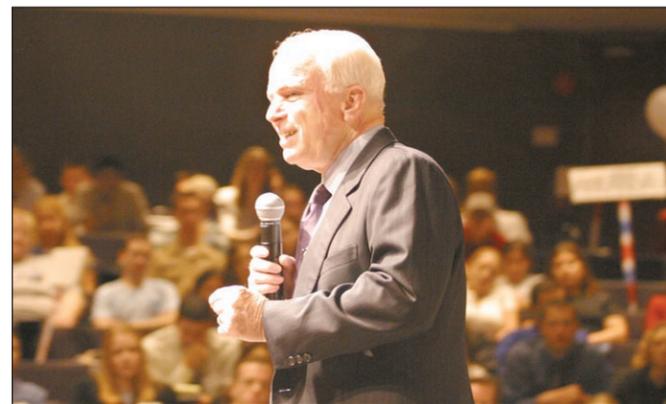
After receiving complaints, he said the MCGB "realized how unhealthy and obtrusive it was to allow smoking on the platform."

Besides second-hand smoke, lighting up was a "safety issue," said Mike Gargano, Assistant Vice President for Student Academic Support Services.

"We have a lot of banners that hang from there, paper ones announcing (events)," Gargano said. "General patrons to the University were flicking their cigarette butts."

He said there were "periodic fires" last year, but none that warranted a call to the fire department. In the past, officials have been able to control "smolders" with water or

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STRAIGHT TALK
Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) discusses U.S. plans to oust Saddam Hussein at Democracy Day Tuesday in the Betts Theatre. See story at www.GWHATCHET.com.

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