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## SA forms reveal possible fund misuse

■ Student Association leaders silent on party allegations

by Alex Kingsbury and Mosheh Oinounou  
News Editors

A Student Association expenditure form obtained by The Hatchet and information from sources within the SA raise questions about senior senators who potentially misused student

funds last spring. Numerous senior SA officials including President Phil Robinson have declined all comment on the matter following a "gentlemen's agreement."

An expenditure approval form filed by nine-year Sen. J.P. Blackford (G-SEAS) for an April 30, 2002 "Student Association Exec/Senate Mixer" listed a \$136 Riverside Liquors purchase as part of a \$276.74 tab for the event. The receipt from Riverside, included with the EAF, does not give an itemized

list of purchases, and is described on the SA form as "soda and ice."

Two other receipts attached to the EAF from Costco and Shopper's Food Warehouse total more than \$50 in Kool-Aid, cranberry juice cocktail and orange juice. A second Costco receipt, for \$88.42, also lacks an itemized list of purchases.

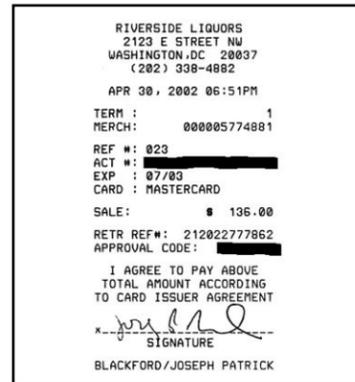
Senators including Blackford and Finance Committee Chair Dan Moss (U-SBPM) and Executive Vice President Eric Daleo all failed to return multiple phone calls and e-mails regard-

ing the matter Wednesday.

The allegations of financial impropriety come after Robinson said that executive and legislative leaders had come to a "gentlemen's agreement" Tuesday, resolving recent monetary disputes.

Senators threatened to impeach Robinson earlier this week over a separate EAF that lacked a required signature. Robinson continued to defend the EAF Wednesday night, but

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## Three nabbed for exposure

■ UPD continues undercover sting, nets bathroom 'cruisers'

by Michael Barnett  
Hatchet Reporter

University Police barred three individuals from campus for indecent exposure in GW bathrooms last Thursday. The three men, all unaffiliated with the University, exposed themselves to undercover officers in Corcoran Hall and the Marvin Center.

UPD runs undercover operations in GW bathrooms periodically, and each time several individuals are detained, University Police officials said. Operations may last one day or several days, UPD officials added.

UPD Chief Dolores Stafford said officers routinely detain individuals for committing "lewd acts," adding that some of those detained in the past have been GW students. The age of those detained ranges from 18 to 50, Stafford said.

The Web site cruisingforsex.com, which began re-listing GW bathrooms in September, has continued to list University facilities as meeting points for public homosexual sexual activity.

The bathrooms in Bell Hall, Corcoran Hall, the Gelman Library and the Marvin Center have been identified as "cruisy" bathrooms by the Web site. Cruisingforsex.com also enables its users to post messages about their experiences.

A message posted October 2002 by one individual indicates he met "several hot college guys" in the lower level Marvin Center bathroom. "If you are (or look like) a student, you won't have a problem, as long as you don't run in and out of the bathroom constantly," wrote the individual.

University Police first uncovered sexual activity in GW bathrooms in November 1999. In some instances, more than 10 people were identified at a time, Stafford said. GW students identified by UPD are reported to Student Judicial Services. Those not affiliated with GW are barred from campus. If a previously barred person returns to campus, they are arrested by Metropolitan Police.

"Our goal is to stop this behavior completely," added Stafford. "This behavior has definitely slowed down, but it's still happening."

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## JUST A SWEET TRANSVESTITE



Jeff Baum/Hatchet photographer

Sophomore Harris Greenberg performs the Time Warp dance in preparation for Forbidden Planet Production's Halloween performance of the "Rocky Horror Show Picture Show." Student theater groups FPP and Absolute Pleasures Productions co-sponsored "Rocky" last year, but the two companies are holding separate performances this year. See story p. 2.

## Nursing shortage hits GW

■ Area hospital doctors call lack of nurses 'dangerous' for patient care

by Carter M. Westlund  
Hatchet Reporter

National nursing shortages are hitting the GW hospital hard, exhausting the existing nursing staff and compromising patient care, GW doctors say.

John Williams, dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, told University trustees Oct. 18 that the hospital is worried about nurse "burnout" and looking to hire at least 120 new nurses.

"There is definitely a shortage and it is dangerous because patient care is affected," said Dr. Reza Askari, resident surgical physician at the GW Hospital. "The physicians complain because there aren't enough nurses, but there is nothing they can do about it."

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## SJT shmoozes with freshmen

by Carter M. Westlund  
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More 400 freshmen chatted with President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg on issues ranging from his first kiss to tuition increases Wednesday night in the Hippodrome.

The annual "late night with the president" offered freshmen the opportunity to ask Trachtenberg questions and a chance to win a pizza party with the president. Lafayette Hall, which had 47 percent of its residents in attendance and showed the most "spirit," won the prize.

Some freshmen got to know the President last week, when he invited 70 honors students and faculty to hear stories, look at family collections and photographs and eat appetizers with the Trachtenbergs in their home Wednesday, Oct. 23.

The students were chosen through a random lottery of 220 interested honors freshmen, said University Honors Program Director Peter Rollberg, who said he was "amazed at the response."

Students met a trolley at Kogan Plaza and rode for about 10 minutes before pulling up to a wooden gate that leads to a four-story brick house on Bancroft Drive near Embassy Row.

Trachtenberg and his wife, Francine, showed photo collection and told stories, including the origin of the bronze hippo statue outside Lisner Auditorium.

"We were in Newport, Rhode Island and stopped at a place that sold old architectural remnants," said Francine Trachtenberg. "Stephen started talking to the man running the



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Freshman Nora Kim (l.) presents SJT with a T-shirt on behalf of HOVA at Late Night with the President Wednesday.

shop. I had to go back to Washington, but Stephen bought and shipped the hippo to the house. When I saw it, I said 'to campus!'"

University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg's version of the story included sharing a "six pack" or two with the shop owner.

Mrs. Trachtenberg said her husband doesn't have a particular fondness for hippos, but that his purchase prompted nine friends to give them miniatures anyway.

"If they had a fabulous elephant, he would have bought

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