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**GOOOOOOOOAAAAAALLLLL!**  
**Matt Osborne, Andre Chapman and Steve Brown lift Michael Goldman up after Osborne's game-winning goal gave GW its first-ever Atlantic 10 Tournament title. See story, p. 12.**

## Senator resigns amid scandal

by Alex Kingsbury  
 Metro Editor

After weeks of scandal involving fraudulent expense reports, J.P. Blackford, a nine-year veteran of the Student Association senate, resigned his seat, citing scheduling constraints and recent Senate turmoil.

Blackford, formerly a graduate senator for the School of Engineering and Applied Science, submitted his resignation at 5 p.m. Sunday, four hours before the scheduled release of a report implicating Blackford in two financial misdealings.

Blackford called the timing of his resignation and the scheduled release of the report "coincidental" and said he was unaware of when the report would be released.

"It is with a heavy heart that I resign my position as SEAS-Graduate senator," Blackford wrote in his resignation letter to the Senate.

Vice President for Judicial and Legislative Affairs Justin Oshana said the final report will not be released because Blackford is no longer a member of the SA.

"Now that Senator Blackford has resigned, the report will not be released," Oshana said. "My office has no jurisdiction to investigate or

report on the activities of students who are not part of the SA."

Blackford said a class he chose to take next semester, held from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday nights, will conflict with Senate meetings, and he decided it would be a "dis-service" to the Senate to miss the first hour of meetings.

Blackford, a teaching assistant and doctoral candidate, said he is a "student first" and decided that taking the class is more important than finishing his Senate term.



Jeff Baum/Hatchet photographer  
**J.P. Blackford**

He said resignation was not the way he foresaw himself leaving after nine years of service.

"I am sad to see him leave the Senate and I accepted his resignation with regret," said Executive Vice President Eric Daleo. "He has a real passion for student government and it is a big blow to this institution."

Daleo said the Senate is seeking to fill both Blackford's graduate SEAS seat and his Rules Committee chairmanship.

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## Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity returns to GW

by Julie Gordon  
 University Editor

Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity officials said the organization is pursuing University recognition after re-colonizing at GW a little more than two weeks ago. While national fraternity officials said the group plans to send a letter to University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg regarding recognition this week, some GW Greek-letter officials said the group should slow its colonization process and follow the procedures most fraternities follow for gain-

ing recognition.

The historically Jewish fraternity has had at least two previous stays at GW, most recently being suspended from the University almost two years ago for breaking hazing policies. But the new group of 32 males has no connection to any previously recognized groups.

"We're very excited about being back at GW and (having members) who want to follow our rules and have our commitment to Jewish ideals and action, and I'm very proud of the group," Alpha Pi Epsilon Executive Director Sidney Dunn said.

A troubled past

Alpha Epsilon Pi lost University and Interfraternity Council recognition in early 2001 after multiple hazing incidents, according to past Hatchet articles. According to a January 2001 article, the University said the group was suspended for two years but could be readmitted in January 2003 following good behavior.

However, the original group lost national Alpha Epsilon Pi recognition and some of the former pledges were initiated as Zeta Beta Tau members that spring. After approaching the University for

recognition and being turned down, the group lost Zeta Beta Tau recognition after additional hazing incidents. They then formed the unrecognized "Ape" fraternity.

GW "Ape" members declined to comment on the new Alpha Epsilon Pi colony.

Emory University also hosts two Alpha Epsilon Pi groups, one recognized and the other unrecognized, also dubbed "Apes."

Emory "Ape" Vice President Dave Mann said his group continued to recruit and grow following its loss of recognition about nine years ago.

He said that Alpha Epsilon Pi re-colonized at Emory three years ago and that the new group has not had a significant effect on the "Ape" ability to recruit.

The new group of GW "founding fathers" has no links to former Alpha Epsilon Pi members.

"The fact that they are here had no effect on how we started a chapter," said junior Ben Block, elected president of the colony.

The colony consists of 11 freshmen, 11 sophomores and 10 juniors.

"Our No. 1 priority is to create a

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## Residents cite violations

■ Locals report deliveries to GW hospital break zoning orders

by Matthew Perrone  
 Hatchet Reporter

A group of Foggy Bottom residents reported that the GW Hospital is disturbing the community and violating zoning orders because it accepts deliveries to its 24th Street loading dock outside allowed times.

The group of residents began compiling photos of the violations after being disturbed by noisy deliveries before 7 a.m. and after 6 p.m. this fall. The loading dock is located near the intersection of 24th Street and New Hampshire

Avenue, within 50 feet of four town houses and the Jefferson House Condominiums.

"From the information I've received, it seems clear that certain municipal conditions have been violated," Metropolitan Police Commander Jeffrey Moore said. "I understand that the hospital has to operate, but I also realize that people want the peace and quiet they are entitled to."

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Dorothy Miller and others said the hospital deliveries are in violation of one of the 19 conditions attached to the Board of Zoning Adjustment order that approved the hospital construction. The BZA regulates land usage throughout the District.

According to the order, "the

hospital shall require that deliveries to the loading dock not occur before 7 a.m. or after 6 p.m."

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs is responsible for enforcing zoning regulations and assigning penalties. Some residents say that the organization is not able to enforce all the municipal regulations for which it is responsible.

"These orders could be enforced, but our DCRA is so dysfunctional that we usually don't get a response on zoning orders, especially when GW is involved," said Elizabeth Elliot, chair of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

DCRA Director David Clark

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Jeff Baum/Hatchet photographer

Foggy Bottom residents say deliveries to the GW Hospital loading dock on 24th Street are occurring outside of prescribed hours.

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