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Sophomore Matt Diguissepe, delivery team leader for late-night snack provider CollegeSnacks.com, rides his bike past Crawford Hall to deliver food to students.

Students hunger for late-night eats

by **Ellaine Gelman**
Hatchet Reporter

After a long night on the town, freshman Stacy Schafer heads back to her residence hall with some friends. Feeling hungry, they try to figure out their options for a late-night meal but find their choices extremely limited.

"I am forced to have a huge meal plan which I can't even use because nothing is open when I want to eat," Schafer said.

The difficulty of finding food past on campus past 11 p.m. has become a concern for

many students who do not want to spend money ordering take-out.

"I am growing really tired of always having to spend money on ordering pizza and Chinese food ... GW should offer healthy, viable options to its students at night," sophomore Melissa Jenkins said.

Both GW officials and students said they are working on creating dining options to keep students fed after dark.

CollegeSnacks.com

As a result of student demand for more late-night eat-

ing options, juniors Timothy Calise and Matthew Mandel, along with senior Anthony Balestrieri, decided to take initiative by starting their own late-night food delivery company, CollegeSnacks.com.

"We are providing a service that the students need and actually like," Mandel said. "It makes us feel good that we are meeting the needs of students and making a difference."

The company, which began organizing last fall and selling snacks this semester, currently

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Campus reacts to terror alert

by **Alex Kingsbury**
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The University is monitoring campus security closely this week following testimony by FBI Director Robert Muller, who said colleges and universities may be targets of the next terrorist attacks.

University officials have cautioned that Muller's warning was intended as a general assessment of the vulnerabilities of campuses rather than specific threats. The University's emergency alert level remains at "normal."

Air defenses around the city, including mobile missile launchers, have been strengthened amid a heightened terrorist alert. A warning from CIA Director George Tenet said al Qaeda attacks could occur as

early as this week.

"We are constantly reviewing what we need to do to ensure security," said John Petrie, assistant vice president for public safety and emergency management at GW.

Students had mixed reactions to the recent terror warnings.

"My parents call every day," junior Sarah DeGuilio said. "I have to assure them that I am safe and that I'm taking every precaution. But, really, what can we do? We're powerless."

Petrie said he attended a high-level security meeting on Capitol Hill with Metropolitan Police Chief Charles Ramsey and other D.C. security officials discussing the terror alert and District precautions Tuesday.

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Student reports G St. robbery

by **Michael Barnett**
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A male student was reportedly robbed at 23rd and G streets Monday night, the second robbery of a GW student on campus reported in the last three weeks. Metropolitan Police declined to release the identity of the student.

MPD searched the Foggy Bottom area but didn't find anyone matching the assailant's description, police officials said Wednesday afternoon.

University Police said the robbery that occurred on the corner of

21st and G streets two weeks ago doesn't appear to be connected with the reported robbery Monday night. The suspects of both robberies are described as black male, six feet tall and wearing dark clothing.

UPD chief Dolores Stafford said the description of the suspect is not close enough to determine if the suspect in each of these two cases is the same person and noted the modus operandi is not consistent in the two incidents.

Sergeant John Rucker of

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GW meets INS deadline

by **Andrea Nurko**
Hatchet Reporter

GW will comply with a new national tracking system that keeps personal information on foreign students studying in the United States. Though Immigration and Naturalization Services said students' study experiences will remain the same, some international students said they believe the program violates personal liberties.

GW submitted its application materials late last year in order to meet this Friday's deadline, said Mike Hernandez, GW's project manager for the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System.

The program uses a secure

government Web site to centralize data on international students including names, addresses, class attendance records and work authorizations. Though the INS could obtain information on international students, the previously vague policy was not strictly enforced.

Hernandez said more than 2,000 GW international students will be affected. Their information is required to be entered into the database by August 2003. More than 3,000 schools already registered, but about 1,700 were in the process of finishing their applications last week, according to The Washington Post.

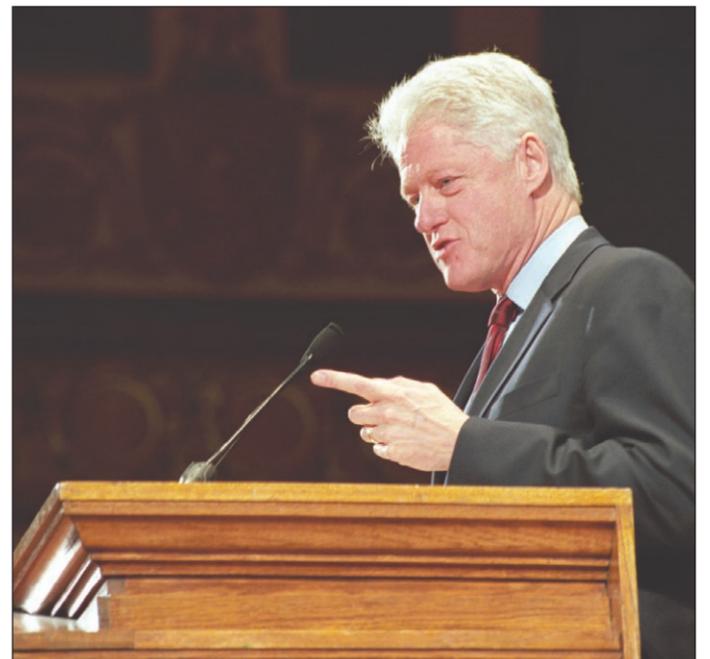
All universities with international exchange student programs must be approved by SEVIS,

which the INS implemented following September 11. At least one of the hijackers in the attack was in the United States on an expired student visa. If universities do not comply with the deadline, which the INS pushed back from Jan. 31, they cannot host students in the U.S. on visas.

"Although it (was) slow going, we are seeing clear improvements being made every week and are confident that the system will prove successful," Hernandez said.

With more than 3,000 missing international students in the country, SEVIS is the first system to make quick and accurate information available to authorized officials. If a student fails to enroll or

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Former President Bill Clinton speaks to students at Georgetown University Tuesday. See story at www.GWHATCHET.com.

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