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Andrew Snow/photo editor

Thousands of demonstrators march past the Eisenhower Old Executive Office Building Saturday.

District hosts protest

■ Demonstrators call for troops to return to U.S.

by **Emily Hochberg, Gabriel Okolski and Katie Rooney**
Hatchet Reporters

In the largest demonstration since major hostilities in Iraq ceased, thousands of protesters marched through D.C. Saturday to call for the end of the post-war occupation of Iraq.

The march, organized by ANSWER - Act Now to Stop War and End Racism - and United for Peace and Justice, was preceded by a rally in front of the Washington Monument that featured speeches by Democratic presidential candi-

date Rev. Al Sharpton and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

"Don't give Bush \$87 billion, don't give him 87 cents, give our troops a ride home!" said Sharpton, referring to Bush's request for \$87 billion to rebuild Iraq.

Clark said the George W. Bush administration's foreign policy is "the greatest threat to peace, security and the well-being of the poor of the planet" and called for Bush's impeachment.

"There is a clear and present danger to this country," he said. "Bush destroyed the Constitution and shredded the Bill of Rights ... but humanity won't be intimidated."

About a dozen GW students from Students for Justice and

Peace helped run a table representing the Campus Anti-war Network and handed out flyers and sold buttons that read "End the Occupation."

After the speeches, demonstrators embarked on a four-hour march that took them past the White House's Lafayette Park and the FBI and Department of Justice buildings. Protesters marched to the beat of drums and chants of "Hey, Bush, we know you. Your daddy was a killer, too" and "Bush, you liar, we want your ass retired."

Metropolitan Police Officer Kenneth Bryson, of MPD's Public Information Office, said no arrests were made during the protest, which started at 11 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m.

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4-RIDE driver exonerated of abuse charges

A female student has dropped her claim that a 4-RIDE driver groped her genitals, University Police Chief Dolores Stafford said Friday.

After taking statements from the driver and several other passengers who were in the vehicle last Sunday when the alleged incident occurred, UPD concluded that the 4-RIDE

driver did not abuse the student, Stafford said. Upon being informed about the results of the investigation, the student formally withdrew her complaint.

The student, who has been referred to Student Judicial Services for disciplinary action, could also face criminal charges because she filed a report with

Metropolitan Police, said Stafford, adding that she would inform MPD of the results of the investigation Monday.

It's "not very common" for a student to file a false police report with UPD, said Stafford, who was unsure why the student claimed the driver abused her.

—Michael Barnett

Law profs. vote to sue Pentagon

■ GW law school may join coalition of schools against military policies

by **Michael Barnett**
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GW Law School professors voted Friday to join a group of law schools suing the U.S. Defense Department for allegedly discriminating against gays.

If Law School Dean Michael Young approves the decision, the school will become a member of a coalition of law schools that claims the Solomon Amendment, which withholds federal funding from universities that do not allow the military to recruit on campus, is uncon-

stitutional.

GW receives millions of dollars in federal funding each year in the form of financial aid and research grants. The University has not taken a position on the issue and would not be affected if the law school decided to join the coalition.

The underlying reason for the lawsuit is the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which stipulates that gay members of the military are subject to dismissal if they make their sexual orientation known.

The coalition, the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, said the amendment effectively forces universities to contravene its own non-discrimination policies by letting the military onto its campus.

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Colonial Invasion kicks off season

■ Basketball spirit event focuses on teams over side acts

by **Joshua Meredith**
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The first ever Colonial Invasion marked the start of the GW basketball season Thursday night at the Smith Center, showing off the men's and women's basketball teams as well as GW's spirit

program. The dance team, cheerleaders, pep band and mascots were all on hand for the festivities, which drew 1,100 fans, according to University officials.

The event served as a replacement for the traditional Midnight Madness, which took place on Colonials Weekend over the past decade but was canceled this year. Among the complaints about previous Midnight Madness events was a lack of emphasis on basket-

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Men's Basketball Coach Karl Hobbs leads the team in a drill during Colonial Invasion in the Smith Center Thursday night.

University reacts to New Hall security breach

by **Andrea Nurko**
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Housing officials shut off student GWorld access Friday to a New Hall storage room containing archived housing information including student Social Security numbers and senior administration correspondence.

The Hatchet discovered last week that students living in New Hall could enter the storage closet, located in the first-floor community room. The room held files for the

Community Living and Learning Center, which oversees Student Judicial Services, the Center for Alcohol and other Drug Education and the Office of Housing Services. Housing officials were unaware that New Hall residents had access to the room and its files.

"I assumed it was for staff access," said Andrew Sonn, director of housing services. "We wouldn't have put (private documents) in a location that 438 students have access to."

The room contained student files

dating from 1990 to 2002. The files included student Intent to Return Forms, Housing Agreement Forms, housing lottery numbers and documentation of financial information regarding housing and meal plan payments. Social Security numbers, home addresses and local addresses were listed on most records.

Other documents included private faxes and e-mails among senior administrators, as well as some administrators' bank account information. One file held a case about a CLLC employee accused of writing

fraudulent checks from a Madison Hall bank account in 2000. Some of the CLLC files contained employee application forms, salary agreements and Community Facilitator and SJS reports.

Access was immediately shut off to the room when housing officials learned of the security breach.

"Students should not be given access to rooms where sensitive or confidential information is stored," said Deborah Wright, director of the GWorld card program. "In this case, student access was revoked as soon

as it was discovered that students had the ability to access sensitive files being stored in the space. CLLC has moved all files out of the New Hall storage room to a secure, locked location."

The room also contains VCR and stereo equipment for a wall-size screen projector for movies and television meant for student resident use. Sonn said New Hall residents probably had access to the closet to use the VCR and projector. He said

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