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Agreement sets wages, conditions for workers

Supervisors begin training for terms approved in August

By JEANETTE DER BEDROSIAN
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Supervisors will be trained this week on the terms of a revised labor agreement detailing the wages and working conditions of university support staff, which includes maintenance, dining hall and housekeeping workers.

Under the terms, supervisors will be required to simplify worker evaluation processes, standardize pay-raise scales and expand grievance leave to include stepchildren, great-grandparents and live-in relatives, among others. The conditions were approved in August after about a year of wrangling between the university and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, a national labor union for public employees.

One contract affects the university's 1,672 nonexempt employees, those hired to work a certain number of hours a week, and the other contract affects the 1,434 exempt employees, those hired to do a specific task

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Libraries' fiscal future subject of Nov. report

State budget cuts, rising material costs plague university's library system

By MARISSA LANG
Staff writer

The libraries are in trouble, and the university administration knows it.

The worsening situation of the university's libraries has sparked reaction from the campus community, leading the provost to create a Blue Ribbon Task Force to assess the situation, the Strategic Planning Committee to emphasize the library's importance in campus research and the administration to continue searching for a permanent dean of libraries.

The Blue Ribbon Task Force — an independent body composed of eight faculty members charged with the responsibility of assessing the libraries' future goals and direction in light of their present situation — will report to the University Senate and Provost in November. Its findings will help craft a strategic plan specifically tailored to address growing library problems and concerns.

"[The task force] is essential to the future of the libraries," Interim Dean of Libraries Desider Viktor said. "I'm extremely delighted to see that libraries have such a high priority."

In preparation for the November presentation, the University Senate was presented with

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Wylie will serve as interim VP

Chief of staff to step down after filling in as Duncan's replacement

By KEVIN ROBILLARD
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Ann Wylie, a faculty member and administrator at the university for more than three decades, was named interim vice president for administrative affairs yesterday. She also said she will soon step down from her position as university President Dan Mote's chief of staff, the second-highest position at the university.



ANN WYLIE, INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

Wylie's tenure as vice president will be short but critical. The interim job will involve oversee-

ing three important university development projects: East Campus, the M-Square Research Park and the Purple Line transitway project — as well as overseeing the university's budget during the legislative session in the spring.

"I'm deeply involved in East Campus already," Wylie said, pointing to her membership on the East Campus steering committee and another committee that selected Foulger-Pratt Argo

as the developer of the 38-acre project. She also has worked on the university's budget and finances and has been involved in negotiations with Maryland Transportation Administration about the Purple Line.

Wylie will temporarily replace Doug Duncan, who announced his resignation last week after holding the administrative affairs position

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Living with Dick & Jane

RHA looks to expand mixed-gender housing after its success this semester



By ANNA EISENBERG
For The Diamondback

Though *Three's Company* went off the air in 1984, the show's essence lives on in the South Campus Commons and University Courtyards this year. But for students, the experi-

ence has been much smoother than the slew of gags and constant misfortunes of Jack, Janet and Chrissy on the popular '80s sitcom.

In fact, the program has been so successful that the Residence Hall Association is planning to expand the mixed-gender hous-

ing initiative after this first semester, RHA President Alex Beuchler said.

The expansion for the 2009-2010 school year would most likely include six new mixed-gender apartments — three in

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ELECTION 2008

Greening the political scene

Clean Energy for UMD hosts election panel

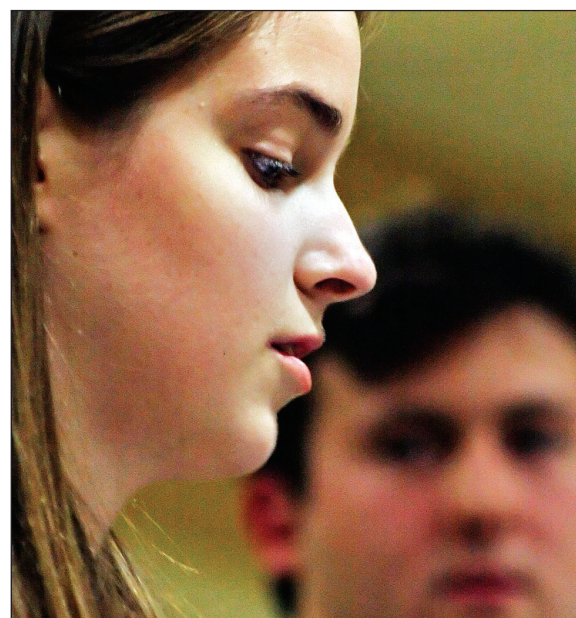
By JULIA RUSSELL
For The Diamondback

Clean Energy for UMD hosted a student-led panel about energy and the environment in the election Tuesday night, allowing students to hear from College Democrats and College Republicans about each presidential candidate's stance on the issues and ask questions concerning the different platforms.

Ali Adler, a sophomore sociology major and campaign director for Clean Energy for UMD, moderated the event and said she was pleased with the number of students in attendance.

"I was pleasantly surprised with the turnout," she said. "I think the attendance reflected student interest in the issues."

The panel consisted of four members of the College Democrats and one member of



A student representing Barack Obama's stance debates a Republican student (back) about energy problems facing the presidential candidates. JAMES B. HALE/THE DIAMONDBACK

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Council debates undergraduate housing in East Campus project

Council: Student housing would drive away others

By BRADY HOLT
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A College Park City Council review of the university's proposed East Campus project dissolved into a debate on whether developers would be able to keep undergraduate students out of the new housing.

East Campus, a 38-acre mixed-use development planned for Route 1 between Fraternity Row and Paint Branch Parkway, will include housing set aside for graduate students but

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