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Dear Commissioners:

As residents of Foggy Bottom Historic District, living adjacent to GWU, we would like to present a mini-portrait of a typical weekend in our immediate neighborhood. Late Friday or Saturday afternoon, we witness kegs being rolled down the sidewalk into the "party house" for a the night's festivities. The keg is followed by additional students bringing in arm loads of 6-packs which are deposited presumably to cool them.

Things are relatively quiet until about 10 p.m. As the evening progresses, the party goers move from in the house out onto the patio. The more they drink, the louder they get. We get up and close all the windows, even though it is a lovely evening, and we start to settle down for the night.

Things get downright raucous with laughing, screeching, swearing and yelling. It goes on until about 2 a.m. when one of the neighbors calls the police. The police are quite responsive and either break up the party or get them to move inside.

When the party finally ends, they congregate on the front sidewalk (I am specifically speaking of the 2400 block of I Street) and continue the party in small groups. Often they run back and forth on both sides of the street shouting, swearing, laughing, and chasing each other.

As they finally wander off, they toss their bottles, cans and cups into the tree boxes and we clean up after them on Sunday morning.

Would you like to live in this atmosphere? We very much want these students out of our neighborhood. We respectfully suggest that by limiting the enrollment numbers would be a good start.

Sincerely,

  
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