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Re: The Catholic University of America (CUA) New Campus Plan
Community Committee meeting suggestions and recommendations

The committee unanimously agrees that the following guarantees must prevail and be enforced by the university if the community is to remain secure, safe, and free of disruptive behaviors.

Sufficient on-campus housing for all upper-classmen who desire to live on campus.

Continue to require under-classmen to live on-campus, with limited exception.

The campus plan envisions 900 + undergraduate students with only 300 surplus spaces and the only new dormitory construction is to replace obsolete buildings, forcing surplus students to be dumped on 5A neighborhoods.

Therefore CUA must commit to building enough housing to accommodate all of its students and CUA must guarantee to taking full responsibility for off-campus behavior.

If these two conditions are not written into the campus plan the neighborhood will be severely disrupted.

Committee Members:

Mary Baird Currie, 5A-06 SMD Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner
Dino Drudi, Community Participant
Darcy Flynn, Past 5A-08 SMD Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner
Robert Artisst, 5A-08 SMD Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner
Gwendolyn Means, Community Participant
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Submitted by:

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Duct Tape 101: Maintenance The CUA Way



John Meehan

Mee Thinks

Nobody ever said that dorm life was going to be the Four Seasons. Unfortunately, nobody warned me about the kind of disaster zone I'd be walking into last week when I moved into the hallowed halls of Walton's second floor. But I'm getting ahead of myself allow me to explain.

Friday- Unpacked my stuff and set up the room, no big deal, right? Well, that's what I thought. In typical college student fashion, I went nuts hanging posters all over every free inch of my rather barren walls. We're talking Fun-Tac, poster tape, stickys... the whole nine yards. After 4 hours of diligent decoration, I had 27 posters of all shapes and sizes adorning my walls. An impressive feat, if I do say so myself.

This is where the fun starts.

Saturday, 9:00 AM: I awoke to find my posters all over the floor. Upon further inspection, I discovered that the extra-moist air conditioning had literally drenched my room, and the water damage from the AC had turned my posters to papier-mâché. If this wasn't bad enough, the walls themselves were sweating like an Enron exec in a federal court. Apparently, somebody in the repainting department forgot to remind housing that the paint on the walls still hadn't had time to dry. Result? Have you ever gotten one of those really nasty sunburns that makes your skin peel off in dusty white patches? Yeah, that was my walls.

10:00 AM: After the little "melting walls" fiasco, I decided to hop in the shower and restart my day. Nothing starts the day off right like a nice cold shower. But wait! "Nice, cold shower," you say? Oh so foolish of me. As if it wasn't bad enough that our shower's water pressure was so lame that I felt like I was getting peed on, wouldn't it be just my luck that my hot and cold pipes were reversed! Meaning the traditional "cold side" (right) = hot water comes out, and the "hot side" (left) = cold water. Now, if this had been labeled as such, I wouldn't have a legitimate gripe. But, of course, just like the poster fiasco of minutes before, I was totally caught off guard.

10:30 AM: Got out of the shower and noticed that the overhead bulb in my bathroom just decided not to work. Feeling handyman-esque, I popped off the housing and noticed the bulb had gone out. Since I had a few spare bulbs lying around anyway, I put a new bulb in and closed that puppy up. And voila! It lit... for about 10 minutes. So yeah, I've since replaced that bulb twice. Now I'm no Bob Vila, but I'm guessing the technical term is probably something to the effect of "DANGER! Short in the wiring..."

7:00 PM: Came home from a day of running around just exhausted and looking to crash. I was totally psyched to hear everybody saying that we had gotten got six channels of HBO! So I flipped on the old idiot box, and sure enough... six channels. But not six channels of HBO, mind you. Six television channels, period. But cable was supposed to be "on the fritz" for the first week though, right? Fair enough. Just to show I'm a good sport, I'd like to invite everyone over to my place to watch The Sopranos with me this weekend. Oh wait, that's right... still only six channels.

7:30 PM: After my fight with the t.v. (We're not talking), I decided to brush my teeth to head out for the night. That's one of the perks of CV -in addition to the private bathrooms; we get our very own sink in the room. So here I am brushing away on the pearly whites, and all of the sudden, my feet are getting wet. What the...?! Peeked my head underneath the sink basin, and I'm staring straight at a ruptured elbow pipe. Thank God for duct tape.

12:00PM: Came back from an evening out with some friends and decided to call it a night. So I made my way to the bathroom (mind you, the light was out), and I'm up to my ankles in water. It turns out that the intake pipe to the toilet bowl (the one that brings in the clean water) wasn't attached right, so I've got my very own wading pool in the bathroom. Granted, this could have been much nastier, but still pretty high on the Nast-O-Meter, if you ask me.

Sunday- 1:00AM: Deciding that I had pressed my luck far enough for one day, I hit the lights and hopped into bed. Not two minutes later I was lying there and CRASH! I could only imagine what that was, but do you know what? I decided I'd just go to sleep and deal with it in the morning.

John Meehan is a Sophomore English major

Next Issue: John Schwenkler is *Talkin' Smack* once again.

Chemical Safety Hazard Not Probable, Officials Say

Kristin Donnelly
Tower Staff

Federal and local officials will meet with University representatives soon to review records of land use around Maloney Hall to determine whether there is a risk of contamination because of the lab's involvement with chemical weapons testing during World War I.

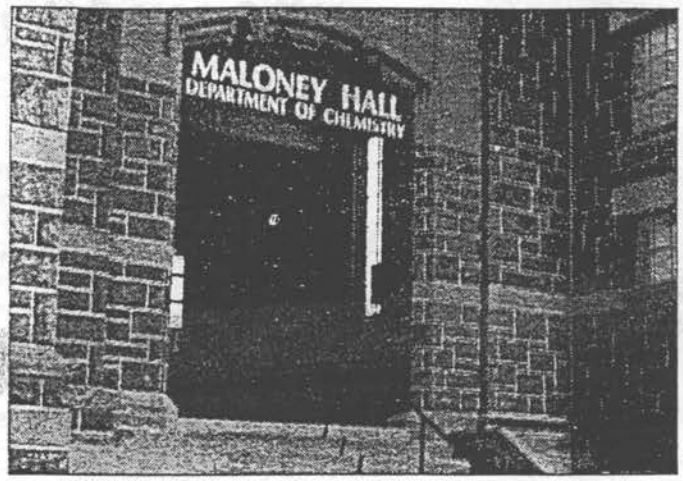
The date for the meeting with officials from the D.C. Department of Health and the U.S. Army Corps is not yet scheduled, but Mike Rogers, an Army Corps Official, said he expects to set a date within a week.

The Department of Health requested the review in August after the Corps of Engineers found high levels of arsenic in the Spring Valley area of the District, which was home to a main weapons research site and where an upscale neighborhood of the city and the American University campus are now located.

The Corps issued a statement to the University in August that said a 1995 study concluded there was no evidence indicating a public health or safety hazard related to the chemical weapons testing.

However, local officials pushed for re-testing of soil in Spring Valley and a review of other sites because of flaws reported in the study, according to July articles in *The Washington Post*.

Tests conducted during the summer showed high levels of arsenic in the soil at private residences and on the American University campus. Buried munitions and containers once full of mustard gas and lewisite caused the contamination. Arsenic is a component of these two compounds.



JENNIFER HOWES / TOWER STAFF

Maloney Hall, current home of the Chemistry Department, housed a chemical weapons testing laboratory, which produced Lewisite, during World War I.

Long-term exposure to high levels of arsenic has shown to produce a wide range of illnesses including lung, bladder and liver cancers, according to Environmental Protection Agency studies.

Officials from the Department of Health said the Corps would not test the University's soil unless the review deems it necessary because they agree with the Army that there is no immediate health risk to the University.

Professor Emeritus Leopold May presented a paper in July 2000 about the early history of the Maloney Laboratory and the chemistry department. It said that the Rector of the University, Thomas J. Shahan, offered the University's services to the war effort in 1917.

A professor from Northwestern University who was also a captain in the U.S. Army then established a unit of the Offense Research Section of the Experiment Station in a laboratory that was part of Maloney Hall.

In April 1918, scientists began studies of a chemical reaction, which eventually produced a potent blister agent known as lewisite. The chemical was then called Agent L and manufactured in Ohio.

The U.S. sent a shipment of the agent to Europe, but the armistice was signed while in transit. The U.S. Navy sank the ship at sea.

The testing unit was officially closed January 1, 1919 and containers of lewisite were buried behind Maloney under what is now McCort-Ward and Gowan

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Murray to Leave University for UMBC

Mike Hagarty
Tower Staff

Chief Information Officer (CIO) Peter Murray resigned last week to take a similar position at the University of

begin a national search for his replacement after January 1. We will name a permanent director prior to the end of the spring semester," Convey said.

Convey said he was not wor-

here at the University," Convey said. "He leads a cohesive network of highly qualified professionals who have advanced information technology to state of the art levels at the

Containers Full of Lewisite Buried Under Maloney After War

Chemicals, from page 3

Halls.

When these two halls were built during the 1960s, Chemistry Professor Henry P. Ward, who worked on the project as a corporal more than 40 years earlier, expressed concern that lewisite might still be present in the containers. No containers were unearthed during the project, however.

May said the containers had decayed, but the paint on the ceilings of the buildings continually peeled due to the hydrolysis (breakdown caused by water) of the absorbed lewisite.

False ceilings installed during a renovation corrected the problem.

May said he also believes there to be no health hazard and he said he shared the information about the history of the University's involvement with the research during interviews conducted by the Army Corps "a few years ago."

Rogers said he did not know if the meeting would be in December or January because it would be set based on all parties availability.

CUA Media Relations Director Chris Harrison said the University will continue to comply with both local and federal officials for the review.

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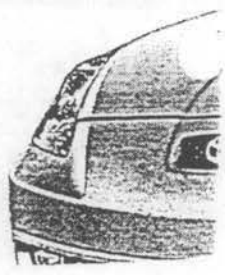
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MPCA NOTES

December 2001

December Meeting Notes:

President Parthenia Pratt opened the meeting with a spiritual reflection and the pledge of allegiance with two dozen members in attendance. The minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was approved with an erratum: Pursuant to the action taken at the October meeting, $78 of the $150 Garden Resources of Washington grant check received in November reimburses funds borrowed from the Spring Fling account which should show a balance of $107.61; whereas the Garden Fund should show $97. Roxanne Carter then moved and MPCA voted to reprogram the Spring Fling account to membership outreach for the Saturday meeting, currently scheduled for May 11.

Mayor Anthony Williams' Ward Five Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator Linda Perkins explained how the mayor has structured his ward liaison:

-Neighborhood Service Coordinator Garry Ponder headquartered at the Woodridge Library coordinates service delivery in persistent problem areas, particularly those requiring interagency coordination.
-Neighborhood Planning Coordinator Deborah Crain develops strategic neighborhood action plans.
-Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator Linda Perkins liaisons with neighborhoods: contact her at (202) 442-8122. She urged citizens to call the Mayor's Call Center at (202) 727-1000 for routine service matters. If action does not take place in a reasonable amount of time (usually three (3) weeks), bring it to her attention.

The Mayor's Office is taking requests for toys for children in need. Council member Orange's staffer Jetty Viot announced Council member Orange's annual holiday party.

Dino Drudi gave a report from the ad hoc committee on university impacts. CUA's campus plan must explicitly and unequivocally commit to providing a sufficient amount of attractive, affordable on-campus housing for all juniors and seniors who desire to live on campus (almost all freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus); exercising disciplinary jurisdiction over its students' off-campus misbehavior; and assuring appropriate consideration for archeological sites of community interest such as potential slave cabin remnants near Taylor Street. MPCA needs to promptly communicate these concerns so they will receive appropriate consideration. In addition, MPCA should

urge CUA to formally include ANC 5A on the committee developing the campus plan. Dino read a draft letter setting forth the associations position. Gwen Means moved and MPCA voted by acclamation to adopt the committee's recommendations in substance.

David Conrad reported that CUA's campus plan has other impacts, including a proposed traffic circle where Saint Bonaventure Hall now stands at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Monroe Street. Jetty indicated Council member Orange's office would follow up on how this is being vetted with the city government and neighborhoods.

Beulah Sutherland reported suspicious characters rifling through trash cans and urges citizens to pay attention to people putting things into and taking things out of trash cans.

Mary Henderson distributed an alert for her niece in Richmond missing for over a month. Her automobile was found abandoned some time later in a parking lot although it had not been there the evening before.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned to an exquisite array of holiday refreshments prepared by Roxanne Carter's committee. Included were tuna-macaroni and potato salads, Clementine tangerines and other fresh fruits, crudites and potato chips with dips, Danish, chicken wings, a cream cheese log with minced peppers and spring onions covered with shredded beef, a holiday Jell-O mod, cranberry cream delight, sweet beverages, etc!

Respectfully submitted
Dino Drudi

MPCA President Parthenia Pratt, 1st Vice President Naydine Fulton-Jones, and Secretary Dino Drudi attended Mayor Williams' Citizens Summit II follow-up meeting on December 1, 2001. Top citizen concerns from the earlier meeting on October 6 were grouped into the following categories:

1-Full spectrum of affordable housing
2-Genuine self-government
3-Health care services
4-Youth opportunities
5-Senior citizen support
6-Embracing and supporting diversity of DC's population
7-More balanced economic growth
8-Public safety
9-Better follow through on neighborhood planning and services
10-Improving how government works/delivers services

Attendees brain stormed ways of achieving the top three of these objectives.

Attendees were not representative of the city's demographics, with DC Government workers, for example, accounting for almost a quarter of attendees.

Dino Drudi

The MPCA extends a heartfelt welcome to its new members Emily and Jason Hendricks, Helen Tolson and Mary Foyler.

This holiday season MPCA selected a family from Bunker Hill School as our Christmas recipients. The family consists two boys and one girl.

Have a pleasant holiday and a happy and prosperous New Year.

President Parthenia Pratt

FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to Elsie Drew, Evelyn

MICHIGAN PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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MPCA NOTES

March 2002

March Meeting Notes:

President Parthenia Pratt called the meeting to order with a score in attendance. Roxanne Carter gave a spiritual appeal, followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Secretary Dino Drudi. The minutes were approved with a notation about the vacancy created by ANC Commissioner Darrell Parks' resignation because he moved out of SMD 5A-05; the treasurer's report was accepted.

Officer Wayne Blake (substituting for Lt. Sanders) gave the police report. Crime in the Michigan Park neighborhood is down slightly from the previous month. In February there was one (1) sexual assault (a female patient preparing for examination at Providence Hospital assaulted by a medical person), four (4) robberies, five (5) armed assaults, two (2) burglaries, eight (8) thefts from autos, and 11 stolen autos. Officer Blake will consult with Lt. Saunders regarding an alleged abduction.

Parthenia distributed the city's "Family Preparedness Guide" copies of which she received at the Bloomingdale Civic Association's emergency preparedness forum to which an open invitation was made. To be better prepared for emergencies, schools are to be designated as emergency shelters. 15 new ambulances are on order, and $8 million will be granted to hospitals for caring for persons injured by chemicals.

Council member Orange has announced meetings on 9 March regarding constituent services at Trinity College and 27 March regarding decontaminating the Brentwood postal facility at Isle of Patmos Church.

Because of the Easter school closing, the Association's next meeting will be on the second Tuesday in April.

Vice President for Administration Susan Pervi, General Counsel Craig Parker, and Carl Petchik presented an overview of the Catholic University of America's campus plan, likely to be ready for submission to the Zoning Commission by our April meeting and go to hearing in June.

CUA has 6,700 students for 4,500 full-time equivalents (2,500 undergrad FTEs and 1,900 FTEs grad). There are 2,000 dormitory spaces on campus, but presently 300 are vacant. CUA, fretting about the fickleness of student housing demand, would like to raise undergraduate enrollment to top 3,500, which would more than exceed existing on-campus housing capacity. The campus plan, as did its

predicted, envisions additional on-campus housing as needed, although makes no explicit commitment to construct it even if enrollment rises according to expectation. CUA would "consider" building additional on-campus residences if enrollment increases. Although the campus has one uninhabitable residence hall and 100 student spaces in "temporary" trailers, it also has 140 spaces taken up by graduate students which could be converted to undergraduate housing. CUA has no off-campus residences.

Although three of the four buildings slated for demolition in the 1992 plan were in fact taken down, two new residence halls were built and one renovated with an elevator for handicapped access and new common room features. CUA is trying to design housing so as to be attractive to students. The Pryzbala student center is under construction. The campus plan's primary objective is to support a solid academic program. CUA would also like to cluster residence on the north side of campus and eventually discontinue south campus, move parking to the campus periphery (the law school parking garage is at only 50% capacity), preserve green space, make the campus more pedestrian-friendly, renovate existing buildings (VP Pervi quipped some have 100-year old roofs overdue for replacement that have held only due to divine intervention), and transform north dining hall into a fitness center. CUA was one of the first area universities to sign up for Metrochek; it has a shuttle to transport Metro riders to various campus locations and is considering sharing shuttles with Trinity College and the Pope John Paul II Center.

Ralph Bucksell cited the sexual assault between students in a CUA dorm reported in the previous day's Washington Post, noting both were blitzed on alcohol and the victim had also taken marijuana. VP Pervi explained drugs are not tolerated and students caught with them are "sent home" on first alcohol offense, both students and their parents get a letter from the CUA president. She lamented student drinking as "a nationwide problem." Iola Pigot and David Conrad noted a problem student house near them. VP Pervi urged them to report it to university officials. CUA takes pride in having eliminated the "Fall Crawl" and being among the pioneers in banning alcohol among its athletes, pointing to alcohol and sexual assault violations among student athletes nationwide), closing down a downtown bar that catered to underage CUA student, and being first in the region to introduce a disciplined property program (modeled after one in San Diego) in which all student residents of a problem property are held responsible for any disruptive behavior therein, even if they are not present for it (one of the CUA representatives apologized for not instituting it ten years earlier!).

Ralph Bucksell, Naydine Fulton-Jones, and Charlotte Reid will serve as the election committee. They will choose which one will chair.

Respectfully submitted
Dino Drudi

FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to Evelyn Gray, Catherine Maryman, Monica McKenzie, and Barbara Henderson for contributing pennies to the Capitol Area Food Bank.

MPCA has collected spare pennies for the Food Bank for several years. This is one of the association's ongoing projects. Your jars of accumulated pennies will find a good use at the Food Bank. Contact Treasurer Mrs. Frances McCannon to make your contribution.

- Focus on the main campus while reserving non-core campus land areas as opportunities to support neighborhood character, stabilization and revitalization.

- Fulfillment of the District of Columbia planning and zoning aims and requirements.

2.5 Enrollment and Personnel

The proportion of the University's undergraduate to graduate students evidences the institution's graduate character. The University, which had no undergraduate program in its first decades, has always had more graduate than undergraduate students and has reaffirmed that graduate, research-oriented structure in its current Strategic Plan. For example, in the 1981-82 academic year, there were 2,822 full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate students and 2,847 FTE graduate students, for a total enrollment of 5,669 FTE students (a headcount of 7,974). In the 1991-1992 academic year there were 2,770 FTE undergraduate students and 2,411 FTE graduate students, for a total enrollment of 5,181 FTE students (a headcount of 6,756). In the 2001-2002 academic year, CUA has 2,451 full-time equivalent undergraduate students and 1,906 full-time equivalent graduate students, for a total of 4,357 FTE students (a headcount of 6,756).

The University recruits nationally and internationally. Like most coeducational higher education institutions, CUA has slightly more women than men students. Historically and continuing today, approximately 48% of the student population are male and 52% are female. Over nearly the past three decades, the University has had approximately 1,800 residential students, almost all undergraduate, and has not usually been at 100% occupancy of its campus housing supply. As the undergraduate classes decreased in the early 1990's, the University maintained its housing supply on the assumption, since proven correct, that undergraduate enrollment would increase again to its more representative historic level. For academic year 2001-2002, there are 1,816 campus residential students, mostly undergraduate, with close to 300 attractive and affordable campus residential spaces still available. The University projects the same historic level of housing capability, continued to be aimed at accommodating undergraduates who desire campus residences, through 2012.

The University's projected future enrollment is based on, and is consistent with, these historic patterns. Reflecting that history, in the Campus Plan 1992-2002 process the District of Columbia approved a maximum enrollment for the University of 7,500 full-time equivalent students (FTEs), split almost evenly between undergraduate and graduate students. The University anticipates a combined undergraduate and graduate enrollment for the 2011-2012 academic year that would not exceed 7,500 full-time equivalent students, comprised of approximately 3,319 full-time equivalent undergraduates and 2,847 full-time equivalent graduate students for a total enrollment of 6,166, and representing a strategic enrollment headcount target of 8,000, close to the actual enrollment of 1981.

In the 1992 Master Plan process, the University projected a maximum of 1,710 employees including full and part-time instructional staff and full-time staff. The University presently employs about 363 full-time faculty in the ranks of Ordinary Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor and Instructor. There are about 822 full-time staff and administrative employees at the

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Mr. Dino Drudi
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Dear Mr. Drudi:

The Catholic University of America is enjoying tremendous growth this year. Freshmen enrollment continues to increase: from 624 in 2001-2002 to 703 in 2002-2003. Over 100 freshmen are participating in the honors program, which provides an interdisciplinary tract of learning for our top students. And, the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center is scheduled to open in early 2003. Today's campus is an impressive one, where a *commitment to excellence* is evidenced in all our endeavors.

We want you to be part of the excitement at CUA. A variety of alumni events are happening on campus and in selected cities throughout the country. Your participation is an important part of the university's identity and contributes to future success. For information, please check the website at http://alumni.cua.edu.

Another way in which we hope you will participate is by giving to the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund provides immediate, unrestricted support to areas such as scholarships and student recruitment and retention. This year undergraduates received $18.3 million in financial aid. Your gift can make a difference to a deserving student who would not be able to attend CUA if it were not for assistance from the University.

Please consider making a gift to the 2002-2003 Annual Fund before December 31, 2002 and making an impact on the experience of our current students. There are considerable tax advantages to making a gift now. You will find a pledge card and business reply envelope enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

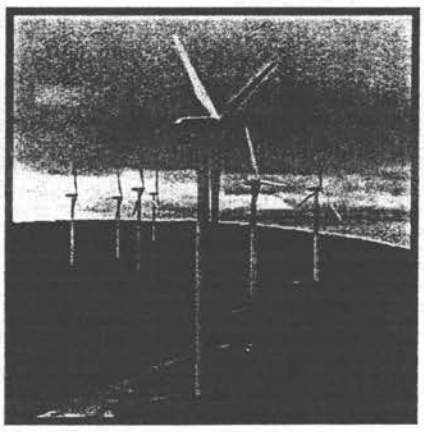
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CUA Goes Green

In August 2002, CUA became the first institution in the Washington, D.C., area to announce that it would start using wind power. The university declared that it had contracted to buy 12 percent of its total electricity supply from a new wind farm under construction in West Virginia.

"We are committed to improving the environment through the use of green technologies such as cost-efficient wind power," said the Very Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M., president of Catholic University. "And we hope our students reap the additional benefits of greater awareness about the importance of environmental stewardship."



The supply agreement, struck with Washington Gas Energy Services and with Community Energy Inc. of Wayne, Pa., represents the largest percentage purchase of wind power by any university in the nation, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. The power will be generated at the Exelon Community Energy Mountaineer Wind Energy Center, located on Backbone Mountain near Thomas, W.Va. Due to be completed in December, this wind farm will be the largest wind power project ever built in the eastern United States.

The amount of wind power CUA is purchasing is sufficient to power 400 homes annually. In its emissions-reduction effect, it is equivalent to taking 656 cars off the road, according to the EPA's calculations.

The wind power purchase follows recent recognition of CUA's responsible environmental practices. The university was identified as a leader in recycling and energy conservation in a December 2001 National Wildlife Federation report based on a nationwide survey of 891 colleges and universities.

The premium that CUA will be paying to purchase wind power will be offset by savings achieved through other energy conservation measures.

Above: Father O'Connell and (behind him) Provost John Convey share their enthusiasm while announcing CUA's purchase of electricity generated by a wind farm (below).

• A Larger, Stronger First-Year Class

Interest in attending CUA has increased since the events of Sept. 11, 2001, contrary to speculation that Washington, D.C., universities would be adversely affected by the threat of terrorism in the nation's capital, says Dale Herold, dean of enrollment management.

The combined number of incoming freshmen and new transfer students is up 15 percent from last year, increasing from 698 students in 2001 to 803 this year.

Dean Herold attributes the enrollment increase in part to two fairly new scholarship programs: the Alumni Grant ($1,000 per student per year) and the Parish Scholarship ($3,000 per student per year), which benefited 40 percent and 63 percent of the new students, respectively.

CUA's more than 2,050 housing slots are close to being filled just one year after the construction and opening of two new residence halls housing 348 students, says Katherine Boone, director of housing and residential services.

The new freshmen also have higher test scores than last year's freshmen. Average SAT scores are 26 points higher, making the average combined math and verbal score of incoming freshmen close to 1200. In addition, the number of new honors students — those who were in the top 5 percent of their high school class and who have SAT scores of 1350 or higher — increased from 70 last year to 110 this year. The freshmen seem public spirited, too. Twice as many as last year came to the Office of Campus Ministry's annual fair that advertises opportunities to get involved in community service.

Meanwhile, CUA's Columbus School of Law saw its number of applicants increase by 20 percent this year, and the Law School Aptitude Test score of newly enrolled students spiked upward. The mean LSAT score of last year's class was in the 57th percentile nationally, while the mean score of the 2002 class is in the 73rd percentile nationally. The law school also became more selective, admitting 34 percent of applicants, compared to 50 percent last year.

"I think this is the strongest law school class we've had in 10 years," says Eric Eden, the law school's director of admissions.

The Effects Of Increases In Enrollment

If Catholic University's increasing enrollment is left unchecked and additional housing is unable to keep up with demand, more students will be forced to live off-campus.

As the number of student houses grows, block after block may become overwhelmed with rowdiness, partying, and unkempt property. The long-term residents may start to leave for places where they can achieve the quiet enjoyment of their homes.

If this is to happen, the housing they leave behind will not be perceived as desirable by potential home buyers because of the student houses' proximity. They may bypass the neighborhood, resulting in the neighborhood no longer being attractive to the racially-mixed, middle-class, home-owning demographic that has inhabited it for most of the century. If this is to happen, the possibility of a rise in crime is self-evident.

Student houses would be prime targets for the criminal element because students have easy-to-steal items (TVs, stereos, computers); students, who often come from suburban homes and are less "streetwise", are also more vulnerable to inner-city crime.

While the Brookland neighborhood gives the appearance of stability, civic leaders are becoming increasingly concerned about early warning signs of neighborhood deterioration.

A massive student influx resulting from CUA enrollment increases and the administrative decision to no longer guarantee four years of on-campus housing, coupled with a laissez-faire attitude by CUA toward these student houses, could easily prove the coupe de grace that triggers neighborhood decline.

Such a decline would have a catastrophic impact on the university as well because prospective students would balk at coming here if CUA is perceived as being in a "bad neighborhood"--especially if the students are made to move off campus into that neighborhood.

I would hate to see such events take place all because CUA cannot bring itself to change its practices to accommodate all the ramifications of its enrollment increases.

Dino J. Drudi '79
President
Michigan Park Neighbors Assoc.

22 Oct 99

TowerForum

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1. Drop off your letter in the Office of Campus Programs (200 UCW)
2. E-mail your letter to us at cua-tower@cua.edu
3. Fax your letter to our office at 202-319-6675

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MICHIGAN PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
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24 February 1999

Reply to: 938 Perry Place, N.E.
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Rev. David O'Connell, President
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Dear Rev. O'Connell:

On behalf of the Michigan Park Citizens Association, I would like to wish you well in your tenure as president of the Catholic University of America. The University has been a good neighbor to our residential community for as far back as anyone can remember, and it is our desire, and yours I am sure, for this to continue. We, for example, appreciate the efforts CUA officials have undertaken in response to residents' reports of particular student houses disrupting the neighborhood or diminishing its quality of life (such as last November's "Fall Crawl").

The Michigan Park Citizens Association has participated in the city-wide Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia for three-quarters of a century. Through our participation in the Federation, we have become familiar with the conflicts which have, in recent years, arisen in other university neighborhoods–particularly as relates to off-campus student housing–and would commend to your attention the enclosed articles illuminating the conflict neighborhoods close to Georgetown University are experiencing. In each university neighborhood where these problems have become acute, citizens have found at their root is the universities' unwillingness to guarantee on-campus housing for their undergraduate students. We fear the same is to befall us here and wish to avert such an eventuality.

With grave concern we learn that CUA–which has heretofore assured all its undergraduate students on-campus housing–is contemplating no longer doing so for juniors and seniors. While some undergraduate students presently elect to live off-campus in our community, as a consequence of this contemplated housing policy change and CUA's plans to substantially increase undergraduate enrollment, we estimate the number of students living off-campus would more than double, adding 900 to 1,000 students to the approximately 700 now living off-campus for a total of 1,600 to 1,700! Moreover, because proximity to campus is a key reason students choose on-campus housing in the first place, we anticipate students who would prefer to live on-campus

would be more likely to locate nearby in our neighborhood than those who under present practice elect to move off-campus.

Beyond these pragmatic issues, however, lies a deeper moral concern that cuts at the heart of the University's long-standing good-neighbor relationship with the adjoining residential community. Underlying the cordial relationship CUA has maintained with the adjoining community is the fact both have respected one another and have asked little of the other. The few things the University has asked of the community, e.g., city-backed revenue bonds to finance on-campus housing, the community has supported. The University has not, however, at least until now, built into its *modus operandi* the dictum the neighborhood must house its students.

At our 2 February meeting, the Michigan Park Citizens Association went on record to express our concerns about the University's plans to impose upon our community the obligation to house its students, and to bring these concerns to your attention at this early stage to facilitate your making appropriate arrangements to continue the University's historic policy of guaranteeing all its undergraduate students on-campus housing.

Sincerely,

Dino Joseph Drudi

Dino Joseph Drudi
President

Enclosures

MICHIGAN PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
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December 17, 2001

Rev. David O'Connell, President
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Dear Rev. O'Connell:

A decade ago the Catholic University of America invited ANC 5A to designate two citizen leaders to serve on your campus plan drafting committee. ANC 5A accordingly designated its chairperson Mary Baird-Currie and Michigan Park Citizens Association member Dino Drudi. As a result of their participation, the campus plan adequately addressed community concerns and the community supported the campus plan. As recent, highly-publicized incidents have shown, the University's impact on Michigan Park and ANC 5A's present territory is greater now. The Michigan Park Citizens Association is, therefore, troubled that ANC 5A designees have been excluded from formal participation in the task force drafting the current campus plan. We strongly urge you to include them.

At the November 6 meeting the Association discussed the salient issues in the CUA campus plan, and at the December 4 meeting approved this letter formally conveying these concerns to you. We cannot support the campus plan unless it explicitly and unequivocally commits to the University providing a sufficient amount of attractive, affordable on-campus housing for all juniors and seniors who desire to live on campus (almost all freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus); exercising disciplinary jurisdiction over its students' off-campus misbehavior; and assuring appropriate consideration for archeological sites of community interest such as potential slave cabin remnants near Taylor Street.

In February 1999 the Michigan Park Citizens Association established a committee on university impacts. Committee members participate in an ad hoc Federation of Citizens Associations city-wide task force involving virtually all university-impacted neighborhoods, report to the Association from time-to-time, and interface with your University. Accordingly, if your campus plan drafting committee has any questions relating to this letter, please direct them to our committee, chaired by Dino Drudi [938 Perry Place, N.E.; 526-0891(h)/691-6172(o)].

Sincerely yours,

Parthenia O. Pratt, President

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30 March 2000

Rev. David O'Connell, President
The Catholic University of America
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Dear Rev. O'Connell:

I would like to commend to your attention the text of the following letter-to-the-editor, which the TOWER apparently declined to publish:

> Susie Roling and Kate Ellen LaVine's "Website Ranks CUA for Safety Risks" (Tower, 25 February) reports that CUA's safety ranking was higher than three of the other five D.C. universities. However, the article also reports that, of the 1,497 schools ranked, CUA was 265th most dangerous, i.e., in the most dangerous 20%.
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> In the past, CUA partially compensated for this by assuring all its undergraduate students could live in the relative safety of on-campus housing if they so desired. However, as CUA expands its enrollment, without a sufficient corresponding commitment to increase on-campus housing, it is scrapping this century-old assurance. Future students wishing or needing to be close to campus will end up living in the nearby neighborhoods at greater safety risk.

This letter highlights one of the many reasons why the University may wish to give careful consideration to the entire range of implications that attend altering its housing policies. We believe that such consideration will lead you to the realization that it is in the best interest of the University community to construct enough on-campus housing to house all the undergraduate students desiring to live on campus.

Sincerely,

Dino Joseph Drudi

Dino Joseph Drudi
President

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14 April 1999

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Rev. David O'Connell, President
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Dear Rev. O'Connell:

I would commend to your attention the enclosed 12 April 1999 *Washington Times* article "On-campus Dorm Life Spruced up, Crowded." The article reports research findings that students who reside on campus are more likely to graduate than those who do not. It also describes how living on-campus enhances the academic and nonacademic educational experience.

Sincerely,

Dino Joseph Drudi

Dino Joseph Drudi
President

Enclosure

On-campus dorm life spruced up, crowded

By Millicent Lawton
Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

These days, college and university administrators may feel they are closer to the hospitality business than the field of education.

College officials have long touted the well-stocked libraries and high-minded academic goals they have for undergraduates. Now, however, they have another duty: marketing the college's ability to provide the comfort and convenience students believe they deserve. That means on-campus housing that sports all the latest bells and whistles.

As if touting the features of a resort, campus officials boast about restaurant-style food service and residence halls that feature apartment-type configurations, weight rooms or 53 channels of cable television.

"There's a much greater consumer orientation among the students of today than there was among students in the 1960s, '70s, or even '80s," says Arthur Levine, president of Teachers College at Columbia University in New York City.

Students, he says, feel that "they are paying, and they ought to get what they want."

Colleges are doing the equivalent of keeping up with the Joneses, Mr. Levine says. If the guy down the block has a swimming pool, you up the ante with a bigger, indoor swimming facility — anything but risk losing students to a school that has more special facilities.

This kind of competition suits many students just fine. Elizabeth Riley, a freshman at Boston University, never shared a room with her siblings and admits her mother picked up after her. So, even though campus overcrowding landed her in a room in a hotel adjacent to campus, she was delighted.

"I like the maid service," she says of her temporary "dorm."

Colleges are pumping funds into housing because more students want the kinds of on-campus experience offers.

At the University of Maryland at College Park, for example, where admission standards have been rising, there are more academically strong students who want to be on campus, closer to both faculty and football games, says Pat Mielke, director of resident life. "They want to be in the middle of things, they want your 'traditional college experience.' "

ON CAMPUS TO STAY

Other reasons lie behind the investment in creating an alluring campus atmosphere.

Research shows that college students who live on campus — only about 30 percent of all students — are more likely to stay and graduate with a degree than those who live elsewhere.

Students who live on campus "get more out of college," says Ernest Pascarella, an education professor at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, who has studied the issue.

"What happens is the person who lives on campus, they are just more involved in the institution. They interact more with faculty, they interact more with peers," he says. "The kinds of things that happen in a nonclassroom situation are as important or more important than academics."

In addition, officials acknowledge, a happy undergraduate can become a happy — and generous —alumnus.

That means officials are trying not only to get students to the campus, but to keep them there. The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), for instance, sank big money several years ago into hard-wiring dormitories for fast Internet connections. Indiana University in Bloomington tries to foster feelings of belonging by assigning freshmen to rooms near other first-year students who share their classes.

"Over the last 10 or 15 years, we have become much more intentional and focused, tying residence life in with the academic education to build a holistic kind of environment," says Bill Schuerman, dean of students at the University of Dayton, a Roman Catholic college in Ohio.

At Maryland's College Park campus, the school tries to lure students with everything from a house for those wanting an alcohol-, smoke- and drug-free environment to teaching more classes in the residence halls.

"All that seems to have a very positive effect on the number of people who want to be here and want to stay," Ms. Mielke says.

Todd Olson, associate dean for campus living at the University of Denver, says his institution has had success with "living-learning communities," which include residential units for honors students and those interested in leadership and wellness issues.

"There was a desire on our campus to look at all the places where we could get students really engaged in and involved in an intensive, small-group experience to enhance their learning and increase their satisfaction with college," Mr. Olson says.

The one cloud in this flurry of modernization is the crowding many campuses witnessed this fall.

From California to Ohio to Florida, residence-hall rooms meant for two are crammed with three students. Some enrollees at Boston University; Maryland's College Park campus; the University of Massachusetts; Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.; and the University of Southern California in Los Angeles have even discovered their "on-campus" dorm is actually an off-campus motel.

TOO MANY TAKERS

The swelling ranks of new and returning students are due in part to a strong economy, experts say, as well as to the "baby boom echo," the huge wave of baby boomers' offspring now surging through schools and colleges. But colleges also may be victims of their own success in attracting students to campus.

"We are bulging at the seams," says Alan Hanson, UCLA's director of residential life.

Nearly half the on-campus students at UCLA this term are tripled up in double rooms — about 3,000 students altogether, or 1,200 more than faced crowding last year —and the university has some students living in lounges that have become six-person bedrooms.

With an extra 450 students living on the West Los Angeles campus this fall, UCLA students are complaining they are not getting what they are paying for because of the sardine-tight residence halls, long lines in the dining halls,

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an overloaded campus computer network and the fact that choice classes fill up quickly.

Likewise, Saurabh Desai, a Boston University freshman, says he has felt neglected by his school. Mr. Desai wanted a residence hall close to the center of campus, but instead found himself in an overflow dorm 15 minutes away at Emmanuel College, a school for women.

Unlike other residence halls at the university, his dorm lacks a cafeteria, and at dinner time, the shuttle bus runs only every 40 minutes.

"If we want to eat, we have to schedule our meals around when the shuttle arrives," he says.

Relief for Mr. Desai and other students facing overcrowding could be on the way. Schools across the United States are ponying up for new dorms — aided in many cases by the 1990s stock-market boom.

UCLA, for example, expects to open a 1,250-bed residence complex this year. The University of Florida in Gainesville and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge plan to open new dormitories in 2000 and 2001, respectively.

But Mr. Desai has found an upside to the situation that may illustrate the enduring appeal of on-campus living. He and his dorm mates have bonded because of their common hardship.

"It really is like a big family," he says.

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Dear Rev. O'Connell:

I would like to commend to your attention the enclosed 23 April 2000 *Washington Times* article on the latest survey results on binge drinking among American college students. The article reports that student binge drinking is becoming more prevalent, and contrasts an increase in binge drinking among students who move off-campus with a decrease in binge drinking among those who remain on-campus.

While these findings underscore community concerns about the University's plans to increase its enrollment and discontinue guaranteeing all undergraduate students who desire it on-campus housing, has the University considered all the ramifications of its decision? What would the increased binging resulting from pushing more undergraduate students off campus do to the well-being of the university community? What would be the impact on aggregate grade-point averages, on the moral health of the undergraduate student population?

Sincerely,

Dino Joseph Drudi

Dino Joseph Drudi
President

Enclosure

SCIENCE & HEALTH

College binge drinking shows slight rise

By Karen Goldberg Goff
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Nearly half of American college students are still binge drinking, despite warnings about health and safety dangers.

The latest findings from the National College Alcohol Study, released in March, say the number of binge drinkers — defined as men who have five or more drinks in a row or women who have four or more — has remained virtually unchanged since researchers began studying college students in 1993. The most recent data show a 2.9 percent increase in the number of binge drinkers during the six years of the survey.

The 1999 survey of 14,000 undergraduates conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health determines that 44 percent of students engaged in binge drinking, compared with 43 percent in 1997 and 45 percent in 1993.

The College Alcohol Study, which released reports in 1993 and 1997, also reports no change in the number of abstainers (19 percent in 1999, the same as in 1997) and an increase in the number of frequent binge drinkers.

Frequent binge drinking, defined by the Harvard researchers as binge drinking at least three times within two weeks, has increased 14 percent since 1993. About 23 percent of all students are frequent binge drinkers, says Harvey Wechsler, director of the College Alcohol Study.

"It is disturbing that these findings show an increase in the most extreme and high-risk form of drinking," Mr. Wechsler says. "This is, in part, counteracted by a larger number of abstainers. That increase, to 19 percent, occurred in 1997 and was maintained in 1999."

Frequent binge drinkers consume over two-thirds of all the alcohol that college students drink, according to the College Alcohol Study. They also account for more than three-fifths of the most serious alcohol-related problems on campus, such as vandalism, drinking and driving, and injuries from fights.

The 1999 survey showed further increases in the intensity of drinking. The proportion of those who drank on 10 or more occasions in the previous month increased from 18 percent to 22 percent between 1993 and 1999. The portion of those who said they drank to get drunk increased from 40 percent to 47 percent during that time period.

> "It is disturbing that these findings show an increase in the most extreme and high-risk form of drinking."
>
> – Harvey Wechsler, CAS director

"The 1999 study shows a continuing trend in drinking on college campuses that is more strongly polarized," Mr. Wechsler says. "Almost one-fourth of all students are frequent binge drinkers, and almost one-fifth are abstainers."

The number of abstainers, which was 15 percent in 1993, has increased enough to be reflected in environmental changes, the study reports. One in three students who live in a campus residence hall lives in an alcohol-free residence, the study says. An additional 13 percent of respondents said they would like to live in such housing. This is in sharp contrast to students who live in fraternity or sorority houses, where three out of four students are binge drinkers.

Where a student lives also is likely to influence his behavior, the study says. Binge-drinking rates decreased by almost 6 percent among students living in dorms on campus, and they increased by 6 percent among students living off campus.

Mr. Wechsler and campus administrators say some of the small changes may be due in part to campus efforts to promote alcohol awareness, and to campus crackdowns on underage drinking and violation of campus drinking rules.

"The big picture of binge drinking on college campuses remained remarkably unchanged through the 1990s," Mr. Wechsler says. "However, the most recent survey may reflect the effects of prevention efforts. There is some indication that on-campus prevention programs may be having an impact."

Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Iowa in Iowa City, one of 10 universities receiving funds from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to curb campus drinking, agrees.

"[The College Alcohol Study] reminds us that we all continue to suffer from the harmful effects of excessive drinking," she said upon the report's release. "We cannot attack this problem without being completely truthful about its dimensions."

PARTYING HARD

Some of the latest findings for the Harvard School of Public Health's College Alcohol Study's 1999 report. The study, which released reports in 1993 and 1997, surveyed 114,000 college students at 119 colleges to learn about their drinking habits.

	1993	1997	1999
Male binge drinkers	44%	42%	44%
Female binge drinkers	39	39	40
Binged in high school			
No	21	25	26
Yes	3	3	2
Abstainers	15	19	19
Frequent binge drinkers	19	20	23
Students who:			
Drank 10+ times in last 30 days	18	20	22
Usually binge when drinking	40	41	44
Were drunk 3+ times in past month	23	28	29

Note: Binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks in a row (four drinks in a row for women) Frequent binge drinking is defined as binging at least three times in the last two weeks. No is defined as drinking but not binge drinking

Source: College Alcohol Study

The Washington Times

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18 October 1999

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Dear J.R.:

Thank you for the very constructive conversation we had last week and for Andrew Hartnett's article on CUA's rejection of the neighborhood's requests. I would like to build upon his necessarily condensed reporting of our interview to explain why adopting a policy governing student off-campus behavior and building enough on-campus housing to accommodate all the undergraduate students who wish to live on-campus is in the best interests of both CUA and CUA's students.

Experience in other neighborhoods where friction between long-term residents and student houses has occurred tells us that, if a particular block has a small percentage of student houses, the students in those houses are likely to behave more civilly than if the student houses comprise a large percentage of the houses on the block. A past USG president described a block gone over to one-third student houses as being "like the dorm" in how their inhabitants would tend to behave. As the number of student houses grows, block after block becomes overwhelmed with rowdiness, partying, unkempt property, etc. The long-term residents start to leave for places where they can achieve the quiet enjoyment of their homes. Some will move out of the city, undermining the city's tax base by ceasing to pay DC income tax.

The housing they leave behind would not be perceived as desirable by potential home buyers because of the student houses' proximity and the attendant rowdiness. They would bypass the neighborhood, resulting in the neighborhood no longer being attractive to the racially-mixed, middle-class, homeowning demographic that has inhabited it for most of the century.

Crime would rise as residents of distressed neighborhoods would displace the middle-class homeowners and rent the houses the students did not. While most residents of distressed neighborhoods are law-abiding, a disproportionate minority are not. Student houses would be prime targets for the criminal element because students have easy-to-steal items (TVs, stereos, computers); students, who often come from suburban homes and are less "streetwise", are also more vulnerable to armed thugs. Especially serious is an increased rape danger to female students.

While the Brookland neighborhood gives the appearance of stability, civic leaders increasingly are becoming concerned about early-warning signs of neighborhood deterioration. One house near the infamous "rugby house", I understand, had been a "crack house" before being rented to students, but, because the students proved so rowdy, neighbors perceive this student house as a greater nuisance than the "crack house", which at least had not kept them awake at night. This example illustrates both how vulnerable the neighborhood is to destabilization and how much of a nuisance an ill-behaved student house can prove to be. A massive student influx resulting from CUA enrollment increases and no longer guaranteeing 4-years' on-campus housing, coupled with a *laissez-faire* attitude by CUA toward these student houses, could easily prove the *coupe de grace* that triggers neighborhood decline.

The Catholic Church has been a mainstay of the neighborhood from the neighborhood's inception, such that it is sometimes referred to as "Little Rome" or "Little Vatican". The Church has many religious properties here on which such a decline would have a catastrophic impact.

Such a decline would have a catastrophic impact on CUA as well because parents and prospective students alike would balk at coming here if CUA is perceived as being in a "bad neighborhood"—especially if CUA makes the students move off campus and the nearby housing is primarily located in that "bad neighborhood"! It would become harder for CUA to attract enough students of the desired academic caliber, thereby undoing these sizable enrollment increases CUA believes it needs. It would be even harder to reverse the damage to the neighborhood which, like Humpty-Dumpty, might not improve for a very long

time. CUA would find itself worse off than before—facing the same fiscal challenges s in the recent past and surrounded by a high-crime, unattractive neighborhood it helped bring to ruin.

One of CUA's greatest strengths is its close-knittedness. When I visited various colleges as a 17-year old, so palpable was this feature that it did not even need to be stated; it was a major consideration in my deciding to come to CUA. The guarantee of 4-years' on-campus housing, however, is what makes all this possible. Last year, after I finished attending a meeting in San Diego, I stayed for several days w/ a long-standing friend from CUA. I had last seen him a decade earlier when he got married. When I later called him to tell him CUA was considering discontinuing the 4-years' on-campus housing guarantee, he reminisced about the dynamic of dorm life: The upperclassmen helped orient the underclassmen to the ways of CUA, its student government, extracurricular activities, etc. But, without the 4-years' on-campus housing guarantee, there would be no upperclassmen in the dorms to orient the underclassmen. We had lived on the same floor during his junior and senior years (my sophomore and junior years). Had the 4-years' on-campus housing guarantee not then been in effect, I doubt we would even have become friends. Diminishing the quality of the "CUA experience" would harm CUA in the long run too, because alumni would have fewer fond memories, less attachment to the university, and consequently would be less generous with alumni contributions.

Neighborhood residents, in varying degrees, recognize that not all student houses are nuisances. While other neighborhoods besieged by a proliferation of student houses have demanded students be required to live on campus for all 4 years, thus far this neighborhood has not. What the neighborhood has sought, aside from CUA providing housing sufficient for all its undergraduate students desiring to live on-campus, is for CUA to exercise jurisdiction over these students houses, which CUA has the legal right to do. The neighborhood's proposals are designed to assure what CUA does to address the problems associated with some of these student houses proves effective.

Such a program, ironically, is in the best interests of even the rowdiest students. If CUA has a program in place which residents believe effectively protects the peace, quiet, and good order of the neighborhood, the neighbors and the police might be more likely to turn rowdy students over to CUA for discipline than resort to the legal system. Would these students prefer jail over whatever punishment CUA might mete out? Would they prefer their cases heard before the DC Superior Court over the Student Judiciary? Would they prefer community service cleaning up 12th Street over a criminal record that would follow them when applying for jobs and bank loans?

As CUA changes the way it conducts business, it has to be mindful of who and what those changes will impact. If it is not, it will precipitate a lose-lose-lose scenario whereby the community loses, CUA loses, and the future students lose. CUA and the surrounding community have coexisted harmoniously for over a century. What a tragedy it would be to sacrifice it now because CUA cannot bring itself to change its practices to accommodate all the ramifications of its enrollment increases.

Yours truly,

Dino Joseph Drudi

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[Dino Drudi, who works as an economist at the US Department of Labor, is a CUA alumnus ('79) and President of the Michigan Park Citizens Association.]

PS: I appreciate how this op-ed is longer than what the TOWER might normally publish. Although I have tried to economize on words, the subject is so complex it would be difficult to do it justice in fewer words. Please feel free to edit it into installments.

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Graduate Students Concerned About Housing Decisions

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The university's graduate student community is unhappy with the decision to move graduate residential housing from Gibbons Hall to Regan Hall because of what it might mean for the future of graduate enrollment.

The decision was made by Housing and Residential Services (HRS) upon learning of the expected increase in incoming freshman next year. According to Assistant Director of HRS Jon Sawyer, it was not a "rash decision," and was made after weighing all of the possibilities carefully. Gibbons Hall will be able to house about 50 more students than Regan.

President of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) Steve Millies said he is "not so much concerned about the Regan move—it's inevitable" because HRS has no other option.

Millies explained that the number of graduate student applications has decreased dramatically in the past few years, a fact he feels is "ominous." GSA's larger concern is that by moving the graduate students to Regan the university is "rendering it a fact that there are not going to be [increases in graduate students]," he said.

Because a majority of the graduate students currently live in Caldwell and Seton Halls, by housing some graduate students in Regan the university will no longer maintain a "graduate area." Instead, graduates will be dispersed throughout the undergraduate housing area.

Millies says this is a "huge step away from offering grad students any living arrangements. . .the tide is turning away from the graduate students."

According to Millies, an idea for the construction of a graduate apartment complex behind O'Boyle Hall has been proposed and is endorsed by the GSA.

Millies said he feels that this type of living arrangement would be a good solution to the fact that the university currently has no housing accommodations for graduate students who are married.

Vice President for Administration Sue Pervi could not be reached for comment on the progress of the graduate apartment complex proposal.

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Brookland Residents Express Concerns With Univ. Growth

Irene Tsikitas
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Brookland residents expressed concerns about the expected growth of the CUA student community in the coming years at a community meeting held last Wednesday at Brookland Elementary School.

Residents said they were startled by an article in *The Tower* on Jan. 22, which said that the Office of Admissions is expecting a 91 percent increase in the number of applicants for next fall's freshman class.

They said they are also concerned that students will no longer be guaranteed housing for four years, meaning that in two years, as many as 750 juniors will be forced to move off campus.

Director of Housing and Residential Services (HRS) Meghan Brune and Undergraduate Student Government (USG) President John Fogarty attended the meeting to represent the university, and help address the concerns of the people of Brookland.

According to Dean of Admissions John Dolan, 2,040 students have so far been accepted for the Fall '99. About 36 percent are expected to enroll, therefore he estimates there will be about 734 incoming freshman next fall.

However, Dolan said the number could range anywhere from 714-755.

The Brookland residents said at the meeting that they are not happy about this possibility.

President of the Michigan Park Citizen Association and CUA alumnus Dino Adrudi cited the "acute friction and almost open warfare" that exists between the residents of Georgetown and the Georgetown University students living off campus as an example of what happens when a university forces its students to move off campus after two years. He does not wish to see that type of thing

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Students Debate Possible Honor Code



J.R. KING

USG Executive Board members join University President Rev. David O'Connell, Vice-Provost Ingrid Merkel, and Provost John Convey to answer questions from students about the Honor Code.

Anticipated Increase of Student Population; Students Living Off Campus Worry Neighborhood Residents

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happen between the Brookland community and the CUA students living off campus.

Adrudi said that he thinks that most students prefer to live on campus, and that "conflicts will arise from the university's unwillingness to house students on campus." He feels that the university is "dumping the problem onto the neighborhood while "tax-paying neighbors feel forced to move out."

According to Fogarty, there have already been some problems involving CUA students living off campus this year. For example, last November's Fall Crawl on Quincy and Randolph Streets upset Brookland residents when the parties spilled over into neighbors' yards.

Fogarty said he feels that this problem will only get worse as more students are compelled to live off campus in the coming years.

He said he considers the student population growth and subsequent housing problems to be some of the most important issues going on at the university right now, yet he feels that the administration is not taking them seriously enough.

Fogarty said he is concerned that there is not a good flow of communication between HRS and the administration. "When you talk to Brune, you get one answer and when you talk to Fr. O'Connell or John Dolan, you get another," Fogarty said.

According to Brune, however, the housing situation is under control for next year's freshman class. Brune said that with Gibbons Hall switching to an undergraduate dorm, the university will be able to "accommodate the student housing needs for Fall '99," with few problems.

Brune also said that HRS and the Office of Admissions will continue to communicate with each other and work together to ensure that there is enough space for the incoming students.

In response to the meeting last Wednesday, Brune said that she thinks "it is important to keep up with the concerns of the people of Brookland."

According to Brune, future solutions to the housing problem are in the works, but are "too tentative" for her to comment on.

Fogarty said that there has been talk of eventually leasing space from the Cloisters or Trinity College to deal with future housing problems, and that housing at either site would be for graduate students, while Caldwell and Gibbons would be open to undergraduates.

Fogarty said he wonders why the university is willing to pay to build a Student Union, but not for the renovation of Spalding Hall, which he feels could potentially house a good number of students.

Brune said that the university is not looking at the renovation of Spalding Hall as a housing option at this time.

She said that they are considering options for the Fall of 2000 and that more decisions will be made after they receive results regarding room selection and the number of returning students.

"It is a question of priority," Fogarty said. He noted that while the Student Union would be a good thing, which would also attract more students to the university, the administration should first make sure that they will be able to guarantee on-campus housing for these students.

Adrudi agreed saying "CUA has to make the commitment to provide undergraduate housing." He also said that he was "not sure that they [the university] have thought through all the implications" of requiring students to move off campus after two years and that there is "still time to avoid the potential problems."

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Catholic U. Neighbors Say Partyers Disrupt Area

By DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD
Washington Post Staff Writer

Off-campus house parties hosted by Catholic University students last weekend have provoked complaints from the school's Brookland neighbors that the revelry left their yards littered with trash and smelling of urine. But students say the university's new crackdown this week on drinking infringes on their social lives.

Neighbors say at least three parties in the Northeast Washington neighborhood seriously disrupted their normally quiet working-class community.

"When my sleep is disturbed, that to me is an assault," said John King, who complained that he was kept up by the noise of a nine-keg party on his block. "I have parties, my neighbors have parties . . . but we're not talking about that. We're talking about an 'Animal House' atmosphere."

The university has said it will punish students at three off-campus houses on Michigan Avenue and Quincy Street, where last weekend's parties took place. University President David M. O'Connell patrolled Brookland's streets Saturday looking for errant parties, and this week Robert Friday, the vice president for student life, and the dean of students made personal visits to problem houses.

"Students who live in a neighborhood have to be good neighbors," Friday said.

As a preemptive move, the university this week also banned students who play sports from drinking during the season, saying athletes have traditionally been involved in the worst partying.

Brookland residents complained to D.C. police and the university about the noise, crowds and post-party urine odor. One neighbor's home video shows several dozen college-age people on a sidewalk on Michigan Avenue NE, drinking out of plastic cups. One person is holding a beer bottle; another is driving a motorcycle on the sidewalk.

"We have been fighting this problem [for years, but] it's gotten progressively worse," said Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Mary Baird-Currie. "As the molehill grows into a mountain, we're going to deal with the mountain."

Last weekend's parties were the last straw, she said.

Baird-Currie criticized police for not arresting more students or citing those drinking underage. But officers patrolling the neighborhood say students are partying at private houses, which limits their ability to stop the gatherings.

"If you're drinking out in public or urinating out in public, then yes, you can be arrested," said Lt. Garret Baxter. Otherwise, "how can you tell these kids that they can't party in their own home?"

Baxter said that at last weekend's parties, students complied with police requests to move into the houses and to lower the volume of their music.

Friday said the university thought it had solved the problem last year, when the administration began asking the city's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to inspect off-campus party sites. University officials also made efforts to discourage students from throwing "Fall Crawl" bashes to kick off the school year.

In addition, Friday said, the death during the Christmas holiday last year of Catholic University football player Anthony Bottoni, who died in a car accident in which the driver was charged with driving while intoxicated, also changed student attitudes about drinking.

In talking to party hosts this week, Friday said: "Do you remember Anthony Bottoni? Did that make no impression on you?"

Punishment for those who hosted last weekend's parties could range from warnings to academic suspension, a university spokesman said.

On campus yesterday, several students said the university's anti-alcohol crackdown has changed students' social lives in the past two years.

Chris Green, a freshman on the football team, remembers visiting Catholic University as a high school student and finding it "hopping pretty good" on weekend nights. The university's new attitude makes "it pretty boring," he said.

The drinking ban for athletes is "good for the [sports] programs," Green said. "What is drinking going to help you do?" Still, he added, the school shouldn't be able to stop those over 21 from drinking.

Junior Steven McCloskey, who lives off campus on 12th Street NE, called the administration's actions "draconian." He said friends at other colleges laughed when he told them about O'Connell's cruise through the neighborhood and school officials' visits to homes.

"It's kind of ridiculous," he said.

'Animal House' antics keep some sleepless in Brookland

The students are dancing in the streets at Catholic University.

They are doing other things in the streets, too, like relieving themselves in bushes.

The least they could do is use a fire hydrant.

Bladders will be bladders, but this is ridiculous.

You know what they say in the Brookland neighborhood: Here comes the fall semester. There goes the neighborhood.

One weary resident of Brookland captured the festivities with a video camera and showed the whole world what was going on.

"The methods of bringing this to light are questionable," one student complains.

Now they want to talk questionable at Hiccup U.

They are partying, drinking and giving their bladders a workout in the community. But it only becomes questionable if residents of Brookland bring out the videotape.

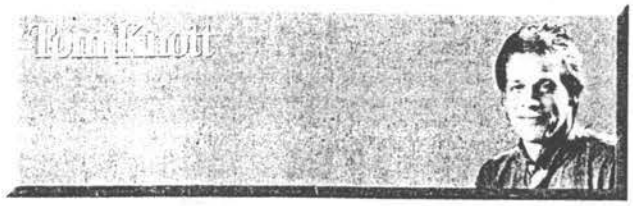
They must teach logic at the university. They obviously don't teach how to "hold it."

Most people like to sleep in the wee hours of the morning. The students at Catholic just like to go wee-wee. They probably think it is a public service, considering the summer drought.

The university has come a long way since Pope Leo XIII gave the thumbs-up sign in 1887. Now the university is stuck between a neighborhood and a bladder.

The Rev. David M. O'Connell, president of the university, undoubtedly has better things to do than deal with the problem of incontinence among the student body. He has a valuable purpose in life, and usually, it is not to explain the function of rest rooms to his students.

You don't really go to the rest room to rest. That could be the confusion.



"We are neither embarrassed nor do we apologize for our Catholic identity," Father O'Connell says.

He took the words embarrassed and apologize right out of Brookland's mouth.

The higher-ups at Georgetown University are normally embarrassed and apologetic enough for all Catholics.

Catholic University believes it "has unique responsibilities to be of service to Christian thought and education in the Catholic community, as well as to serve the nation and the world."

The university should try telling that to its neighbors in Brookland.

Darcy Flynn, a lawyer who lives on Newton Street in Brookland, does not count sheep before he falls asleep at night. He counts the students in various stages of undress, exercising their right to be party animals.

They drink, yell and irrigate; therefore, they are.

Loose lips sink ships. Loose bladders are sinking the uneasy relationship between students and professionals living among one another in Brookland.

There has not been this much spirit on campus since the football team appeared in the Orange Bowl in 1936.

Like many institutions of higher learning, Catholic likes to think it is an oasis of compassion and consideration.

That explains Susan Sarandon, a 1968 graduate of the school who wears more ribbons than a Third World dictator. She even wears a ribbon to publicize the plight of the daffodil.

That hardly explains Ed McMahon, a 1949 graduate of the school who became Johnny Carson's laugh track.

Mr. Flynn's film is receiving good word-of-mouth play. It is becoming Brookland's version of the "Blair Witch Project."

At this pace, Mr. Flynn may start charging admission and selling popcorn. He could title it, "Animal House II."

The original, starring the late John Belushi, was fun to watch. Watch is the operative word. No one wants to live by it.

Mr. Flynn could tell you the R-rated stories. They call it fun. He calls it sleepless in Brookland. University officials are investigating the matter. Four students have been disciplined, if not required to attend remedial potty-training class.

The police have been notified. They are on the alert for bad guys as well as bad bladders.

Mr. Flynn, meanwhile, just wants to have a good night's rest. That should not be too much to expect.

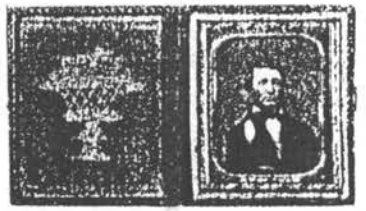
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Videotape proves vital to rout CU's rowdies

By Susan Ferrechio
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Darcy Flynn, a resident of the Brookland community in Northeast, was fed up with Catholic University students holding raging parties and parading half-naked around his neighborhood several nights a week.

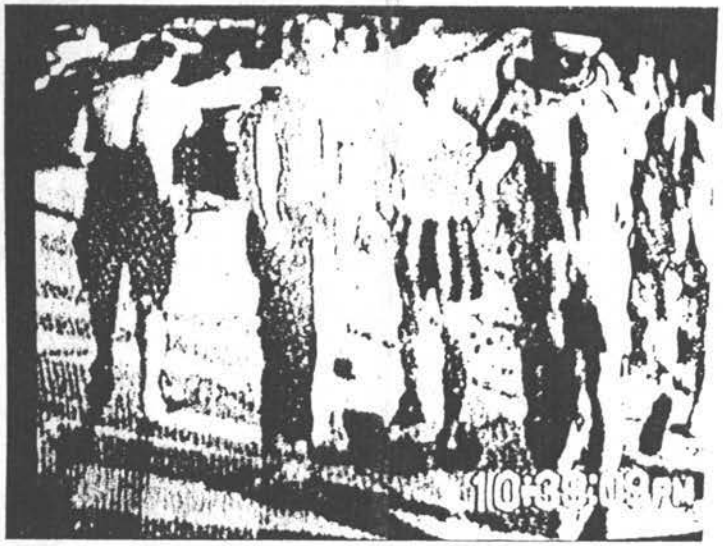
As drunken students spilled onto the street one night last week from their rented house, urinating in bushes and shouting profanities, Mr. Flynn fought back with the weapon of the '90s: A Sony video camera.

The resulting footage, which unfolds like a documentary on college incivility, may result in D.C. housing officials evicting dozens of Catholic University students from the neighborhood.

And for the first time, Catholic University officials have disciplined some of the students for behavior they say violates the school's religious philosophy.

"Without the tape, this would have gone nowhere," said Mr. Flynn, a lawyer for the federal government, who lives with four foster children on Newton Street, located about a quarter-mile from the school. Mr. Flynn said he is acting on behalf of dozens of neighbors who have long suffered from the

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Young men get down to the bare essentials in this image from a v
resident Darcy Flynn recorded in his Brookland community in Nor



Some young people object to the way they were captured on video, and decry the lack of communication.

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noise from nightly parties, disorderly conduct and trash-strewn sidewalks.

He pulled out the video camera for two recent nighttime parties, recording drunken fights, police raids and scores of young people noisily milling around on the streets and sidewalks.

Disputes such as this one between Brookland's year-round residents and their collegiate neighbors erupt throughout the District, which is home to several universities. But until yesterday, Catholic University officials had refused to take action against students for activity that occurs off campus.

They changed their minds after viewing the tape, which Mr. Darcy gave to the Metropolitan Police Department and D.C. Council member Vincent Orange, Ward 5 Democrat.

University officials announced in a written statement Friday that four students spotted on the videotape have been "disciplined as a result of an investigation into inappropriate and disruptive behavior in Brookland."

The dean of students, Margaret M. Higgins, said the behavior "was not compatible with the university's function as a Catholic educational institution." More students who are identifiable from the video could be disciplined, school officials said.

And students in at least five of the houses may have to move out

the landlords for illegally operating rooming houses. Each was fined $550 and will have to obtain the proper licensing or the students will be evicted.

As many as 10 students are living in at least one of the houses. It is illegal in the District for more than five unrelated people to live in one house.

DCRA officials are combing the neighborhood for other houses that are illegally rented to students.

"I think what is happening is you have some college students who are having a good time, but they don't understand the impact they are having on the community," said Mr. Orange, whose ward includes the neighborhood. "That community has a right to enjoy the peace and quiet of their homes and college students have to respect that right."

Mr. Flynn's home is at the epicenter of Catholic University's off-campus community of juniors and seniors, which includes Monroe, Newton and Quincy streets in Northeast. The students rent Victorian houses intermingled with homes owned by young professionals, retired professors, nuns and families

In one segment of Mr. Darcy's video, underwear-clad freshmen males parade down Newton Street, passing a couple with several young children in tow.

The men were undergoing some kind of initiation rite for the rugby team, according to a student on the tape.

Some university students living on Newton Street said Mr. Flynn



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school and city officials and the media.

"The students around here need to respect the neighborhood and they haven't been doing that," said a 21-year-old senior who lives next

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Partying students disturb neighbors

Brookland resident again videotapes noisy street scenes

[illegible] Washington
[illegible] Staff Writer

Brookland residents felt a bit of deja vu last weekend as Catholic University students threw rowdy parties on Friday and Saturday nights, and a resident once again caught the whole thing on videotape.

Neighbors complained that students — many who are underage — were drinking in back yards and in the street, cursing and shouting late into the night and urinating in front yards.

"The noise just keeps people awake at all hours on the weekend," said Darcy Flynn, a federal lawyer and community activist who videotaped the parties because he said he feels neither the police nor university officials are doing all they can to stop them.

"The parties often don't get rolling until 11," said Mr. Flynn, who started videotaping the students last fall to show police and university officials what was really going on. The videotapes included one scene where rugby players paraded through the streets in their underwear as part of an initiation, The Washington Times reported in September.

On Friday night, one party took place at 1232 Newton Street, while the other two parties took place at 1212 and 1214 Michigan Avenue NE and 3814 12th Street NE on Saturday night.

Catholic University's president, the Very Rev. David O'Connell, was one of the first persons to report the students Saturday night. Overhearing students discuss the party at an orientation, he drove to the neighborhood and noticed the large group of students gathering on Michigan Avenue, said Victor Nakas, a university spokesman.

"He was concerned that these were freshmen or other underage students," Mr. Nakas said.

Metropolitan Police said the officers who responded to calls from residents claimed they did not find any illegal activity and asked students to take the party inside. Officers were not present when the party finally broke up, said Assistant Chief Bill McMannus.

Sabrina Sojourner, who lives next door to the party houses on Michigan Avenue, said the school needs to stress to students that they are members of the community, too.

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For the second year, Brookland resident Darcy Flynn captured rowdy students of Catholic University on tape.

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For the first time, though, two students living next door to her came over and apologized the next day, she said.

"That's never happened before," Ms. Sojourner said.

Mary Baird-Currie, the advisory neighborhood commissioner for Brookland, lives in the 1200 block of Michigan Avenue and was home during the parties.

"There was so much traffic it was as if there was a stadium event letting out," Mrs. Baird-Currie said.

"I counted almost 400 students going up Michigan Avenue."

Mrs. Baird-Currie said the university has been cooperative in dealing with student behavior off-campus, but the Metropolitan Police Department has not been as vigilant in citing rowdy drinkers.

"I'm very upset by the way it was handled," she said.

"What's bothering me is that there were obvious legal infractions that occurred, and no citations or arrests were made," she said.

Assistant Chief McMannus said if officers did not cite students who were drinking this weekend, they would definitely be doing so in the future.

"We want to nip [the problems] in the bud and take enforcement action if we need to," he said.

Parties usually take place every weekend during the school year, with more students coming to parties at the beginning and end of the academic year, Mr. Flynn said.

Roughly 5 percent to 10 percent of the Brookland population is made up of college students, who live in the Victorian-style houses scattered around Monroe, Newton and Quincy streets.

The dean of students and vice president of student life both visited the houses where the parties took place and advised the students of the trouble they were in, Mr. Nakas said.

Catholic University will study the incidents and then make a decision next week on whether to pursue disciplinary action.

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CUA Meets Brookland

Ryan Ellis

Morning dawns in Brookland on September 8, 2004, when an old Italian man walks out onto his front porch at 13th and Taylor to assess the damage from last night's party. He looks to his left and right, and sees the same student houses he has for the last five years, ever since Catholic University stopped building enough dorm spaces for their students.

"Capretti maledetti," he mutters as the Smiths, the last permanent residents on the block besides himself, pack up a U-Haul on their way to Prince George's County, Maryland. He looks about his feet for the *Washington Post*. It hasn't been there for weeks; he can't decide if his neighbors steal it or if the Post has just decided to stop delivering to his neighborhood.

And who could blame them? Around the neighborhood what had once been owned or long-term leased housing by a mixed community of first-generation Italians, Greeks, and African-Americans is now slumlord central. Juniors and Seniors from CUA moved in, lawns had never been mowed, drainpipes never replaced, and wee morning hours never stilled. Parties rage like it's 1999 every night.

This could have been the Brookland of the not-so-far-off future, a Brookland in whose houses many of this year's freshman class might have eventually—and necessarily—resided. But thanks to the efforts of the university and community leaders, such a world will gladly not be.

In particular there is to thank a $70 million industrial revenue bond issued by the District of Columbia. Over the next two years, the university will build a 345-bed dormitory addition that will link Regan and Ryan Halls. Also financed will be the long-anticipated student union, the Tantalus of all CUA projects.

While on the surface this bond issue seems only an expected part of the University's exceptional growth, tied intimately to all of CUA's plans is an anxious neighborhood of middle class families who have a serious concern with precisely where CUA's new flood of students will rest their heads at night.

The recent increase of student-filled houses, particularly on Newton and Monroe Streets, and the damage they can do to a neighborhood by their lack of upkeep, makes that housing option certainly disagreeable.

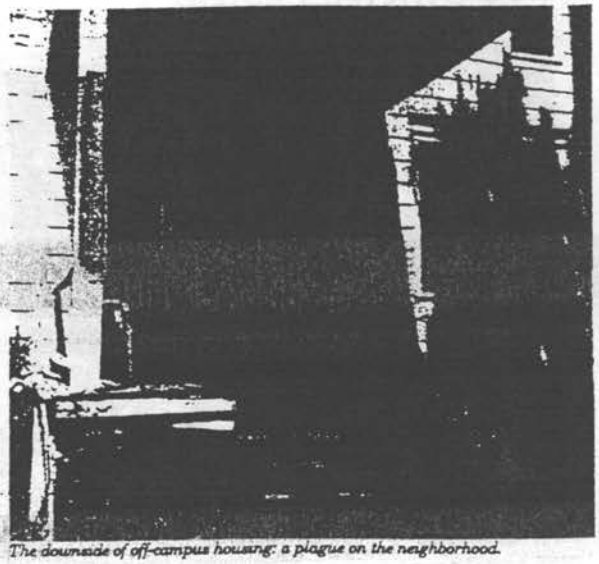
Dino Drudi is a 1979 graduate of Catholic University and has lived in Brookland for the past twenty years. He also serves as President of the Michigan Park Citizens Association, which keeps an open dialogue with the school on matters of so-called "town-gown" relations.

According to Drudi, there are three main issues that residents are concerned with vis-á-vis students: parties, a perception of racism toward black and Hispanic residents, and the phenomenon of all college neighborhoods—the student house.

"In contrast to what you might think, student housing does not bring the cost of living for residents down, but up," says Drudi. "The slumlord is able to charge higher rent than what the house would ordinarily garner, but he can get away with it because student houses are packed, and the rent is diluted and seems like a bargain. The result is higher rent for the whole neighborhood, causing a lingering distrust of both student and landlord."

These dynamics link CUA to Brookland in a way many people often ignore. But Drudi believes that there are common interests that the residents and students share, even if they don't realize it all the time crime, which affects both equally, and

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The downside of off-campus housing: a plague on the neighborhood.

Mayor Williams Makes Summer Visit

Kathleen Amshoff

Washington D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams visited the campus two times this summer, a reflection of the University's increased stature in the District and the Mayor's desire to foster good relations between himself and the school.

A conference on Early Childhood Education earlier in the summer hosted Mayor Williams, and provided him the chance to speak on the issue of childhood education and its current relevance to the District.

He then returned August 7th as the commencement speaker for the Tenley Achievement Program, an academic enrichment camp for District school-boys grades 7 to 9. Classes for the program included History, Math, English and Character Building, and were held in the McCourt Ward building for six weeks during the summer.

Over 100 families from around the District gathered in the Auditorium of the Gowan Nursing School to listen to the Mayor's words of wisdom for the graduates, which he drew from a source of popular wisdom—most popular with the young graduates.

"A lot of wise things have been said during the history of the world concerning leadership," said Mayor Williams, "all the way back to a Greek named Aristotle. But I think I'll save my time tonight by instead quoting one of my heroes, Dr. Suess."

"Yertle the Turtle," a Seuss story about an ambitious turtle who names himself "King" after standing on top of his fellow turtles' shells, was the Mayor's choice. Yertle cannot hold power for long, and eventually it is the smallest turtle named "Mack" (who moves his back) and sends proud Yertle tumbling.

"Leadership does not come from power," was the Mayor's message for the students. "Anyone, at any position they hold in life, can be a leader... even people like Mack."

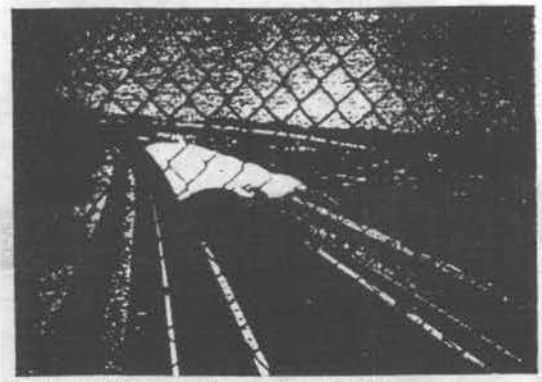
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Brookland-CUA Metro: good fences make good neighbors

a lack of business growth in the neighborhood, which all would desire.

Despite these problems that plague both Brookland and the University, a local historian insists that there is reason to be optimistic about the future of CUA's "town-gown" relations, and one need only look to the past—approximately 100 or so years back.

All of the land currently occupied by Brookland and Catholic University was formerly a large plantation owned by Brooks. After the Civil War, the laying of the railroad line (now used by the Metro) and the emancipation of slaves in the District of Columbia made it no longer cost-effective for Brooks to maintain the farm.

Several residents in the neighborhood who have the Brooks surname maintain to this day that they are either descendents of Brooks, or their ancestors took his surname after being freed. "Rumor has it," says the Brookland historian, "that slave shacks from the Brooks farm still exist in the woods behind what is now Flather Hall."

Brooks donated the land to the Catholic Church in 1875, and a small religious enclave quickly emerged. Throughout the 1960s Brookland was known as "Little Rome" for the many religious houses that sprung up—and are still in existence—primarily around the Franciscan Monastery on the 1400 block of Perry Street.

The Church began selling off some of its land on the opposite side of the Metro tracks almost immediately after CUA began educating students in 1896. Ads for housing appeared as early as 1891, and were quickly purchased by railroad workers, employees of the university and religious orders. Thus was the community created from the University.

Among universities in the District, the most noteworthy stir in recent "town-gown" disputes is Georgetown, where residents still complain over the great spill of student housing in the upper-crust neighborhood. Such tension culminated when two Georgetown students grabbed seats on the Area Neighborhood Commission amidst claims of voter registration fraud on the part of out-of-state Georgetown students.

Behind Georgetown's problems, however, is the very simple fact that the Georgetown neighborhood was there before the school, forcing an awkward marriage between the two.

Drudi agrees that the early seedlings of CUA's university-neighborhood relationship explain why its relationship with Brookland has been so amicable compared to other colleges. "The expression 'good fences make good neighbors' is especially salient to the railroad tracks, which serve as a physical as well as a psychological barrier between the university and the residents. But most important of all, the nature of the Church is to be community-sensitive, and CUA has always been attuned to that.

"CUA also seems to fit organically into the community unlike other institutions. For instance, Howard was built by the federal government for freedmen, Georgetown was a thriving port before there was a school, and George Washington fits awkwardly into the broader cityscape."

CUA's proposed 345-room dorm must then be seen as part and parcel of continuing good relations with the neighborhood. If the new students expected over the next several years were to pour out into Brookland, a devastating "backwash effect" would be felt similar to what has already happened at Yale.

The "backwash effect" is simple and best exemplified in Yale's neighborhood of New Haven, Connecticut. For a number of years Yale did not respond to its housing crises, which sent students into the neighborhood in search of board, and drove many long-term residents out. About the time the neighborhood was supersaturated with students, Yale opened new dorms. Left in the wake of the fleeing students was a virtual ghost town with slumlords eager to get rid of their low-income housing.

At the crux of such a situation is the matter of social justice: not only how does a university relate to its neighborhood, but furthermore, how can it help improve the neighborhood by respecting a community's autonomy without hastening its decline.

Sue Pervi is the point-man for community relations at CUA. She sees her main role as one of facilitating communications between the school, including students, and the neighborhood. "If someone, either at CUA or a Brookland resident, comes to the school with an idea, I would be the person contacted, and would in turn point them in one of several directions." Two of these would include Dr. Merkel, who handles educational partnerships with Brookland, and Fr. Bob Schlageter, the Director of Campus Ministry.

Pervi says that the university prefers practical, grassroots accomplishments to ostentatious displays of positive "town-gown" relations. This has the adverse effect, however, of making CUA's social accomplishments hard to publicize.

The laundry list of partnerships include a twenty-year relationship with DC ARC (Association of Retarded Children) centered at Providence Hospital, housing assistance with Fannie Mae, the KEYs (Keys to Empowering Youth) Math Tutoring Program, and the CUA Metro beautification by the Brookland Gardening Club. The Gardening Club grows flowers on CUA land, and later the various flowers are transplanted to a sister garden on 12th and Monroe.

In addition, Drudi and Area Neighborhood Commissioner Mary Curry worked with Pervi on the most recent five-year master plan for CUA, which covered the prospective dorm and Student Union, along with other campus developments.

Another issue of much import to the neighborhood and the school is graduate housing. Pervi would like to see "near-campus" town-house style units for faculty, grad students



and selected undergrads after the acquisition of the Old Soldier's Home off of Harewood Road. This would form another stable link between the university and the neighborhood.

The potential for a productive partnership between CUA and Brookland is present, but as CUA stands on the brink of a great future in the next millennium, one can only hope that Brookland comes along for the ride. Of course, that depends on 12th St. viewing CUA students as viable customers—at cafes, grocery stores and book shops—not intoxicated teenagers.

Perhaps one day CUA students will be regulars.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ROMANCE OF THE FAITH AT CUA

G.K. Chesterton Society

Fri., Sep. 10 - 9:00 P.M.
Col. Brooks Tavern

Book: *Society and Sanity* by F. J. Sheed
(No advance preparation necessary)

All are welcome...bring a friend!
"Great Books. Great Fun."

Visit us on the web:
http://students.cua.edu/org/romance-of-faith/

Crux Magazine Set for October Launch

Lisa Meagher
Tower Staff

A new literary magazine, Crux, has formed and is due to be published this April.

Joseph Price, student executive editor of Crux, said the magazine was born last year when a group of English majors felt that the University was missing a place "for people to be thoughtful and creative."

Professor of English Joseph Sendry said, "Most literary magazines that have been started at Catholic University have been short-lived."

Shirts and fliers advertising the magazine appeared on campus this week. Crux began their "'what the crux' campaign as a way to get the word and spirit out of the organization," said Price.

The name, suggested by Crux member and English graduate student Jon Shickler, grew out of the definitional meaning of Crux: "the chief problem; the central or decisive point of interest." Said Price, "It was a short and hard name that we felt expressed the mission of the literary magazine; because to create is a basic desire for humans."

Crux received the money it will need to publish from a fund established by former Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Antanas Suziedelis, from which they received $3,000. They also received $1,000 from the Office of the Provost.

"Roughly 4/5 of our budget will go to the printing of a physical literary magazine. This may potentially grow in scale as we explore fundraising opportunities. The rest of the money will be used to sponsor prizes for contests as well as capital for events and fundraisers," said Price.

Crux consists of three commit-

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demic tier in the magazine's annual graduate school rankings, which upset some students. The drop presented Kmiec with the challenge to restore a suitable ranking. Kmiec cited several reasons for the decline, including lower LSAT scores and student-faculty ratio.

This year, the law school reduced the incoming class size by 100, helping to address the student-faculty ratio problem. Smaller class size has fostered an environment more conducive to personal attention that will help increase LSAT scores and overall GPAs, Kmiec said.

guished lecturers and speakers to the school. Kmiec said "to ... nifest the excellence of th ... w school, you must do things that people will pay attention to."

Last August, the law school received attention when Isaac C. Hunt, a recently retired commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission, spoke at the law school. The event was covered by C-SPAN and was run several times throughout the following weekend. Kmiec said that speakers, including Supreme Court Justice Antonia Scalia,

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Office of Judicial Affairs and Ethical Development Created This Summer

Katherine Silkaitis
Tower Staff

The Office of Judicial Affairs and Ethical Development was created this summer, combining the duties of the Residence Hall Conduct Board, the University Hearing Board and some duties of the Judicial Branch of the Undergraduate Student Government.

Associate Dean of Students Jonathan Sawyer said the change was made to bring the different judicial boards "back under one roof" and because the number of judicial cases increased.

Former Vice President for Student Life Rev. Robert M. Friday said that he and others, including Dean of Students Margaret Higgins and Director of Housing and Residential Services Katherine Boone, have been planning this for "two years or so."

Sawyer said the name of the office refers to its two main functions. Judicial affairs refers to the task of managing discipline, while ethical development is "what we can do to impact behavior before it becomes a problem."

Sawyer said the new office will offer a consistent approach to both on- and off-campus violations as well as violations by both campus residents and non-residents.

Students involved in cases where eviction from residence halls, suspension or expulsion from the University is a possibility now have the option to go before the University Hearing Board or to go to an administrative hearing, according to Judicial Vice president Nichole Kratve.

"We want students to know they have the right to go before their peers; they can be judged by the people they see everyday. They'll know that there are other students protecting their rights," Kratve said, referring to the University Hearing Board. She said that she is "looking to create a pool of 15 [undergraduate] students" and a few graduate students to hear cases.

Kratve said that since undergraduate cases "heavily outweigh" graduate student cases, there are more undergraduate students than graduate students on the board.

Kratve said the difference between the UHB and an administrative hearing is a UHB hearing is "more of a judicial case, a courtroom scene," with a judge

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If there is to be some constructive dialog re campus plan, CUA should, among other things, brief us on this.

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tries of the world have successfully frozen a total of $112 million connected to terrorist organizations, Gurule said.

In the conclusion of his speech, Gurule spoke about the three court challenges brought about by companies whose money was frozen due to their involvement in terrorism. He has credibility." He concluded his speech by saying that there is "much work that remains to be done."

Gurule was introduced by Dean of the Columbus School of Law Douglas Kmiec as a "person who is in the frontline of the war on terrorism.

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New Office to Combine HRS, Judicial Branch

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and a jury. Administrative hearings are more "one-on-one," where the student meets with a judicial officer individually, she also said. Judicial officers are members of HRS, such as a resident director or an area coordinator, Sawyer said.

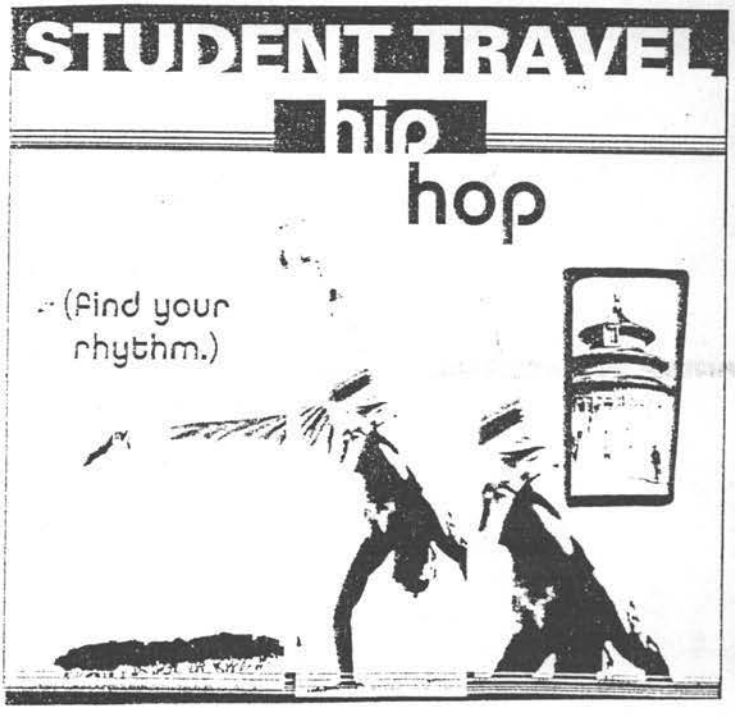
He also said one of the goals of the new office is to educate students on their rights. "For example, do students know they can bring witnesses to their hearings?" he said. Sawyer also said a goal is to develop guides to explain to students what it means to have an adjudication hearing and what their rights are.

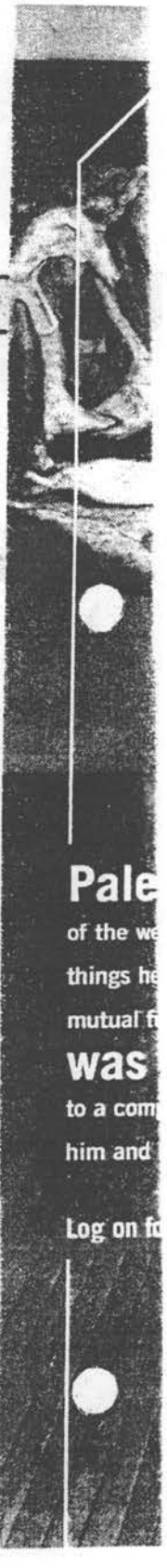
Although there is now an Office of Judicial Affairs and Ethical Development, Sawyer said that judicial affairs "are being operated as it has in the past." He said that about 95 percent of judicial cases were handled through HRS last year and "there hasn't been a significant change."

Since the beginning of the school year, there have been 171 students involved in 64 events, according to Sawyer. He said about 75 percent of these cases have already gone through and been finalized. Sawyer said that there is usually a two-week turnaround for cases.

According to both Sawyer and Friday, there was a similar office in place about five years ago. The Office of Adjudication was disbanded when its director, Cynthia Lee D. Mauris, left to take over Student Activities, which later became the Office of Campus Programs, Friday said.

He said that "it would have been too much work" for her to take all her previous duties to her new position. As a result, Friday said the work was divided between Housing and Residential Services and OCP. "That didn't work too well," Friday said.





University Will Not Reveal Decision On Underage Students Shown Drinking

John Meehan
Tower Staff

A decision about charging underage students featured on the website epartyschool.com has been made, but Assistant Dean of Students Ellen Breitpohl Thorp refused to comment on the decision, citing issues of confidentiality.

"If [the University was] to charge students with a violation of student conduct, we would have notified them in a letter, or we will be notifying them shortly," Thorp continued.

She said that the University began "looking into taking disciplinary actions against underage students shown drinking" two weeks ago, and said the Univeristy would render its decision early last week. Thorp said "It's not up in the air, we have made a decision."

Thorp said the University was unable to obtain identification of all the students shown on the website before the pictures were taken down. Two students featured on the website said they did not receive any notification of disciplinary action. Both said they had not "been contacted in any way" by the University.

Thorp added that the University has be en in contact with Pat Houston, the owner of Johnny K's, since the pictures appeared. "We are really moving toward a proactive relationship of working with each other. I really think that [Houston] will be willing to cooperate with us as much as he can."



EPARTYSCHOOL.COM

Pictures that were found on epartyschool.com, such as this one, were taken down from the site after the University said it may take disciplinary action.

Houston agreed with Thorp, saying, "in plain and simple English, I absolutely want to work with CUA. There is just no room in our business for [websites like] epartyschool.com. Aside from the fact that students didn't sign consent forms, the people from the website snuck in, just like the kids who were underage."

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– Pat Houston
Owner, Johnny K's

In response to the underage pictures that appeared on the website, Houston said black lights have been implemented in verifying identifications. Houston called Johnny K's "one of the most up-to-date [bars] in the area for checking for false identification."

The website removed the students' pictures on Oct. 24. According to Chris Delany, developer of the website and a junior at Mount St. Mary's College Md., the site "pulled [the pictures] after being notified by student contacts" of the University's pending disciplinary proceedings.

"Basically, [our site's decision] was geared toward keeping [the students] out of trouble and that's it." Delany said he "didn't think that there was anything wrong [with displaying the pictures], but [he] would be willing to remove the pictures if somebody's going get in trouble for them."

Delany said the website is "an entertainment site and what is being portrayed is entertainment." Delany said the colleges found on the website are profiled based on their reputation as "party schools" through rankings found in *Playboy* magazine and *The Princeton Review*.

Epartyschool.com, which was launched in September and has received over 1.7 million visits thus far, according to Delany, is "a comical site not

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USG Considers Raisir Student Activities Fee

Gregory Parker
Tower Staff

The Undergraduate Student Government is considering raising the student activities fee $25 per semester, according to Treasury Vice President Steve Rubis.

The fee, which provides funds to student organizations, is currently set at $75 per semester. In order to raise the fee, 360 students must sign a petition before it can be voted on by a student referendum. If USG gets the signatures, the referendum will be held Thursday, the last possible day in order for the budget office to know whether or not to bill students for the proposed increase.

Rubis said USG wants the increase because, "we would like to be able to fund more organizations, to better fund the existing ones and to be able to provide the funds for the tions to be of a hig

Last year, studen tions requested $7 funding, but USG h $360,000 to distribute. "An increase in the activities fee would allow ier planning. Organi could plan events in th ning of the year more e if they knew the money be there."

Rubis continued, "We raised the fee in th 2001 school year and w money we have been ab some great things. T Program Board putting Rusted Root concert College Republicans hav Stein come to speak."

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University Leaves Americ Association of Universiti

Meghan Joyce
Tower Staff

The University withdrew from the American Association of Universities, a group of research universities, Oct. 20 because CUA and the AAU are moving forward "on different trajectories," according to CUA's withdrawal letter.

In the letter to the AAU announcing CUA's withdrawal, O'Connell said, "While all of us believe that CUA is well positioned to fulfill its academic research mission, it has become clear that CUA and the vast majority of AAU institutions are moving forward but on different trajectories." O'Connell's letter is posted in his column in this month's edition of *CUA Online*.

The AAU, which began with 14 universities, now has 60 American universities and two Canadian universities, with a mix of public and private institutions. CUA was a founding member of the Association and the only Catholic member as of its withdrawal.

University Spokesman Victor Nakas said, "The Strategic Plan emp humanities...we looked priorities in the Strate and it was decided that sense for Catholic Univ withdraw from the AA AAU outlived its useful us."

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University, Bar Join in

'Cooperative Effort' Against Underage Drinking

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Delany, is "a comical site not meant to be taken seriously." The purpose of the website is "to become a portal for a college entertainment site... a place to vent out from the tough school work, [an] online place to get away from the books and to make students' college years a little simpler."

In response to the University's reaction, Delany said "each school has got its parties, and we're trying to show them. I think we're telling a part of the school that [the University] is trying to hide." Delany said he "heard the University was kind of pissed at the comment about being a drinking school with a Catholic problem.

"It was a joke, and [the University] didn't get it. [The quote was] told to us by a student from CUA, and that wasn't the first time that we had heard it.... nothing against the school." Delany said "if [Thorp] thinks that our site is going to ruin the University's good reputation, then I don't think that she has too much faith in her school."

According to Thorp, "epartyschool is unfairly categorizing the behavior of 5,000 students based on the actions of 100 students they encountered on one particular night." By doing so, said Thorp, the site "is making statements that reinforce the perception that 'everyone is drinking,' which is simply not the case."

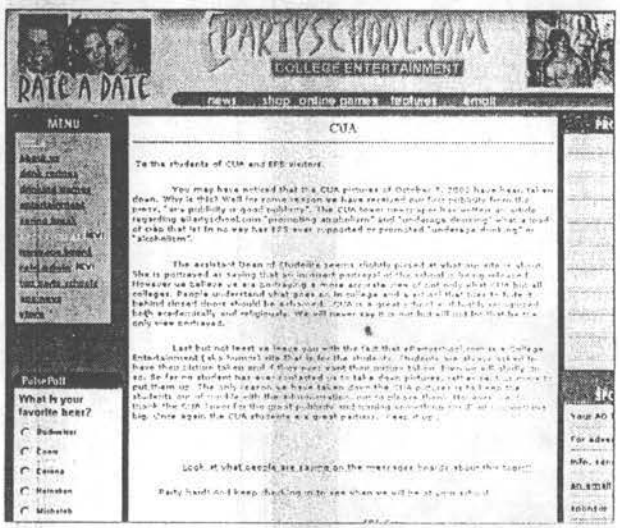
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> – Chris Delany
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Thorp assured that she was in no way concerned that the University's reputation would be affected. "It's going to take a lot more than one little website to ruin CUA s reputation. CUA is an amazing school." Thorp "took issue" with epartyschool's approach to drinking, saying the site "made light" of alcoholism and underage alcohol abuse.

"I'm not worried at all about it ruining our reputation, I'm worried about the perception the website gives to perspective students. I'm concerned that students did not give permission, and I'm concerned how students were taken advantage of," she said.

Delany said, "I don't think that we're encouraging [drinking]. It's there. Whether or not we take a picture of kids drinking, it is still going to happen. We did not know that these kids were under 21. We were at a bar where kids were carded and we assumed that they were [of legal drinking age]. Some of those pics were actually submitted to the site. We're not going around trying to find some kids drinking underage. We're just trying to find students partying. To say that [ePartyschool] promotes underage drinking or alcoholism is crazy... that is not what our site's about."

He continued, saying, "Before we took each picture, [we] would tell them what the pictures would be used for, and they'd say yes or no. Secondly, most of the pictures were taken at the bar. There were people coming straight up to us asking to have their picture taken."

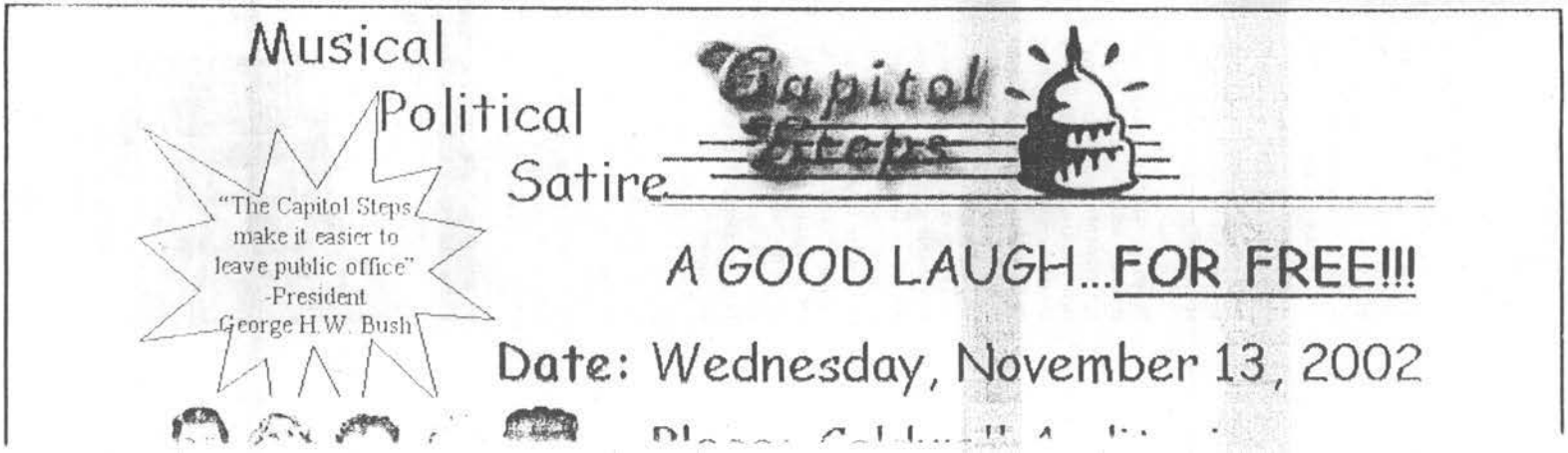


EPARTYSCHOOL.COM

Epartyschool.com, the site that posted the pictures, has received over 1.7 million hits in just over two months, according to site manager Chris Delany.

The website, according to Delany, "did not get any comments asking for pictures to be taken down from any of the kids there." Delany added that had students expressed concern, ePartyschool "would have removed the pics without any problem."

Athough many students were aware of the photographers' intent, according to some students whose pictures appeared on the website, "not everybody was sure what the pictures were being used for."



CUA May Take Disciplinary Action Against Underage Drinkers Shown On Website

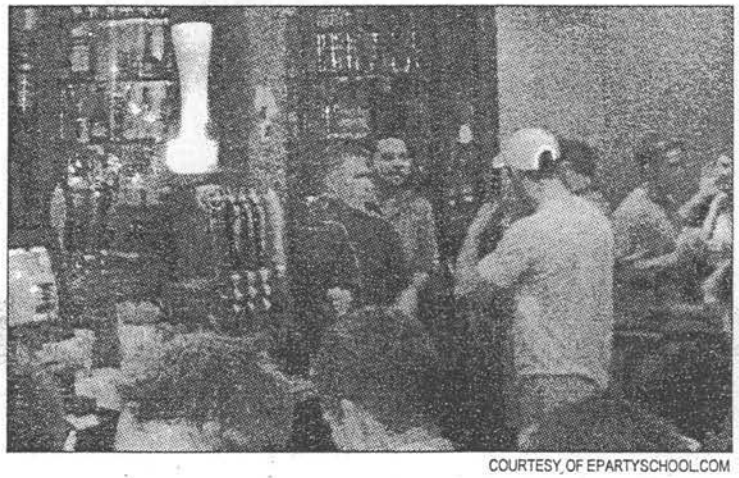
John Meehan
Tower Staff

Assistant Dean of Students Ellen Breipohl Thorp said the University is looking into taking disciplinary actions against underage students shown drinking on a party website and should render its decision "early next week."

Thorp called the incident "humiliating, and horribly embarrassing" to alumni, prospective students, "the majority of University students" and all of those involved. Thorp said she received a "substantial number of e-mails" from University students alerting her to the website's photographs.

The website, epartyschool.com, recently named the University its "party school of the week." Pictures of University students, many of whom were identified as underage, were photographed while drinking at Johnny K's and in the dorm rooms of Spellman Hall. Additional pictures featured two female students kissing and another student exposing her undergarments.

Thorp, an alumna of the University herself, was "concerned" that prospective students might search the web to find out information about the University, "and this is what they could find." Thorp said "one of her biggest concerns" regarding the website is "it doesn't lend itself to an accurate portrayal" of University students.



COURTESY OF EPARTYSCHOOL.COM

The interior of Johnny K's, as well as many students, are featured on epartyschool.com's website as the October 7 party school of the week.

Additionally, Thorp said she was "anger[ed] that the site posted the pictures, as some of the students whose pictures were featured did not sign release forms."

In the paragraphs that accompanied the photos, the website called the University "a drinking school with a Catholic problem," stating the University was "all about partying." In an additional comment that Thorp found "incredibly hurtful," the site issued a thank you to University students for "doing what they do best... Getting LOADED."

Thorp said she found the website's comments "insensitive and disturbing." She said she was "disappointed" in the website's attempt to make light of alcoholism, a problem she felt might be "particularly offensive" to students who might have dealt with alcoholism with family members.

Thorp added that she spoke to Pat Houston, owner of Johnny K's, in an attempt to develop a "collaborative relationship" to reduce underage drinking at Houston's bar. According to Thorp, Houston requested the photographs of all those identified by the University to be of underage students. These students, according to Thorp's conversation with Houston, "will not be admitted" in the future.

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Media Studies Program Third Most Popular in Arts and Sciences

Martta McGlynn
Tower Staff

Due to the growth of the Media Studies program since its beginning six years ago, the School of Arts and Sciences is currently discussing plans to convert the Media Studies program from a degree program within the English Department to an 'Communications' programs that many universities have - this is a more critical/analytical, humanities-oriented program."

According to the Fall 2002 records of the school of Arts and Sciences, Media Studies is currently the third most popular major in the school of Arts and Sciences, with 161 declared

Italian May Bec Academic Major

Eleanor Nemeth
Tower Staff

The School of Arts and Sciences has proposed Italian as a new major for the 2003-2004 academic year. For a number of years the idea of an Italian major has been discussed amongst faculty

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Studies students, the is hoping to create a clini- ulty position in produc- nd Gitelman "is working on tapping potential especially in the realm of te foundations with inter- media, for the purpose of hardware, software and chnical support for the e program," said Poos. ldition, he said, because bvious ways in which Art dia Studies overlap," he uraged the two programs with one another in digi- According to Poos, the artment has lost three members over the past John Winslow, who Tom Nakashima, who left the school for another job opportunity as resident artist and Nora Heimann, who is taking the year off for research. Now that the Art Department has only one regular faculty member, the department "needs to be fundamentally rethought" in order to stabilize it, said Poos. He hopes that the two programs can see how much overlap there is and create interdisciplinary classes.



Number of Student Conduct Incidents Increases by 100 Percent

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Residential staff take an intense two-week training program prior to the beginning of the school year. Each year the training program is evaluated and restructured to allow for the greatest focus on key issues the staff will most likely face during their duties. Recent years have had an increased emphasis on alcohol issues, which are the most documented cases of misconduct on campus. As a result, staff members are more able to detect behavior analogous to alcohol use. Out of the 131 incidents that have occurred to date this semester, about 50 percent have involved alcohol.

At the beginning of the year, most cases involved upper-classmen, but in the past three to four weeks there has been an increase in freshman violations. As the semester progresses, freshman become adjusted and develop the impression that their peer counterparts are not getting caught for their offensive behaviors. But, Sawyer said that in reality students are getting caught and documented, as seen through the increase in violations this year.

The goal, Sawyer said, is to protect the campus community and students who are here primarily for academics. The Division of Student Life is concerned with providing students a healthy and safe environment to ensure a proper education. In addition, he said that students should feel empowered to stand up to disruptive behavior. When looking at the price of education at the University, it is not fair to have one or a few students affect the campus in a negative way, he said.

Sawyer said he "stresses that students need to be accountable for their behaviors. They should make decisions that will help them succeed academically." There is a likelihood, he said, that "the more times students make good choices, the greater chance they have of having a good time at the University."

DPS Officers Stationed at All Entrances as a Result of Sniper Attacks

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McGill advised to, "read the paper, watch the news, follow the events." He said "he [sniper] has a pattern to a degree." McGill suggested that students stay away from the types of locations which the sniper has targeted, which includes business establishments, restaurants and shopping centers near major highways with quick escape routes. McGill says that the week. Brad Thomas, Associate Director of University Center, Student Programs and Events, said that cancelling the program was a "difficult decision." He said that University Center Student Programs attempted to "avoid disrupting lives of the University community," while keeping in mind the safety of those on campus. Thomas said it "seemed reasonable not to sponsor students going to those on how they felt on campus and in the city. Freshman Rachel Dudek said, "It doesn't make me scared," and said she has not changed her personal habits because of the attacks. " I don't want to change my life for something I have no control over."

Kevin Voss, a sophomore Mechanical Engineering major, said he is "a little worried about it," and Katie Bellebaum, a

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Student Conduct Violations Increase by 75 Percent

Jess Myers
Tower Staff

Interim Dean of Students Jonathan Sawyer said that there has been a "significant jump" in student conduct violations this semester compared to previous years. He said much of the increase is probably due to increased enforcement by the University rather than an increase in student population or inappropriate behavior. Documented incidents have increased by 100 percent since last year.

During the first nine weeks of this semester, there have been a total of 131 incidents reported, involving 330 students. An incident is an event that results in violation, in which one or more students can be involved. A case is the meeting and documentation of each individual involved in the offending event. The 100 percent increase in incidents this semester has resulted in a 75 percent rise in cases. These numbers are already a considerable jump from the three previous years, he said.

For all of last year, there were a total of 260 incidents, involving some 600 students. The two years before that had even smaller totals with approximately 220 incidents and 470 cases. In addition, there has also been an increase in students found guilty of more severe sanctions this semester. These students could face expulsion if they are involved in another incident.

Sawyer said the increase in documented violations is the result of an emphasis on a better-trained staff with a higher consistency in reporting incidents, and the refining of campus policies and procedures. Sawyer said that he would "never suggest that behaviors are getting worse, but rather are just being documented better now." He also said that although there is an increase is campus population, the correlation between the increase in population and reported incidences is probably minimum.

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A search will begin around January for a new dean of students, according to Pervi. In between now and then, Pervi will be conducting meetings and

search committee is formed, [illegible] up of people who really understand in dep[illegible]hat the dean of students job [illegible]olves." Pervi will

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Despite Possible Arrest of Sniper, University Takes Certain Precautions

Kristen Asmussen
Tower Staff

The recent sniper shootings in and around D.C. have led to some changes on campus. Winslow McGill, field operations supervisor for the Department of Public Safety, said that while "no one at this point can guarantee anything," Public Safety is "simply doing the very best we can." Even with the possible apprehension of the sniper, McGill said DPS "will have to wait and see if it's the right person," before the police officers return back to their normal activities.

McGill said DPS has put some special precautions in place to protect the University community from sniper attacks. These include lengthening the shifts of all officers from eight to twelve hours, and having officers stationed at all entrances. However, if the suspect is correctly identified as the sniper then, "we would go back to normal work schedules," he said.

McGill said that DPS maintains "constant contact with the Metropolitan Police Department." DPS receives new updates on the status of the sniper shootings and situation daily from MPD and send out e mails to students, faculty, and staff, and pass on the information they receive to their officers during roll call.

McGill's said that everyon should "use a lot of judgmen and common sense." He saic "one should not be hesitar about calling police about ar suspicious activity," and asks fc everyone on campus to l aware of what is going c around them.

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employees and annual revenues of about $90 million.

According to his colleagues, Mr. Brown is remarkably skilled at facilitating site master-planning *charrettes* — the meetings where projects are debated and shaped.

Dennis Carmichael, an EDAW vice president who's worked with him at numerous *charrettes*, says, "He has an amazing ability to synthesize the issues in a project, to really understand what the client needs. He's excellent at thinking on his feet, perhaps the best I've ever seen."

Betsy Cerulo: CEO of the Company She Founded

Betsy Cerulo was vice president of an accounting and financial placement firm 13 years ago when she was asked to turn around the company's struggling franchise in northern Virginia. Determined to do a good job, she stopped at the Small Business Administration offices in Washington, D.C., where she met with a retired hotel executive who was dispensing free advice to young entrepreneurs.

Ms. Cerulo asked him how she could pull the franchise out of the red. He put his hand on her shoulder and said, "Honey, forget the franchise. Start your own business."

For about seven months after that, she would climb into bed at night with a pen and notepad and jot down ideas about the executive search firm she planned to create. She recruited friends and family to help her set up the new business, cashed in her 401K and put some of her expenses on credit cards. On Feb. 5, 1990, she opened AdNet/AccountNet Inc. in a basement office on St. Paul Street in Baltimore.

Now she runs her business from a large suite of offices in Columbia, Md. As chief executive officer, Ms. Cerulo, 41, oversees a company that generates about $1.4 million in annual revenues and has been ranked in the top 50 women-owned businesses in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

She's done well, she says, despite her academic record at Catholic University where it took her five years to earn a bachelor's degree in general studies with a business concentration. An honor student and senior class president at St. Mary's High School in Perth Amboy, N.J., she started as a pre-med major at CUA but was far more interested in socializing.

"If you went back and looked at my grades, I certainly wouldn't have been given any awards," she says, sitting at her desk in front of a large window. "I probably would have been given the social award. I had a great time at Catholic."

While her study skills may have fallen a bit short at CUA, her determination to succeed was strong. "I knew I was going to be successful in life," she says. "As I got closer to graduation, I used to think, 'Just let me get out and take on the world.' I came out like a blazing fire, ready to jump into the workplace."

At CUA she learned "to be a risk taker and to negotiate," she remembers. "You can bet that when my grades were borderline I wasn't afraid to knock on a professor's door and say, 'Hey, can we talk?' And their doors were always open."

After graduating from CUA in 1984, Ms. Cerulo got a job with a New Jersey consulting firm but quit after six months. "I knew it wasn't the right place for me," she says. "I knew I could do better."

A warm, effusive person whose older brother is a priest, Ms. Cerulo sought the services of several job-placement agencies. Impressed with her skills, recruiters at two of the agencies offered her positions with their own firms. She accepted one of the offers — as a personnel consultant with a company based in Paramus, N.J. — where she was vice president by the time she left to start AdNet.

She says that much of her success stems from the way she runs her business and works with clients. She strives for "a healthy workplace" that promotes teamwork, creativity and sensitivity about the personal lives of her clients and employees.

Running her own business in an industry tied directly to the job market hasn't always been easy. The recession of the early 1990s and the economic downturn following the terrorist attacks in September 2001 put a strain on company revenues and on the psyche of clients who were looking for jobs. With some clients, Ms. Cerulo provides a sympathetic ear as well as job placement advice.

"Some of our clients have really been hit hard emotionally and financially," she says. "Sometimes they're depressed; we try to guide them. I tell them, 'You can't see it but you're wearing your negative emotions. If I can see it, then a potential employer can, too.' People deserve the truth."



Betsy Cerulo says she's relied on life skills learned at CUA where it seemed to her that a "safety bubble" hung over campus.

But business has improved, allowing Ms. Cerulo time to pursue an interest that stems from her days as a pre-med student: She took a college anatomy course recently where she earned an "A."

She says she also would like to work on "improving the sometimes harsh climate of the corporate world," where stress and long hours can adversely affect employees and their families.

Still, she says, there's no way to get around the hard work of setting up your own business. "To get started, you have to work 60- to 80-hour weeks. You've got to stay the course with integrity and, in order to get anywhere, you've got to take risks."

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alumni Outraged By Cancellation

We write in response to a CUA vendor's rescinded invitation of an appearance by D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton because she is pro-choice ("CU Bookstore Drops Norton Appearance," *Washington Post*, Feb. 3).

By all accounts, Delegate Norton was not planning to address her stance on abortion. By their actions, the vendor and the CUA administration, have once again chipped away at the very soul of a university – the discourse of ideas – by preventing her from appearing at all.

Regardless of one's position on abortion – we represent both the pro-life and pro-choice positions – it is unconscionable that the University or one of its vendors "disinvite" a member of Congress from speaking on campus for any reason. Neither the purpose of Norton's visit, nor public positions she has made, indicated that her appearance would include a position counter to Church teaching.

While CUA will surely continue to blame the bookstore manager for canceling the appearance, the larger question remains: What kind of university does not allow people to espouse a position on campus if it is counter to the university's patron?

The position of those opposed to pro-choice speakers is that the University, via Catholic Church teachings, has the moral authority to prevent opposite opinions from being presented on campus. This opinion flies in the face of everything a university should be and centuries of Catholic education – where rote learning in youth eventually grew to "Socratic" questioning and reasoned thinking of one's beliefs to make them a stronger, more complete, person.

Is that not the purpose of a great institution like CUA? Student organizations should use their energy to promote CUA's strength and diversity of ideas rather than working so hard to stunt the open discussion of issues on a university campus. The logical extension may be that the Dalai Lama could not speak on campus about the economic plight of the people of Nepal, let alone spiritual leadership in the modern world, because he does not believe in the divinity of Christ.

Allowing someone to believe – or even to speak – something counter to the Church's teaching will not cause the entire university to crumble under its own weight. But if incidents like Norton's continue to happen, CUA will not be a university at all, and will not be an alma mater of which we are proud.

We are disappointed in the University for preventing the flow of ideas. We are disappointed that this is another in a long line of incidents where the purpose of a school of higher learning was stunted by the political baggage of the Church. We are disappointed that episodes like this will continue.

Most of all, we are worried about the future of a university – our alma mater – that actively prevents the exposition of ideas with which it institutionally does not agree.

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Need To Apply Pro-Life Standard Uniformly

I was disturbed to learn of the recent cancellation of D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton's book signing that was scheduled for Wednesday at the University's bookstore.

While I strongly support the right to free speech, as exercised by the College Republicans at CUA, I strongly oppose what I see as selective treatment when it comes to determining who is and who isn't allowed to present their views on the campus of Catholic University.

What concerns me is how Norton can be turned away from a book signing at Catholic University because of her support for abortion, while Attorney General John Ashcroft, who favors the death penalty, can be invited as the 2002 Commencement Speaker. That isn't pro-life either. Something just isn't right.

Statistics show that blacks are unfairly given the death penalty when compared with other races that commit similar types of crime. Surely the Roman Catholic Church is opposed to this as well.

What adds further insult to injury is the timing of this cancellation. Norton was scheduled to meet students and faculty during a time that is sacred to African-Americans and concerned people of other races: Black History Month. I was looking forward to attending the book signing and learning more about her recently published book, *Fire In My Soul*. When I learned that her book signing had been canceled it lit a fire in my soul.

I will offer these views for consideration as the University establishes a uniform policy for determining which speakers and/or authors are acceptable and appropriate for Catholic University's campus. A university is a center for academic inquiry and intellectual development. Its mission is to pursue truth while balancing the demands of academic scholarship, moral rectitude and cultural diversity. If students choose not to dialogue with those who think differently than they do, especially on the campus of a Catholic University, how will they ever learn to build bridges of intellectual understanding with views that are very different from their own? How will they be able to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world?

Carlos E. Harvin
Graduate Student, School of Theology and Religious Studies

Cautious Of Who Comes To Campus

I was astonished that in class my professor chose to bring to light an issue of a partisan nature. He explained that in a University, which is the center of the exchanging of ideas, that the student movement that led to the cancellation of Eleanor Holmes Norton was shocking and disturbing.

Recently in *The Tower*, since the week of the Pro-Life march, there have been a few letters expressing that tolerance among the students of this University has not been warm. Those who consider themselves pro choice have felt that they have been left out. The editorial section of *The Tower* also voiced its opinion that although it is in full support of the pro-life movement, the decision to cancel Norton's appearance is "not a necessary reaction to her position."

As a senior at this University who is also pro-life, I would hope that this University is not intolerant. Fredrick Douglass, a freed slave, once wrote to his former master, "I love you, but I hate slavery."

This University must embrace those who are pro-choice with a similar spirit. We love them, but we hate the act that they support. Sometimes that may include not allowing a person to come here to this campus, who would financially benefit from the selling of her book, which was her first purpose for being here.

Norton, though a valiant civil rights leader for African-Americans, has been a disgrace to the human rights issue of abortion. She has advanced the cause of abortion rights by disillusioning young women, and making abortion on demand possible in every way. Through her rhetoric, abortion is seen not as murder, but as a sensible means of birth control and keeping control of the population.

This does not mean that those who are pro-life hate her. Nor does it mean that anyone who is of a different belief on this campus should be singled out. Everyone has a right to an opinion. It is this sacred right for which we have fought wars. But there is also a right to life, and those who have actively been against this right must be looked at with a skeptical eye, especially those who only seeking to profit by coming to our university.

Mark English
Senior, Politics

The Conservative Nation Takes Control Of Campus

I wrote last week that when it came to the intolerance of other ideals and opinions on campus it was just the student body that should be faulted. Now, it has become more apparent that this school is run by a narrow-minded conservative nation. This is not an attack on the president of the University or anyone else, what this is, is a commentary from a student who is sick and tired of how this school uses one issue, and one issue only, to determine if someone is credible enough to speak here.

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton is an advocate for the rights of all the citizens of Washington, D.C. and one of the highest ranking African-Americans in the Democratic Party. Yet, because she is a Democrat and pro-choice, she is not allowed to speak here. Unbelievable.

Isn't it funny that the only Democrats allowed to speak, or possibly allowed to speak here (DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe and Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley) are alumni of the University? These Democrats are without a doubt pro-choice, so why the difference? Perhaps it is the power of the almighty dollar.

So, no liberal Democrats can speak here, unless donations to the University can possibly appear in the horizon. However, people such a Attorney General Ashcroft, one of the most controversial appointments to that position and Ben Stein, a man who joked about the shootings in Silver Spring, Md. (which later turned out to be the first in the D.C. Sniper Case) are allowed to speak here.

Is this a tolerant, understanding, Catholic University of America or is this Bob Jones' Washington, D.C. campus?

Frank Lankey
Freshman, Politics Major

an example of how CUA's students view the neighborhood

THE HEIGHTS

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Most people think of the Heights as one of the most unsafe places in the area to live, but current residents Quannah Parker-McGowan and Nathan Beecher both feel differently.

Parker-McGowan, a junior biology major, feels that The Heights are "D.C.'s best kept secret" adding that they are "a little piece of heaven right in the ghetto."

"I think it's pretty safe," said Beecher, a senior politics major.

Accoring to Parker-McGowan, the best thing about living in the Heights is there are "no area coordinators knocking on your door," but added that "it's the DC cops," instead.

What drew Beecher to The Heights were their proximity and price. "It's really close to everything on North Campus ... it's a closer walk than The Cloisters. And, it's a lot cheaper than living on campus."

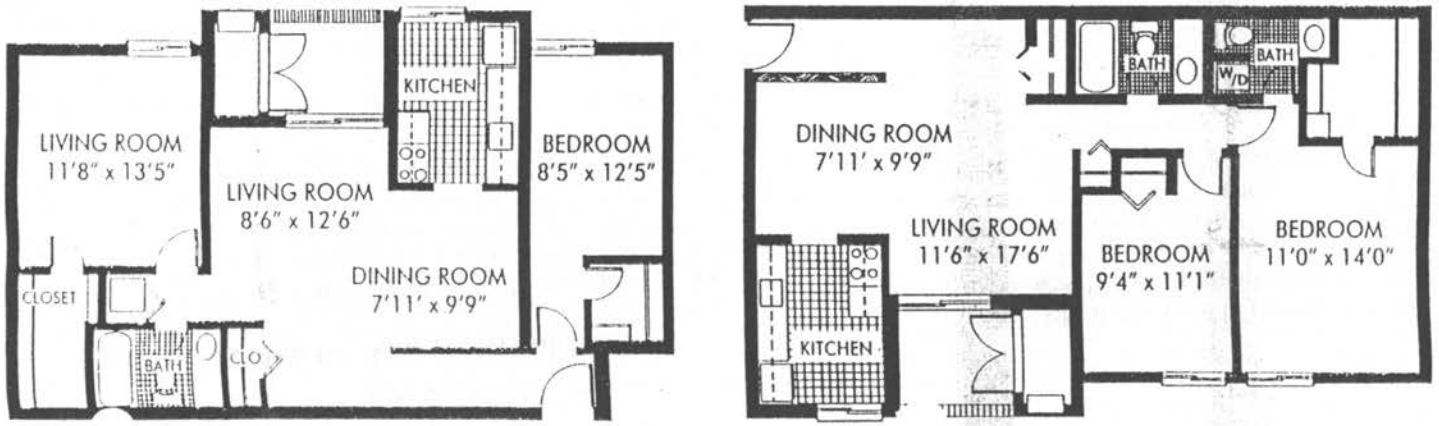
"The neighbors are pretty friendly," Beecher said.

But the Heights are not without their drawbacks. "Our toilet has been clogged for a week and a half and maintence is no where to be found," said Parker-McGowan.

Parker-McGowan mentioned in closing that "Tupac rules," (meaning that she liked the fact that her dog Tupac, as well as other pets, are allowed).

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The neights offers two different two bedroom models (as does Summit Hills), one with two bathrooms (left) and one with one bathroom (right)

1965 Brookland Tour booklet

Interesting Facts About Brookland

The Brookland-Michigan Park neighborhood contains one of the largest complexes of Catholic institutions in the world. They include Catholic University, Trinity College, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and approximately a hundred seminaries, houses of studs and affiliated colleges. In the vicinity also are such Catholic institutions as Carroll Manor (archdiocesan home for the aged), St. Anne's Infant and Maternity Home, the Benedictine Abbey School and the Franciscan Monastery. The sound of the angelus bell is heard in Brookland at morning and night, and colorful religious habits are a common sight in the stores and on the streets.

Yet Brookland and Michigan Park also have an imposing array of churches of other denominations. They include the Brookland Baptist Church, the Brookland Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Michigan Park Christian Church, St. Peter's Evangelical (Lutheran) Church, the Church of the Redeemer, the Brookland Union Baptist Church, and others.

Strictly speaking, Brookland has never been racially segregated. The first Negro family arrived as early as 1896. However, as elsewhere in Washington, there was a high degree of racial imbalance which was not corrected until the nineteen-forties and fifties, when the number of Negro families increased sharply. Interestingly enough, income and educational levels remained constant.

Most residents of Brookland and Michigan Park own their own homes, and more than half live in single-family detached houses. The percentage of rental property is very low, in comparison with other residential neighborhoods of Washington.

Every month of the year, thousands of tourists come to Brookland to visit the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the Franciscan Monastery. There are also hundreds of students living in Brookland, many of them from foreign countries.

There are still a few barns left in Brookland. Tom Rooney, an art teacher and wood sculptor who lives at 3425 14th Street N.E., converted one on his property into a studio. . . . At least one descendant of Brookland's original settler, Colonel Brooks, still lives in the neighborhood. She is Mrs. Elizabeth Cahill, postmistress at Catholic University. Colonel Brooks was her great-grandfather. . . . Birds are attracted by the many trees, gardens and hedges in Brookland, the commonest local songbirds being the cardinal and the mockingbird. . . . There are several octogenarians in Brookland, including Joseph Krause of 1437 Otis Street N.E. Mr. Krause, who is scheduled to celebrate his one-hundred and third birthday later this year, came to Brookland more than seventy years ago. . . . Brookland is located on one of the highest points in the District of Columbia, and from several places the Capitol Building, some four miles away, is clearly visible. . . . Municipal attractions in Washington are all convenient to Brookland. Constitution Hall, the Zoo, the downtown shopping district, National Theatre, the new Washington Stadium, the Coliseum and the major government buildings are within a half-hour's drive or bus ride.

Brookland contains one of the most unique houses in Washington, the mysterious Round House at the corner of Tenth and Irving streets, N. E. The house is more than fifty years old, and is completely circular, with a circular tower and even a circular basement. It is in excellent condition and is still lived in. But nobody knows who the builder was or why he decided to build the house just that way. . . . The Brookland Civic Association, with a membership of more than twelve hundred members, is the largest such association in Washington. Its former president, William Hammond Thomas, is now President of the D. C. Federation of Civic Associations. . . . Among the now-famous people who made Brookland their home when they lived in Washington are Dr. Ralph Bunche of the U. N., Walter Kerr, drama critic of the New York Herald-Tribune, and his wife Jean, author of "Mary, Mary" and other Broadway hits. Another is William McAndrew, NBC vice-president in charge of network news . . . a native-born Brooklander and former editor of the Catholic University newspaper, "The Tower." . . . Robert B. Weaver, Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, was also born and raised in Brookland. . . . Numerous Catholic University and Trinity College graduates have married and settled in Brookland . . . and the neighborhood has a high percentage of graduates and faculty members of nearby Howard University. . . . Most recent statistics (March 1965) show that the Twelfth Precinct (including Brookland) has the sixth lowest crime rate of Washington's fourteen precincts. . . . In an outstanding example of civic action, Brookland merchants, religious institutions and service organizations have contributed substantial sums toward financing the Area Tour and other neighborhood activities.

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Right Reverend David O'Connell, President
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Dear Rev. O'Connell:

I am writing in reference to two incidents that have occurred in the Red Line within the past Four (4) months. My name is Reverend Anthony Evans and I am President of the DC Black Church Initiative. This is a collation of 800 Black ,white and Latino churches who are committed to promote good health practices. The way in which we achieve this is through health promotion, health education seminars, and the distribution of health literature. We are also engaged into improving youth development and having a progressive educational thrust to prepare District School kids for higher education.

The first incident happened when I was on my way home after an exhausting prayer meeting One Friday night on the Red Line toward Glenmont. My metro stop is Brookland-Catholic University. In this particular night I witnessed about 35 white kids from Catholic University getting up on the seats screaming to the top of their voices, and singing all sorts of lewd songs. That particular night my travel companion was a young woman from one of the area churches which surrounds the University. These kids were obviously drunk. The emotional rowdiness, which they displayed on public access transportation, does not in any way reflect the social character of Catholic University. At the time of the incident, I immediately called Metro Police to report the kids and to calm them down. The same night one of your students brought up their food on the platform at Brookland Station and refused to clean it up and used unchristian language to describe the action of the Metro employee who was trying to assist him.

Just 3 weeks ago I witnessed what would amounted to a gang beating of one of your students. What made this act so egregious was the 15 or so young men who started the mayhem were all Catholic University students. This particular act was criminal in nature, so therefore, as a law-abiding citizen and a cleric I was compelled to alert the Metro operator of the train, which was eventually stopped at Gallery Place. When the balance of the passengers began

to question the behavior of the kids, the kids physically threatened to do the same to the passengers, which in turn silenced any opposition to their raw behavior. One of the women who was traveling in my party was assaulted as well, because as the mayhem went on, one young man who participated fell back into her lap and temporarily angered and hurt one member of the party. This woman wanted to pursue the matter in criminal court but we were unable to find out the name of the young man who fell into her lap.

The two incidents described above clearly denote a pattern which is increasingly emerging. One, that male and female students from Catholic University ride the Red Line en masse during the hours of 11:00 PM to 2:00 AM on a Friday or Saturday night. Secondly, alcohol is apparently a self-medicating drug which is constant throughout the two incidents. Thirdly, the students display behavior which goes far beyond being anti-social onto that which is unchristian and in some incidence criminal. It so happened that not only Metro's Brookland Stop is my stop, but I also live within the context of the Brookland community, this last incident that occurred frighten me to the point that I constructed this letter to allow you to come up with innovative approaches to put an end to such behavior. I did not call the police simply because the police stop the train at Gallery Place whereby one of your student refused to press charges thereby allowing the 15 or so individuals who assaulted him to go free. These two incidents continue to speak to a greater issue, I believe, which is occurring with in the Brookland area. A student body with out clear behavior guidelines can lead to a community under siege by invited residents of that community, namely the students. We do see some possibility of reconciliation and correction here. I must confess that I am shocked by the raw social behavior displayed by the Catholic University students. I am concerned about the aggression that was displayed by the students, and we do plan to as a community hold several public hearings in the coming year about Catholic University its mission and its plans to expand its student body, and its physical shell.

We would recommend the following: (1) that off-campus behavior be considered and covered by the student judiciary, (2) that both ANCs which govern the campus as well as community be given an audience with you to discuss the ramifications of these acts and the impact it would have on our community life, (3) that the University Security, Metro Transit Police, and Metropolitan Police coordinate efforts to reduce such incidents in the future, (4) that the University will release to the public, and especially the community that surrounds the University, a clear plan to reduce such raw and unchristian behavior, (5) that at the appropriate time members of the clergy community of Ward 5 would like to meet with you in regard to these particular incidents and the questions concerning the developmental growth of the university physical space, and what impact it would have on community life.

It is not our intention to slow the tremendous pace of the university or get in the way of the academic institution, but whenever such progressive behavior is displayed which boarders on criminality and disturbs the decorum and peace of the community the church is compelled to speak to those issues.

We do believe that the current situation can be resolved through the proposed recommendation. The University must properly involve all elements of the community in a frank discussion so that clarity can arrive. We will be listening to your words and watching your actions in hope of creating a richer community.

Your brother in Christ,

The Right Reverend Anthony Evans
President

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Dear Reverend Evans:

Happy New Year!

I write to thank you for your letter which I received by fax transmission on December 26, 2001. As a fellow clergyman, I certainly share your concerns about the aggressive and disruptive behaviors of many young people in our community --- including but not limited to those whom you described as attending The Catholic University of America --- especially those who utilize the Metro transportation system. I will share your letter with our administrators in the Office of Student Life so that they can continue to make our student body aware of the importance of acting in a respectful and civilized manner at all times.

There is much good done by the students of The Catholic University of America in the Washington metropolitan area. It is truly unfortunate when the actions of a few serve to tarnish the good name of our student body and of the University at large.

I am grateful for your bringing your concerns to my attention.

With every best wish and prayer for God's blessings upon you and the congregations that you represent, I am

Sincerely yours,

David M. O'Connell

Very Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
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The Communiversity initiative began in 1995-96 as a program from the Office of Campus Ministry, under the direction of the previous director, Fr. Mike Mannion. The aims and objectives of the organization was to promote a dialogue and partnership between members of the CUA community (including staff, administrators, faculty, and students), and members of the immediate residential neighborhood of Brookland/Michigan Park (including residents, citizens, local activists, and civic leaders) to discuss university, neighborhood issues. Dr. Casarella, McDonald Residential College faculty coordinator, served as a member of Communiversity, and can provide us with more insight into the inception and history of the group. On several occasions, residents of the neighborhoods and the university people meet to discuss "town and gown" issues. The program was successful because it strengthened the bond between Brookland and the university that had already existed for over 100 years.

CUA and the adjacent neighborhoods (Brookland/Michigan Park/both share the same roots, as both entities took hold after Reconstruction from the old Brooks plantation and have harmoniously coexisted. CUA has no special privileges over Brookland and vice-versa. CUA has been insular from Brookland since its inception, where the university has not imposed any concerns or ideas on the Brookland neighborhood, and in turn, the Brookland neighborhood has not imposed anything on CUA.

However, certain events in the last year have jeopardized and challenged the cordial, amicable and friendly relations CUA has enjoyed with the surrounding neighborhoods over the years. The parties and disruptions of CUA students have caused considerable tensions. Many citizens have become angry and frustrated, and much to out chagrin, are forced to record such disruptions on videotape, ala Darcy Flynn and Fox 5's extensive coverage of the incidents. After the incidents, members on both sides have been talking at each other about the problem. The students and administration (Sue Pervi, Fr. Friday, Margaret Higgins) present one view (i.e. increase in binge drinking), and make excuses such as "Boys will be boys," or "College age kids are just having fun." At the same time, the neighborhood residents present their reasons, such as the lack of comprehensive plan for the university, inadequate housing, inability to control the students. Mary Baird Currie, the ANC commissioner for Ward 5A06 would prefer arrested the students involved in these drinking parties as the final end to solving their problems. Much to her delight, four such students were arrested several weeks ago because of their involvement in the altercations at these parties.

The bottom line is that both sides have been talking <u>at</u> each other, instead of sitting down and actually discussing the issues <u>with</u> each other. It has been six weeks since the latest round of student parties, but because of the increase of rhetoric on both sides, there has been little understanding of the other sides' point of view. Unfortunately, Communiversity was disbanded two years ago.

As a result of what's been said, we have decided that Communiversity would be a good idea to have, especially as a program of the McDonald Res. College. Since we are committed to helping foster community service, we as residents should feel a need to participate in this initiative. We as McDonald Residential College, along with other

undergraduate students at CUA can sponsor and participate in a forum where students and residents can dialog on these issues and search for constructive ways to avoid future friction. We would like to have an open forum in the roundtable room of McDonald in the next week or two on a Wednesday or Thursday night to discuss these matters. We are asking the Exec. Board to endorse the measure and support and foster the development of the program. We endorsed the idea to the Exec. Board on 16 October 2000 and next Tuesday. 23 October, we will submit the formal proposal to the board. We anticipate the date of such a meeting gathering to take place 15-16 November at the latest.