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Bill Proposed To Curb Alcohol Induced Violence

BY RACHEL MARSE-HAZE
Washington, D.C. Councilmembers will soon consider a new bill that would schedule a round table discussion on teens regarding teenagers' experiences with drinking. The initiative began last Thursday, when Graham and more than 50 parents, including business owners and parents of students, parents of students, police, and concerned citizens, was held at the Council-Orleans of the John A. Wilson Building for a round table discussion on teens regarding teenagers in nightlife settings.

The round table, which lasted seven hours, discussed Washington D.C.'s controversial law that states that a minor cannot serve alcohol at establishments that serve alcohol.

Many parents, the only law prohibiting underage persons from being served alcohol, believe that underage persons from being served alcohol without a parent or a guardian.

Council member Graham is recommending legislation that would establish a specific age below which a minor would be allowed to serve alcohol at establishments that serve alcohol. If passed, the bill would also require that these establishments serve alcohol only after 1 a.m. and on special occasions.

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**Chapel Hosts an M.E. First**

By SIMONE PRINGLE

The Chapel of Arts and Sciences hosted a reception on Feb. 15 for the installation of Bishop Murphy McKenzie, the first woman elected to be bishop of the AME Church.

McKenzie, who has been pastor of the church for five years, was installed as bishop Feb. 16 in Cleveland, Ohio.

"I believe that the installation of Bishop Murphy McKenzie is a historic moment for the AME Church," said the Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Patterson, president of Howard University. "This is a celebration of the hard work and dedication of Bishop McKenzie, and it represents the growth and progress of the AME Church as a whole."
BLACKBURN CAFETERIA EXTENDS DINNER HOURS

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students take advantage of this opportunity.
Early also mentioned that the university should work on, but it is able to point out a few areas for the employees.

This year, several new areas, including a new grill and deli options, specialty vegetable and fruit salads and action stations similar to those regularly offered by other dining venues. Early also mentioned that a structured vegetarian and vegan menu will be in place that actually adheres to the standards of the eating style.

Meanwhile, Sodexo plans to gather student feedback and improve customer satisfaction.

"I would like to emphasize that this menu is similar to the ones that could benefit from these changes," Early said.

While working at other universities, Early was able to work with student dining committees that provided feedback and input in a structured manner, a system she said work well. She hopes to be able to start a program like that at Howard to keep open dialogue of what students want, how they feel, and to see what students want.

The dining program is customer-oriented and is willing to make changes where students want them. At another school Early worked at, students expressed an interest in day long breakfasts or Fridays, which were implemented and adored.

Early also said that the dining area may be underestimating innovations and trends to be more aesthetically pleasing while helping to control traffic flow and provide more adequate equipment and preparation areas for the selected menu items. Renovations could start as early as this summer.
CONTINUING STORY

D.C. Mayor Fenty is ready to revamp and improve police structure in light of recent crime alert, especially after four different homicides occurred in one weekend.

District public high schools are reported to have the lowest graduation rate in the nation with 54 percent of students graduating. Of the 250,000 students, 76 percent of them are white and 24 percent are black.

Most students in the District on average have more than half of their students graduating, because of the large majority of white students. Washington, D.C. has one of the lowest graduation rates in the United States, with 54 percent.

Many students are graduating from high school with less than the requirements to graduate, with less than two years in college.

Not every school in the District has low graduation rates. Woodrow Wilson High School located in Northwest Washington, D.C. has more than 70 percent of their students graduate each year on average, and that by junior, 90 percent end up graduating to high school.

Wilson High School is one of the most diverse schools in the District with a black population of 42 percent, Hispanic of 39 percent, white of 26 percent, Asian of 8 percent, and African of 12 percent. Matthew is a Student in the District who graduated from Wilson high school.

"We aren't a rich school, a school that is overlooked, has no chance. We are survivors, a school that is overlooked, has no chance. We are survivors."

The Federal Reserve is still trying to stimulate the District's economy and improve police structure in light of recent crime alert.

The District school board along with Mayor Adrian Fenty has many plans in the making that will contribute to the success of Washington, D.C. students.
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Clearly, common sense is true because there are two main reasons why people believe that they are afraid of commitment. First, they have had relationships that ended poorly. Second, they do not want to work on a relationship.
Mandatory HPV Vaccine

Texas Governor Rick Perry issued an executive order Friday mandating all girls in Texas entering the sixth grade be vaccinated against an STD that causes cervical cancer.

Texas is the first state to have such a requirement since the federal government approved the vaccine in June 2006.

By now almost all sixth grade girls in the state, ages 11 and 12, will be given Gardasil, Merck and Co.'s vaccine against strains of the human papillomavirus or HPV.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported that Gardasil could effectively prevent 95 percent of the cases of cervical cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, at least 20 million Americans are already infected with HPV, which is transmitted through skin to skin contact. Also, almost 9.5 million new cases of sexually transmitted HPV infections are reported each year. By age 50, at least 40 percent of women will have acquired untold HPV.

The Government Interfering with Parents' Rights

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