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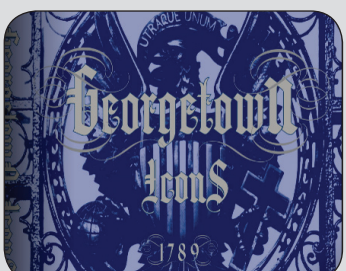
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New D.C. protocol, effective since Tuesday, may lead to a rise in noise-related arrests by the Metropolitan Police Department.

## Altered Law Leaves Students on Edge

By MARY MURPHY  
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A newly passed measure granting D.C. police greater authority in responding to rowdiness has spurred much of campus to action, triggering a strong student outcry and forcing administrators to preempt a possible rise in student arrests.

Scott Stirrett (SFS '13), chair of DC Students Speak, a group advocating for student interests in the District, has helped spearhead student opposition to the Disorderly Conduct Amendment Act of 2010, which increases punishments for unreasonably loud or disruptive noisemaking during nighttime hours.

"We feel that there are more press-

ing crime issues in D.C.," Stirrett said. "[The Metropolitan Police Department] shouldn't be wasting time arresting college students for potentially annoying people when there are much more

"The new policy doesn't change what I think we should be doing."

serious things to be dealing with."

At press time, DC Students Speak had rounded up over 1050 signatures for a petition against the law, which also gave rise to a related Facebook event that had attracted 1,787 users since it was created Thursday.

"We think the rapid, positive response we've gotten from students is indicative that students are really concerned about the policy," Stirrett said.

As students speak out against the amendment, MPD has said it will apply the new law fairly in the field.

"While MPD will continue to work with individuals and communities to appropriately balance the rights of each, the new law makes it clear that a person who makes an unreasonably loud noise between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. that is likely to annoy or disturb one or more other persons in their residences is violating the law and may be subject to arrest," MPD Chief Cathy Lanier said in a statement.

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## Alumni Networks Grow, Imparting Valuable Lessons

Amid a tough job market, Georgetown students benefit from young alumni connections.

By JENNY ROGERS  
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When Aaron Fouladian (MSB '12) attended a business school event at the Princeton Club of New York early last summer, he was met by a soon-to-be mentor — a recent Georgetown alum.

"She was someone I could reach out to with any questions I had and was always helpful in giving me advice to succeed in my internship," Fouladian said.

The annual Alumni Mentor Program — set up by the McDonough School of Business Undergraduate Dean's Office — pairs students with recent alumni as they complete their internships. With less than 20 percent of 2009 college graduates having secured jobs at the time of graduation, nationally, the Alumni Mentor Program is only one of a growing number of alumni-student groups on a campus that prides itself on its graduates' employment rate.

Over the years, Georgetown's alumni connection networks have moved past the broad Alumni Association and its various career services to a growing group of specialized and increasingly student-centered organizations and networks.

"Students understand the alumni network at Georgetown is one of [its] greatest assets," David Nicol (SFS '12) said.

Besides the MSB's Alumni Mentor Program, programs like the Wall Street Alliance, Friends of the SFS, Women Advancing Gender Equity, the relatively new Hoya Diplomatic Network and many others work to bring students



MEAGAN KELLY/THE HOYA

GERMS GROWS: The student-run EMT service acquired a new ambulance yesterday, improving its services and bringing it a long way from its original golf cart days.

## Students, Admins Fight for Federal Aid

By MARIAH BYRNE  
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Funding for federal grants, student loans and work-study is again at risk of being cut by congressional Republicans intent on trimming overall spending to 2008 levels. Unlike in December, however, students are not standing idly by.

Though the GOP has not outlined to what extent student aid will be affected, a percentage cut across the board will create a \$3.1 billion loss in funds. If the Pell Grant program is specifically targeted, an \$18.6 billion gap in the amount of money reserved for students will result.

Pell Grants are designed for low- and middle-income students who qualify based on expected family contribution, the cost of enrollment in the institution, enrollment status and length of attendance.

The predicted shortfall could become a serious problem for Georgetown students as the expiration date



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Scott Fleming urges students to protect their stake in financial aid packages.

of December's continuing resolution, which has kept aid level until now, approaches. The university has committed to supporting the 830 Georgetown students who received Pell Grants awards, totaling \$3,478,197 for the 2009-2010 academic year, University President John J. DeGioia wrote in a

letter to Jacob Lew, director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. But the university cannot assure that it will permanently be able to fill the gap.

"We want to fight the good fight in

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## MPD: Noise May Lead To Arrests

By CAILIN MAC NEAL  
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An amendment to D.C. law went into effect Tuesday, placing harsher restrictions on disruptive noise and marking a major shift in the Metropolitan Police Department's ability to crack down on gatherings such as student parties.

The Disorderly Conduct Amendment Act of 2010 states that making unreasonably loud noise between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. is now an offense punishable by 90 days in prison, a \$500 fine or both. The maximum fine has doubled from \$250.

MPD will now arrest individuals in violation of the noise ordinance, the university's director of media relations, Rachel Pugh, said on Tuesday. Since 2000, MPD had issued offenders 61D citations, which counted as arrests on record but did not result in detention.

MPD will enforce the law at all D.C. residences, regardless of whether they are university owned or privately leased off campus.

The university was informed of the changes by MPD over the weekend, university spokeswoman Julie Bataille said on Monday, and Vice President for Student Affairs Todd Olson soon began preparing an email to students to update them on the greater severity of this disorderly conduct statute.

"We understand from our local MPD district commander that officers may make an arrest when, in the officer's judgment, the officer has observed 'noise that is likely to create a disturbance of

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## \$200K Lifted From Employee Credit Union

By CAILIN MAC NEAL  
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A former employee of the credit union that serves university faculty and staff was convicted of bank fraud and theft of about \$200,000 from the company on Monday, according to a Department of Justice press release.

Reginald Clark was fired from Hoya Federal Credit Union in 2003 after an internal investigation conducted by the financial institution showed that his work as an accountant produced financial irregularities, said Hazel Logan, manager and Chief Executive Officer of HFCU. The company then notified federal authorities and the National Credit Union Administration.

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