

Metropolitan Area News in Brief

Drexel president urged to denounce anti-gay acts

A group of community members and Drexel University students met on campus last night to approve a petition urging university president Constantine Papadakis to take a stand against what they called recent anti-gay incidents in Powelton Village.

The Drexel-Powelton Alliance was formed in response to a series of bias incidents, including the vandalism of gay-diversity flags and slurs against homosexuals, that group members allege have been committed by young people associated with Drexel.

Members of the alliance complained last night that the incidents were being fueled by off-campus alcohol abuse and underage drinking.