

Campus Plan Testimony
Monica McNutt

My name is Monica McNutt, Senior and Captain of the 2010-2011 Georgetown Women's Basketball team, which boasts an overall record of 24-11 and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for the first time since 1993. In the Sweet Sixteen we came up just short to the number 1 ranked Uconn Huskies after leading for much of the game. As an athlete, it is disheartening to walk into opponents like Syracuse, Notre Dame, Uconn, and Louisville's facilities and compare them to the meager accommodations provided by McDonough gymnasium. As a female athlete, it's a bit of a slap in the face that the men's team plays in the Verizon Center because our campus gym is too small. Mark my words it's only a matter of time before the women's program outgrows McDonough. Facilities play a huge role in recruiting athletes and also providing adequate resources for the athletes that are already there. The plan proposes renovations to McDonough which all the athletes, trainers, and coaches would greatly appreciate. At Georgetown there are 29 Varsity sports but only two teams have lockerooms all to themselves, men's and women's basketball. McDonough is simply too small to adequately provide for all of our athletic teams and in dire need of renovations. If the Office of Planning's recommendations are adopted this will not happen. Building a residence hall for 100% of undergraduate students and rolling back our enrollment, would be financially devastating and completely eliminate our ability to do anything else, it would put a hold on the Athletic Training facility which has already gotten zoning approval and for which fundraising is seriously underway. Gorgeous facilities, such as Louisville's brand new KFC Yum center, have become staples at schools with competitive programs. We should not be an exception; better facilities are sure to ultimately generate revenue for the University. I urge the committee to reject the recommendations from the Office of Planning; they will be detrimental to the University's ability to compete in academic and athletic programming.

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