ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2A04
2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037

May 22, 2000

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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 - 4th Street, N.W. - Room 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16553 - George Washington University
Foggy Bottom Campus Plan -- Years 2000-2010

Dear Madam Chair:

On Saturday, May 13, the Sierra Club organized and led a walking tour through the Foggy Bottom neighborhood in connection with its "Restore the Core" project, defined as "a comprehensive campaign covering environmental as well as economic and social issues,...[that] combines legislative advocacy and community outreach to help build a strong urban core within the District of Columbia."

A copy of the material prepared by the Sierra Club and distributed to the community, "Academic Sprawl: Town-Gown Relations in Foggy Bottom," is attached for inclusion in the file of the above cited case.

Sincerely,

Barbara Spillinger

Barbara Spillinger, Member
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A04

Attachment

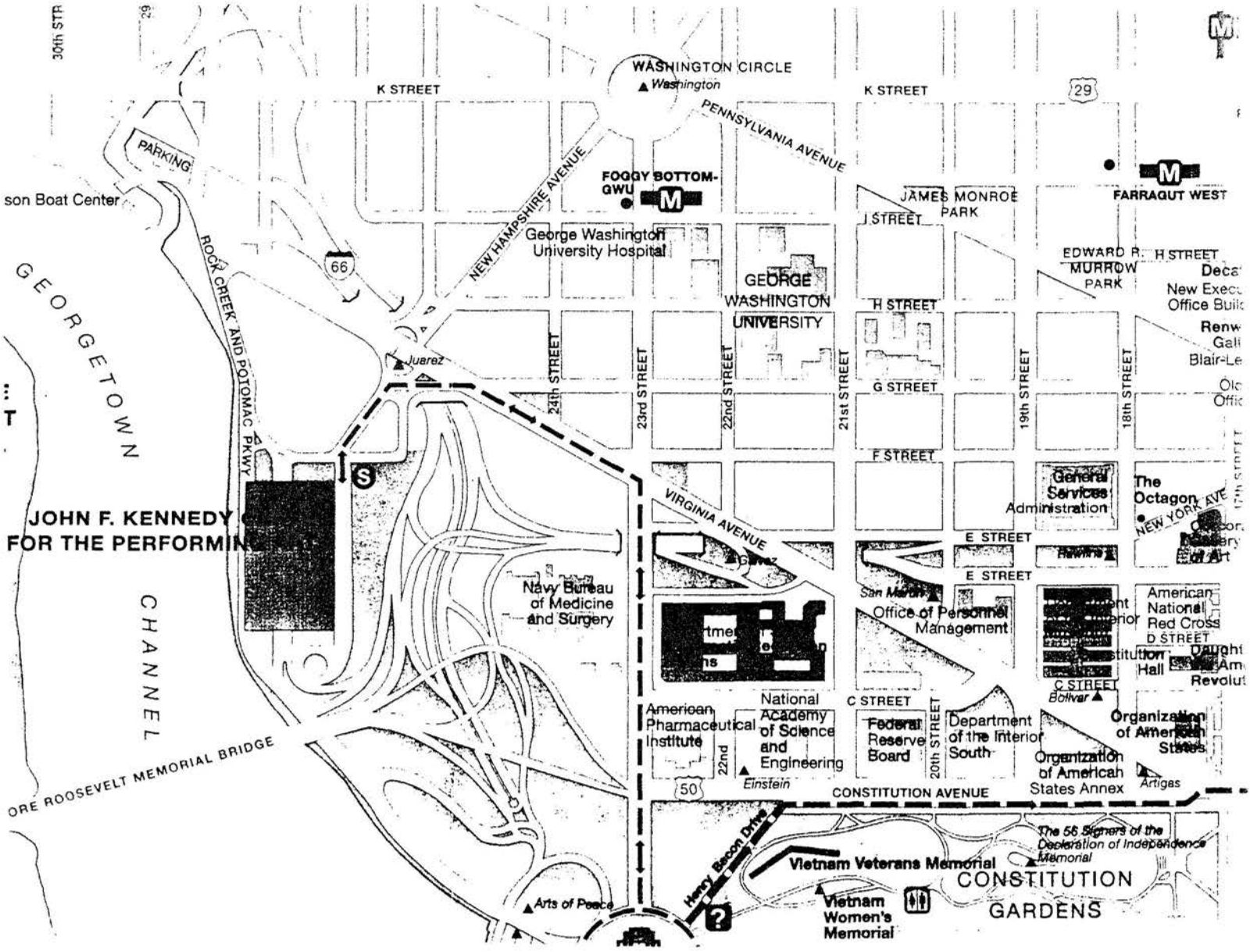
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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Academic Sprawl:
Town-Gown Relations in Foggy Bottom

A Walk with Sierra Club's **Restore the Core!**

Saturday, May 13, 2000



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Part of **RtC**'s outreach efforts include neighborhood walks that are free and open to the public, and offer an enjoyable, informal way of getting to know D.C.'s diverse communities. We try to get those who live and work in the community to act as our guides, bringing an intimate knowledge of the area's history and current issues.

Previous walks have visited Adams-Morgan, Anacostia, Brookland, Columbia Heights, Downtown, Eastern Market, Georgetown, Mt.Vernon Square, McMillan Reservoir, Navy Yard, Oxon Cove, Southwest, and U St.

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- Gwyn Jones, Conservation Chair; (202) 488-0505; GwynJones@aol.com
- Sierra Club Website: **www.sierraclub.org/chapters/dc**

Upcoming Events:

- May 23: **Chapter Executive Meeting,** 7:00 pm, Sierra Club Legislative Office, 408 C St., NE, contact Chris Craig at 554-5502; ccraig@zzapp.org
- May 25: **Restore the Core Meeting** 7:00 pm , Sierra Club Legislative Off., 408 C St., NE, contact Danilo Pelletiere 543-7791/ dpelleti@gmu.edu
- **June RtC Walk**: St. Elizabeth's Campus, a sunset tour on June 20 (tentative date) meet at 6:00 pm at Anacostia Metro station (@ Howard Ave. & MLK Ave.)

Academic Sprawl:
Town-Gown Relations in Foggy Bottom

A Walk with Sierra Club's Restore the Core!
Saturday, May 13, 2000

Living with an academic institution in the community is the focus of today's walk through Foggy Bottom. Residents, community activists and representatives from George Washington University will be our tour guides for the two-hour walk that traces the development of Foggy Bottom, including factors and current issues threatening the stabilization of this community. We'll briefly hear about the history of the GW campus as well as the recently released GWU Campus Plan, and will conclude at the 72-year-old Washington institution, Sholl's Colonial Cafeteria at 1990 K Street, where we are invited for a complimentary dessert and optional tour of the kitchen.

Today's Tour Guides

- **Olga Corey:** Board member, Foggy Bottom Association; Chair, 40th Anniversary of Foggy Bottom Association 337-3196
- **Jim McGrath:** Founder and Chairman of the "Save Our Sholl's (SOS)" Cafeteria Committee, 387-1893
- **Rich Sheehey:** Commissioner, ANC 2A01 463-7147
- **Maria Tyler:** Commissioner, ANC 2A03 337-7896

- **David Anderson:** University Archivist, GWU 994-7283
- **Carl Benincasa:** incoming Vice-President for Community Affairs, GWU Student Association, email: cbenin@gwu.edu
- **Jane Lingo:** Assistant Director of University Relations; GW University's Liaison with the Foggy Bottom/West End Community 994-6466

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- **Doug Abbey:** Vice-Pres. Historic District Conservancy, 337-1477
- **Ellie Becker:** President, Foggy Bottom Association; Editor, *Foggy Bottom News* 337-5528
- **Jana Leslie-Miller:**
- **Barbara Spillinger:** Chair, ANC 2A Commission 338-2079
- *"Consortium of Communities Impacted by Institutions with expansionaist tendencies"* within the **Federation of Citizens Associations;** contact: FCA President, Guy Gwinn, 338-5164.
- George Washington University web site: **www.gwu.edu** (access to the complete text of Campus Plan on homepage)

Foggy Bottom Guide

I. What is Foggy Bottom?
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I. What is Foggy Bottom?

Foggy Bottom is the neighborhood in Washington, D. C. conveniently located between the central downtown area and Georgetown. It now encompasses the "old" Foggy Bottom area, the "new" West End, the "old" West End, and the campus of The George Washington University. Its *core* is the center area now designated an historic district. For political as well as other purposes the entire area is designated as Ward 2, Section B, Precincts 2, 3 and 4. To its residents, it is a highly desirable area of single-family homes, high-rise apartments (condo, co-op, and rental), and commercial and retail businesses.

Boundaries: On the north by N Street; on the west by Rock Creek and the Potomac River; on the south by E Street; on the east by a jagged border running up 17th Street, west on Pennsylvania Avenue, and north on 20th Street to N Street.

History: Its origins are blue-collar, with small homes built in the early 1900s to house workers at the local brewery and gasworks. In the 1950s restoration of the homes began, followed by the construction of high-rise apartments and some commercial buildings. Growth of the University, the advent of the Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro station, and development of West End have made it a bustling downtown business area, but it is still highly valued as a residential area. Constant vigilance and vigorous effort by successive generations of residents have preserved its unique quality.

II. Services

Shopping/Dining: The main retail/commercial streets are Pennsylvania and Virginia Avenues and portions of M Street. Some of the city's finest restaurants (as well as notable neighborhood ones), other service retailers, hotels, and office buildings are found here. Grocery stores are located in the Watergate complex on Virginia Avenue, and the 1200 block of 23rd Street.

Medical care: Foggy Bottom is home to two **hospitals**: Columbia Hospital for Women, and The George Washington University Medical Center — both located on or near Pennsylvania Avenue at Washington Circle. **Medical services** are also available in clinics and the offices of a number of doctors and dentists in private practice in the area.

Churches: *St. Paul's*, 2430 K Street, and *St. Mary's*, 728 - 23rd Street (Episcopal); *St. Stephen Martyr* , 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue (Roman Catholic); *Western Presbyterian*, 2401 Virginia Avenue; and *United Church*, 1920 G Street (some services in German).

Public services: West End Branch of the **D. C. Public Library**, located at 24th and L Streets; the headquarters of the **Second Metropolitan Police District** is located on Idaho Avenue above Georgetown; Foggy Bottom/GWU Community Policing Center, 2331 Virginia Avenue; the Police Special Operations Division is based at 23rd and L Streets. **Fire protection** is provided by Station 23, located on G Street between 21st and 22nd Streets, and by Station 1 at 23rd and M Streets (which also has an **ambulance**.)

Transportation: Foggy Bottom is served by Metrorail's Blue and Orange lines which stop at the FB/GWU Station at 23rd and Eye Streets. Bus service includes the 30 line on Pennsylvania Avenue and starting at the Kennedy Center the 80 to downtown and northeast D. C.

Recreational facilities: A children's playground on 26th Street at K; tennis courts and a public swimming pool on N Street between 24th and 25th Streets; a movie theater at 23rd and M Streets; a variety of entertainment at Lisner Auditorium on the GWU campus, and at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, located at New Hampshire Avenue and F Street (including free, hour-long programs on the "Millennium Stage" each evening at 6:00 p.m.).

III. Local Organizations

The **Foggy Bottom Association,** a neighborhood civic organization, was founded in the 1950s to enhance and protect the residential quality of the area and keep residents informed on matters affecting the Foggy Bottom community. The FBA has nine monthly meetings with speakers of interest to the residents, and publishes a newspaper – the *Foggy Bottom News* – distributed throughout the area. Meetings are usually held the last Monday of the month (except July, August and December).

Another neighborhood group, the **West End Citizens Association**, was founded in the 1890s, and holds quarterly meetings, often at the State Plaza Hotel on G Street.

ANC: The **Foggy Bottom–West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission** is composed of six elected representatives. The ANC's responsibilities include being the area's official voice with the District government on matters such as zoning, public safety, and environment. Under the terms of the Home Rule charter, city agencies are to give great weight to the views of the Commission and its members. Public ANC meetings are held once a month.

Foggy Bottom, D.C. is truly a unique, convenient and pleasant place to live ..... work ..... shop ..... study ..... play ..... AND visit!

February 1999

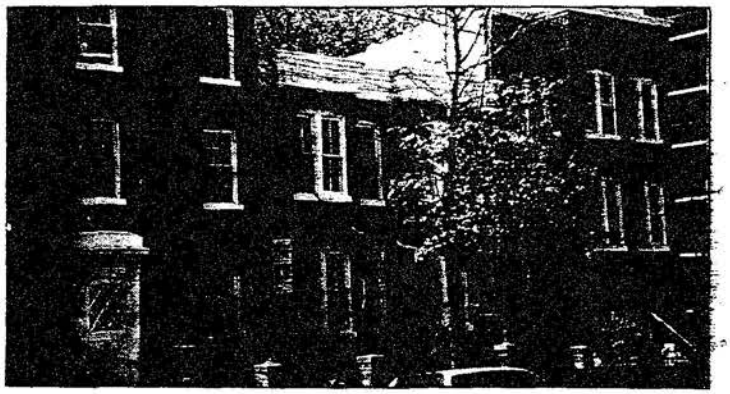
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The Saga of Square 43

By Ellie Becker

Once upon a time there was a bunch of houses on Square 43, bounded by 23rd, G, and 24th Streets, and by Virginia Avenue. Many were handsome structures, some not quite so attractive, but they housed residents who presumably paid taxes to the city, contributed to Foggy Bottom's life, and enjoyed city living. Most of the buildings were rental properties, and there was even a small wine and liquor store on Virginia Avenue which also contributed to the city and was convenient to its residents. Then the elderly owner of a large number of them died, her property was reportedly inherited by a religious denomination and sold almost immediately to George Washington University.

Item: First to go were 2300 to 2314 G Street. Several had been what might be called rooming houses, providing low rentals in a neighborhood bereft of them. The wrecking ball came and went, just in time for the BZA hearings on the GWU Health & Wellness Center planned for the other side of G Street. The University was able to say with complete truth that there were no residences directly across the street which might be bothered by the new construction.



First to go: houses in the 2300 block of G Street



Then a handsome row, from 618 to 626 23rd Street

Item: Also demolished were several houses near the corner of 23rd & G Streets, which had been handsome red buildings, again rentals occupied by working people wanting city living and more recently somewhat ill-kempt student housing. Where they stood now houses the construction trailer and supply dump for the H&W Center.

Item: Next to go were most of the buildings in the 2300 block of Virginia Avenue, owned by the University except for three of the structures. Two owners sold to GWU; a third reaped over a million dollars for his mid-block building. The student tenants were evicted in December, 1999 (see the ANC article in this issue), and the buildings razed beginning on February 11, 2000.

Item: The demolition was undertaken quickly, not even allowing time for notifying, in advance, the manager of the high-rise apartment building just west of the structures. The owner



The million-dollar-plus house: half of the tall white house in the center of the photo

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Houses on Virginia Avenue which housed students until December



The six houses from the left: the final houses to be torn down

of the three remaining townhouses on 23rd Street not owned by GWU was notified via a letter dated February 10, with the excuse that the D. C. government had approved the permits with "uncharacteristically efficent processing."

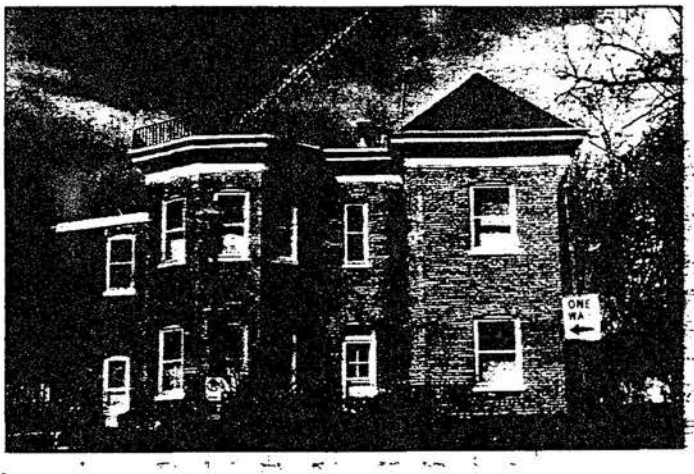
Item: Following the demolition of the Virginia Avenue houses, several still standing on 23rd Street came down, with



considerable damage to one of the privately-owned structures. Repairs were made to that house about a week to 10 days later.

Item: There appears to be no immediate plan to build on the property, although the university plans to erect housing (the square is zoned residential). At press time the south side of the square boasted a somewhat neat but huge pile of dirt, sidewalks damaged by the demolition crews, and already an accumulation of dumped trash.

Item: The lovely Kreuzer house on the corner is a joy to the eye and a brief respite from the remainder of the block, a view not to be desired but visible each day to residents and tourists, especially those on the Tourmobiles. So goes an attractive gateway to our neighborhood!





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George Washington Off-Campus Property Acquisitions

Sometimes it is hard for city officials, and even community residents, to grasp the scope and extent of university extra-campus property acquisitions, the taxation implications of these and the community impact such acquisitions carry with them. Listed here are the reported outright acquisitions by purchase of major residential properties by GWU, and also those properties having in effect been taken over by the university through predominant use as student housing. The acquisitions stem ultimately from lack of on-campus student housing.

All of the purchased GWU buildings have reportedly been removed from the property tax rolls, a serious loss to the cash-strapped city.

GWU REPORTED PURCHASES OF EXTRA-CAMPUS BUILDINGS:

1. Howard Johnson Hotel, 2700 block of Virginia Avenue, NW
2. The Aston Apartments, 1129 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
3. The Foggy Bottom Inn, 824 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
4. The Riverside Tower, 2100 Virginia Avenue, NW
5. Virtually all townhouses in Square 43, and 23rd Streets and Virginia Avenue, NW (16 reported demolished).
6. The Dakota Apartments, 2100 F Street, NW
7. Two townhouses, 1916 and 1918 F Street, NW
8. Association of Life Underwriters Building, 1900 block of F Street, NW
9. Parking lot (Square 122, 19th and E Streets, NW)
10. General Contractors Building, 1957 E Street, NW
11. 28% interest in the vast Columbia Plaza Apartment Complex, 2300-2400 Virginia Avenue, NW
12. Reportedly, over 150 townhouses over the years

GWU DE FACTO TAKEOVER OF EXTRA-CAMPUS BUILDINGS THROUGH THE PREDOMINANT USE OF THESE AS STUDENT HOUSING

1. The Statesman Apartments, 2020 F Street, NW
2. Letterman House Condominium, 2030 F Street, NW
3. Bonwit Plaza Condominium, 2401 H Street, NW
4. The Remington Apartments, 601 24th Street, NW
5. Jefferson House, 922 24th Street, NW
6. Claridge House, 940-950 25th Street, NW

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7. Bader Condominium, 2515 K Street, NW

8. Swarthmore Condominium, 10140 25th Street, NW

9. The Elise, 825 New Hampshire Avenue, NW

10. The Savoy Apartments, 1101 New Hampshire Avenue, NW

11. Carriage House Condominium, 2201 L Street, NW

This list, likely partial, is published to illustrate a major and besetting problem that faces the city, and one that needs remediation. This record is part of a continuing process, and additional off-campuses acquisitions or de-accessions for all universities may be reported to 3710 S Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007

The Consortium of Impacted Communities committee will meet next week; date to be announced.

Board Meeting

As its regular monthly meeting on April 13, the Board dealt with the following concerns:

1. Post-incorporation next steps for the Legal Aid Foundation.

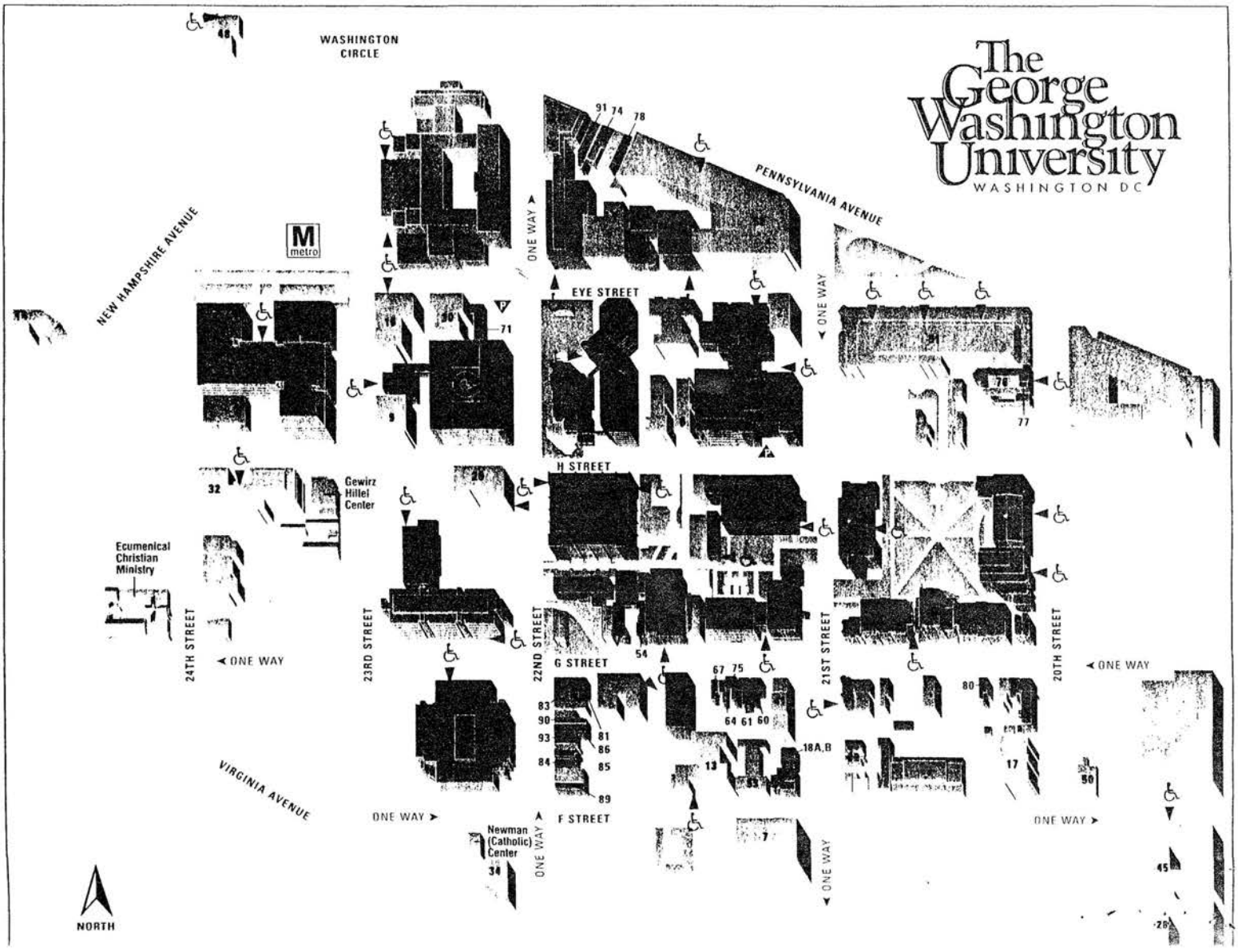
2. Possible need to divide the Newsletter editor from that of the president. Decision: president has the authority to arrange this appointively.

3. June elections.

4. ATT Cablevision complaint concerning the Federation's resolution on free commercial access to the city-franchised coaxial cable system.

5. May 17 banquet progress report. Discussion of award candidates.

6. Authorized the Federation to reserve the right to claim party status in university campus plan approval cases at the Board of Zoning Adjustment.


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Executive Summary

INTRODUCTION

Since its founding in 1821, and in the more than eighty-seven years at its Foggy Bottom campus, The George Washington University has served as a "city classroom," a place of learning that is informed and educated by its city, at the same time that it enriches and serves the city. The University and the District of Columbia continue to engage in a dynamic process of mutual education, through which the University learns from and identifies with the city, a rich center of political, cultural and social thought and activity, as the city accesses and cultivates the intellectual, cultural, economic and service contributions of the University. The importance of this relationship was recently noted by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, who stated in his 1998 President's Report:

As every potential student and faculty member knows before coming here, one of the most attractive features of GW is its position within the District of Columbia and the many roles to which that position has inevitably led. GW is, uniquely, a part of its city. The University is in the city and it is of the city.

The city and the University both have flourished as a result of their close and special relationship. The Campus Plan for the Years 2000 through 2010 reflects that special relationship. The Plan sets forth the framework for the orderly growth and development of the University in support of its basic academic mission, and serves as the formal document necessary for Campus Plan approval by the city. The campus planning process has served as a mechanism for dialogue with the community.

GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND PRINCIPLES

The underpinnings of the Campus Plan document include a statement of University Goals, Campus Plan Strategies and Planning Principles. They are summarized as follows and are more fully developed in the Campus Plan text:

University Goals:

- Move GW solidly into the ranks of the first-tier educational institutions, building selected top-ranked graduate programs on a foundation of outstanding undergraduate education
- Solidify and expand strategically masters degree and credit certificate offerings connected to professional and "continuous-learning" markets
- Move GW into the ranks of Research I institutions through appropriate initiatives
- Continue to develop a sense of "community" among GW students, faculty, staff, Foggy Bottom residents, the city and the capital region
- Deliver new and expanded technology to compete effectively and meet the needs of students, faculty, government, the city and the business community
- Maintain a strong financial base

Campus Plan Strategies:

- Continue to shape a stimulating academic community that sustains the highest values and aspirations of the University and enriches the student experience
- Increase the visibility and presence of the campus' academic programs, its unique resources and unique location within the greater Washington, D.C. area
- Establish a flexible campus framework for development, relating physical priorities to University goals, academic mission, values, financial policies and regulatory requirements
- Develop a recognizable campus setting and distinct identity while promoting the mutually beneficial relationship between the University, its immediate neighbors, and the communities it serves
- Provide an understanding of the physical campus — its place, historical development, aesthetic dimensions, unique patterns, qualities and conditions
- Create a planning process and planning document that satisfies the needs of University constituents, while respectfully considering, honoring, and addressing municipal agencies and the local community

Planning Principles:

- Concentrate and focus the central campus core
- Co-locate and consolidate academic departments in recognizable districts
- Express the special character of the campus by enhancing and creating a clear, distinct and unified open space system, both on street frontage and in open spaces within blocks
- Increase pedestrian safety by enhancing and encouraging internal block circulation and mid-block crossings
- Balance the desire to develop a recognizable and attractive campus setting with the need to build the campus at densities consistent with surrounding development, while giving special consideration to buildings of architectural or historic significance through renovation and preservation efforts
- Continue to meet academic, residential, and recreational facilities demands

CONTEMPLATING EVOLVING NEEDS

In order to meet the ever-changing needs of its students and continue to satisfy its academic mission, the University must develop and evolve in a manner consistent with maintaining its role as a center of academic excellence. For purposes of this ten-year Campus Plan, this includes contemplation of the following:

- Adding approximately 750,000 square feet of gross floor area, and of this amount, 674,000 square feet within the campus' residential-zoned land, to meet the need for new facilities
- Floor area ratio of 3.3, remaining well below the allowable zoning maximum of 3.5
- Student headcount of 20,000; FTE count of 16,553
- Faculty headcount of 2236; FTE count of 1550
- Staff headcount of 10,293; FTE count of 9000
- Maintenance and further development of open space system and pedestrian network
- Mid-block crossings to reinforce pedestrian network and provide safer pedestrian environment
- Urban design enhancements to identify campus perimeter
- Continuation of modern, forward-looking design in new buildings
- Continuation of migration planning efforts and "districts" for departmental consolidation, school identity and collaboration
- 2700 to 3240 off-street parking spaces
- Encouragement of alternative modes of transportation by students, faculty, staff and visitors to minimize campus traffic and impact on neighborhood streets

SUMMARY

In the words of President Trachtenberg, "With the commitment and vision that have brought [the University] this far, the great leaps of the future will take place within rather than against the grain of GW's very pleasing, gently dynamic, and fully-balanced campus."

The Campus Plan for the Years 2000 through 2010 represents an analysis of the short- and long-term needs of the University in concert with the city's zoning regulations and policies and the desires of the University's neighbors. The Plan captures the essence of The George Washington University — a vibrant and vital educational institution informed by its city, in turn enriching that city academically, culturally and economically, and through its strong commitment to service to its Foggy Bottom neighbors and the larger community. As proposed, the Plan will ensure that the Foggy Bottom campus remains a center of academic excellence, a lively "city classroom" that harmonizes with the immediate community and preserves Historic Foggy Bottom and serves the District of Columbia into the future.

The George Washington University
WASHINGTON DC

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

SENATE RESOLUTION
SPRING 2000-06

A Resolution in regards to the GW 2000-2010 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan

SR-S00-06

SPONSOR: J.P. Blackford, Rules Committee, Chair

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PURPOSE: The Purpose of this Resolution is to support The George Washington University's Foggy Bottom Campus Plan for the years 2000-2010, filed December 28, 1999.

WHEREAS the Student Association is obligated to its constituents to carefully review such a far-reaching plan; and

WHEREAS the university administration has requested the Student Association to review the plan; and

WHEREAS the 2000-2010 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan provides the framework for the growth and development of The George Washington University; and

WHEREAS the 2000-2010 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan strives to satisfy the needs of the University's students, faculty, and staff while addressing the needs and requirements of municipal agencies and the community; and

WHEREAS the proposed 2000-2010 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan will ensure that the Foggy Bottom Campus will remain a center of academic excellence and harmonize with the immediate community and preserve Foggy Bottom and continue to serve the District of Columbia into the future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Association supports the 2000-2010 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan with the following conditions:

1. The University shall maintain student enrollment commensurately proportional with the availability of academic, residential and recreational facilities.
2. Communication with the surrounding neighborhoods must be substantially improved, as demonstrated by the concerns over the recent acquisitions of HOVA and a partial stake in Columbia Plaza.
3. Plans for the University properties near, but not within the boundaries of, the Foggy Bottom campus should be discussed in a committee composed of University administrators, Student Association members, and members of the community chosen by the community. Guidelines for future acquisitions in the neighborhood should be established and published.

SENATE VOTE: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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Kimberly J. McGraw, Executive Vice President Date

_____ _____ VETO / APPROVE

Katherine R. Leu, President Date



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If you are seeking information on the history of The George Washington University, the Foggy Bottom area, our collections, publications or services, then our Home Page can assist you.

Other helpful pages: The George Washington University (http://www.gwu.edu); The Gelman Library: (http://www.gwu.edu/ ~gelman/); The Special Collections Home Page can be accessed at: http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~gelspec/

University Archives

The United States was not yet half a century old when in 1819, the Reverend Luther Rice joined with friends to raise the needed funds to purchase land in the Nation's Cap ital and obtain a charter from the Congress. On February 9, 1821, President James Monroe signed the Act of Congress, which created the Columbian College in the District of Columbia. In 1873 the name was changed to Columbian University and in 1904 to The George Washington University. Although located in two other areas in the District of Columbia the University moved in 1912 to the area now called Foggy Bottom.

Over the years the University has evolved and adapted, while maintaining high standards in education and student enrichment. GW's institutional history is a definitive part of National history. The University Archives' mission is to assure GW's history is preserved and utilized for research and education.

The University Archives, a unit of the Department of Special Collections, is located in the Gelman Library. It is the official depository for University records. These records date back to the first quarter of the nineteenth century and chronicle in detail the growth and development of the University. Some official records transferred to the University Archives are closed to research, except by permission of the originating office. The archives of the National University, which merged with GW in 1954, Benjamin Franklin University, which merged in 1987 and The George Washington University at Mount Vernon College (June 30, 1999) are also part of the GW collection.

The University Archives houses GW theses and dissertations, which date from 1894, and collects the personal papers of selected GW faculty and alumni--such as Marcus Cunliffe, George Hoffman, George Gamow and John Latimer.

The University Archives also offers the opportunity to not only read about the University but to see the history of the University come alive. The museum collection ranges from a missile developed by GW in World War II to old mascot uniforms, athletics jerseys and debate trophies. The photographic history of GW extends from the American Civil War to the present. The 1943 basketball Southern Conference Champions, the GW Troubadours performing with Bob Hope, or the University converted to a hospital during the Civil War are only a few examples of the 400,000 negatives, prints and slides and several hundred video recordings in the University's collection.

Historical exhibits presented by the University Archives are a part of the Department of Special Collections exhibit schedule. Annual events include the Alumni Reunion Weekend exhibit. Other special historical and university related exhibits are presented each year. There is an oral history program to capture first hand remembrances and a publications program to distribute short glimpses of the University, such as the first graduation, the first basketball season or the Washington Physics Symposiums in the 1930s.

The collections in the University Archives include handwritten, typewritten, and printed documents, publications, still photographs and negatives, yearbooks, motion pictures, tapes, machine readable records, oral histories, paintings and drawings, architectural blueprints, and artifacts and museum pieces. All constitute the documentation of a University with a rich and exciting history.

Memorabilia Room (History of GW Center, First Floor of the Gelman Library)

The Memorabilia Room (History of GW Center) was opened in May 1998. The room is a showcase for interpretation of the University's history and an expression of its spirit. It connects to and identifies several of the University's collecting resources including the Dimock Gallery/GW Permanent Collection of fine and decorative arts and The Gelman Library's Department of Special Collections and University Archives. Displayed are visual testimonials to GW's history that educate those who are new to the institution and serve as a reminder for those who have "institutional memory" of the many milestones achieved and reported on over the last several decades. This center is a vortex of activity where new academic perspectives and technologies join with the rich and diverse history of GW and Washington, DC. It serves as a point of orientation for visitors to the University and a landmark for members of the GW community.

Special appreciation is given to Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, President of The George Washington University, for his inspiration and support of this historical center.

Co-Curators for the museum are G. David Anderson, University Archivist and Lenore D. Miller, Director, Dimock Gallery.

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"SOS-SAVE OUR SHOLL'S"

Sholl's Cafeteria, 1990 K Street, N.W., has not only fed the people of this city very well; it has helped them countless times for over 71 years. We believe it is now time for the people of this city, the metropolitan area, and the nation itself, to come to the aid of Sholl's, the flagship cafeteria in Washington, and in the U.S., "America's own."

Unless a solution is found soon, harsh lease-renewal terms and a profit squeeze may force Sholl's to close. One wonders why a cafeteria purveying delicious, healthy, inexpensive meals for almost a century is faced with such a predicament. Sholl's is a legend in the nation's capital, and nationwide. We ask Sholl's coast-to-coast patrons--kids, collegians, baby-boomers, and elders--who travel to Washington in thousands of tour buses each year to spread the "Save Our Sholl's" message across the U.S..

Sholl's importance to this city is based on three key factors, great, inexpensive food, good works, and service as a model employer. Sholl's charitable outreach puts it in a class all by itself. The amount of free food Sholl's has distributed to needy Washingtonians over the years would have fed an army many times over. It has been a special beacon to senior citizens. Many of them eat there every day, because of the food and the fellowship. Closing would be a severe blow to them especially. Sholl's has received countless awards for its wonderful record of generosity. including an award from Washington's Cosmopolitan Club citing Sholl's for "...the most outstanding unselfish service to the Washington Metropolitan Community."

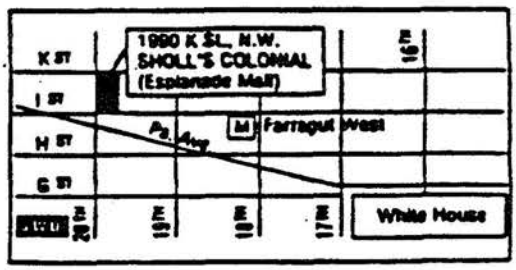
Intensive building renovation, proliferation of fast-food competitors, and some decline in tour-bus activity has hurt Sholl's business. If you have fallen out of a great habit--the Sholl's dining habit--how about getting back into it? If you go sometime, how about more often? How about bringing a friend? A Group? Holding your meetings there? Sholl's not only needs a fair lease renewal; they need more business to survive. How about it folks? How about making a donation to Sholl's? How about buying a "Save Our Sholl's" T Shirt? How about distributing this flyer? Better yet, How about mailing it to 10 friends back home, and asking them to mail it to ten others? How about doing a little lobbying for Sholl's with the Mayor, the Council, the Congress?

Jim McGrath
Chairman

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The Washington Post

Seventy Years of Nourishing Body and Soul

Most city dwellers of a certain age have fond memories of a great cafeteria they patronized at some point in their lives. Given the velocity and scope of urban redevelopment, however, many of those grand, old dining palaces are gone, but, happily, the flagship of them all survives: Sholl's Colonial Cafeteria at K and 20th streets NW in downtown Washington. Although the Sholl's at Vermont and K closed in 1984, the Sholl's cafeteria a half dozen blocks away managed to survive, and today it celebrates its 70th year of operation.

In this city of monuments, Sholl's is a monument unto itself. Long before multiculturalism came into fashion, diversity was its hallmark. Its current staff of 40 represents 17 nations, and at one time or another, every Latin American country has had a representative on staff.

Humanity, generosity and kindness also have been Sholl's standards. A family atmosphere permeates the place—from the lounge at the entrance, to the vastly long steam table laden with delectable food, to the huge dining room, where customers can seek out a seat in their favorite nook or cranny.

Sholl's is not interested in political correctness, and it makes no bones about its religious sentiments. While its owners don't proselytize, neither do they hide their convictions. On a simple plate in the cafeteria lobby is a supply of "grace-before-meals" prayer cards, featuring Protestant, Catholic and Jewish devotions. Cafeteria founder Evan Sholl and his beloved wife, Gertrude, both devout Catholics, regularly invited visiting clergy of all denominations for complimentary meals.

Those meals were and are as basic and all-American as apple pie (and, boy, what delicious apple pie Sholl's makes). The cafeteria's famous powder-milk biscuits are world-class (eat your heart out, Garrison Keillor). Food preparation at Sholl's emphasizes freshness too, with all items prepared daily from scratch, on the premises, in as-needed quantities, with no leftovers for the next day.

Some might consider such Sholl's fare "square," but the cafeteria routinely ranks among Phyllis Richman's "Best 50 Restaurants in Washington." In an Oct. 19 review, The Post's food critic wrote, "Every city needs a down-home cafeteria, and few have one with more character than Sholl's. It's been a D.C. fixture . . . long enough to qualify for Medicare. . . ."



BY DUDLEY M. BROOKS—THE WASHINGTON POST

A waitress at the Vermont and K Sholl's kisses a customer goodbye at the closing of that branch of the cafeteria in 1984.

Sholl's has attracted its share of notables over its long career. When Harry S. Truman was vice president, he enjoyed dining there, as did H. L. Hunt, the parsimonious billionaire from Dallas. It is easy to imagine Truman and Hunt sitting across from one another and enjoying a good old fashioned "rhubarb." That, of course, would be rhubarb pie, a daily Sholl's delicacy.

The late Evan Sholl, who died in 1983 at the age of 85, and his son-in-law and current proprietor, George Fleishell, are responsible for the cafeteria's amalgam of great food and good works. Both gentlemen have dispensed generosity, wholesale and retail. The amount of free food distributed by Sholl's over the years would have fed an army many times over. In addition, shortly before his death, Evan Sholl distributed a year's profits in bonuses to his employees on the basis of $100 for each year of service.

Many believe that a nation's greatness is best measured by how it treats its old, its disabled and its young. Using that yardstick as a standard, Sholl's also has earned high marks, giving meal passes to the needy, many of them elderly and/or disabled, and donating thousands of food baskets to the poor at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The cafeteria keeps its prices down too, and low-, modest- and fixed-income people, many of whom are elderly, flock to the cafeteria. Dining room employees gently guide infirm customers to convenient tables, carry their trays for them and routinely decline tips.

Sholl's is popular with the young and hale too. Tourist buses, looking for the best food buy for the buck, routinely drop off throngs of kids at the cafeteria's doors, and from the decibel level, the kids seem to be having a whale of a time.

The dining room walls at Sholl's are covered with wonderful memorabilia and pictures of yesteryear as well as awards from the food industry and other organizations. The one that says it best, however, is from the Cosmopolitan Club, which saluted Evan Sholl in 1982 as "the citizen who has performed the most outstanding, unselfish service to the Washington Metropolitan Community."

—James P. McGrath

Save Our Sholl's (SOS) Committee Needs Your Support!

Sholl's Colonial Cafeteria, currently located at 1990 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., has been a Washington landmark for 72 years. It is known for home-cooked meals at low prices, and for the diversity of a clientele that includes dignitaries, downtown office workers, city residents, retired persons, visiting student groups, the needy, and the disabled. Sholl's has also been a mainstay for elderly persons and, in recent years, for segments of the homeless community.

In 1999, when the future existence of Sholl's was threatened by a drastic rent increase and harsh lease-renewal terms, a group of citizens organized by Jim McGrath as the "Save Our Sholl's (SOS) Cafeteria Committee" galvanized a massive community effort that helped save the cafeteria from being squeezed out of business. The effort attracted sustained attention from local, national, and international media, including *The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, Preservation Magazine,* CNN, National Public Radio, and Japanese television. Sholl's has long functioned in part like a public service organization, feeding the homeless, the elderly, and groups of visitors to Washington. The outpouring of affection and support was enormous.

The Save Our Sholl's (SOS) Cafeteria Committee is now concentrating on efforts to remind patrons that Sholl's is open now more than ever, and to insure that Sholl's will always be able to continue its extraordinary outreach and service to the community. We will be glad to send you more information. We need your help and support!

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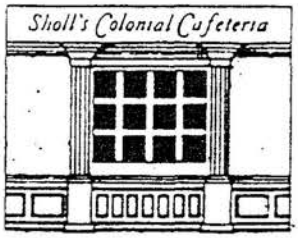
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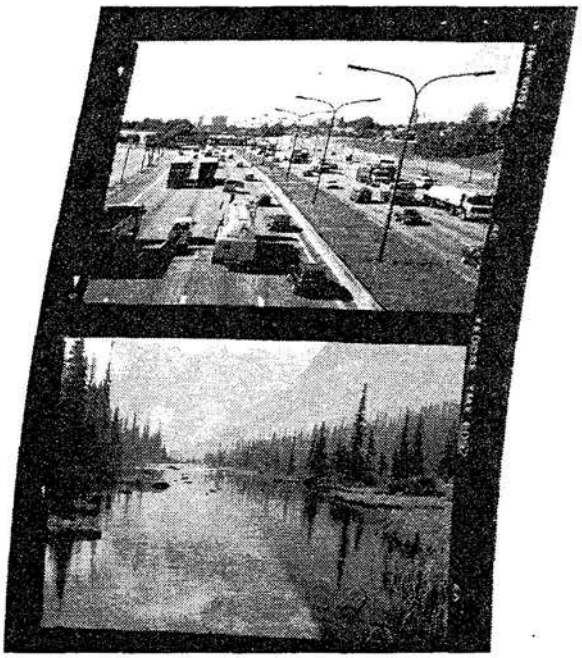
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