I will not sign this letter that come from GWU on their behalf. I am 100% against the desemation of this area by GWU since Columbea Plaza was built with Government funds to provide rental apartments for middle income tenants, one workers where things got off the track -

March 24, 2000

Sheila Reid-Cross, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20001

NO! to G.W.'s plans. I understand they've applied for a loan from the city to finance some of their property purchases to be used for profit, they're supposed to be a non-profit organization, it is really

Re: The George Washington University Campus Plan
Board of Zoning Adjustment Application No. 16553

Dear Members of the Board:

As a resident of Ward 2 and a neighbor of The George Washington University, I am writing this letter in support of the above-referenced application. The proposed plan is well designed and sensitive to the Foggy Bottom community. It is based on a careful and detailed assessment of the needs of the University and addresses many of the concerns expressed by the community. Through extensive outreach over the past 15 months, the University has demonstrated a strong interest in working with the community.

As outlined in the Campus Plan, the University is committed to enhancing the identity of the campus and enriching the surrounding neighborhood with landscaping, signage and open space improvements. The proposed plan calls for substantially less new construction than what was approved in the 1985 Plan. Further, there are no changes proposed to the student, faculty and staff caps approved in 1985. Since the plan is modest in scope, I do not believe that it will result in detrimental impacts to the surrounding neighbors. In fact, given the proposed open space improvements and increase in on-campus housing, the plan will benefit the neighborhood.

Based on my personal experience, I believe that GW has been a good neighbor and its presence enriches the community. The University assists neighbors and local business in maintaining the safety, beauty and charm of Foggy Bottom. The Campus Plan will allow GW to continue and strengthen its commitment to the local community.

For all these reasons, I urge your ~~approval~~ disapproval of this application.

Sincerely,

man, Director, Office of Planning

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nts Score GW Priorities

What do GW students think of their University's current budget priorities?

Not much, according to a survey conducted by the GW Student Association.

The 20-page survey report, released in mid-February, concludes that "71% of GW students, graduate and undergraduate alike, do not believe that GW gives them the education that they pay for."

Student comments quoted in the report urge that "the budget should be aimed toward bettering the education of students already enrolled at GW, rather than bringing in new students . . . and the administration should focus more on the conditions that exist for current students rather than on new recruitment." Finally, they expressed the hope that "existing students will be given the opportunity to enjoy a challenging learning experience rather than just buying their education."

Specific recommendations include—

- smaller classes and adequate classroom space (no students sitting on the floor);
- more and better-paid teachers;
- expanded and improved financial aid.

A repeated complaint is that "the University spends too much money on bricks and mortar, esoteric landscaping, financing new buildings and real estate."

This is a serious, thoughtful report. Foggy Bottom residents will find it interesting.