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Re: Application Number 16565, St. Mary's Hall, Georgetown University

As residents of The Cloisters which abuts Georgetown University, we support St. Mary's remaining a classroom and administrative building.

Kwe have already been dealing with a long-standing issue of mid-night disturbance of the peace by students using the path between St. Mary's and the Cloisters en route home after the Georgetown bars close. Converting St. Mary's into a dorm will exacerbate an already distressing situation.

Continuing to use St. Mary's as a classroom and administrative center will ensure that it will provide a buffer between the University and the adjoining residential area. We have already requested that the University close the pathway between St. Mary's and The Cloisters and plant a forest of evergreens which would provide a sound buffer. Pedestrians would walk to the West of St. Mary's to reach Reservoir Road. At 3 a.m. that detour would make a big difference for those of us trying to sleep next door.

Thank you for your consideration.

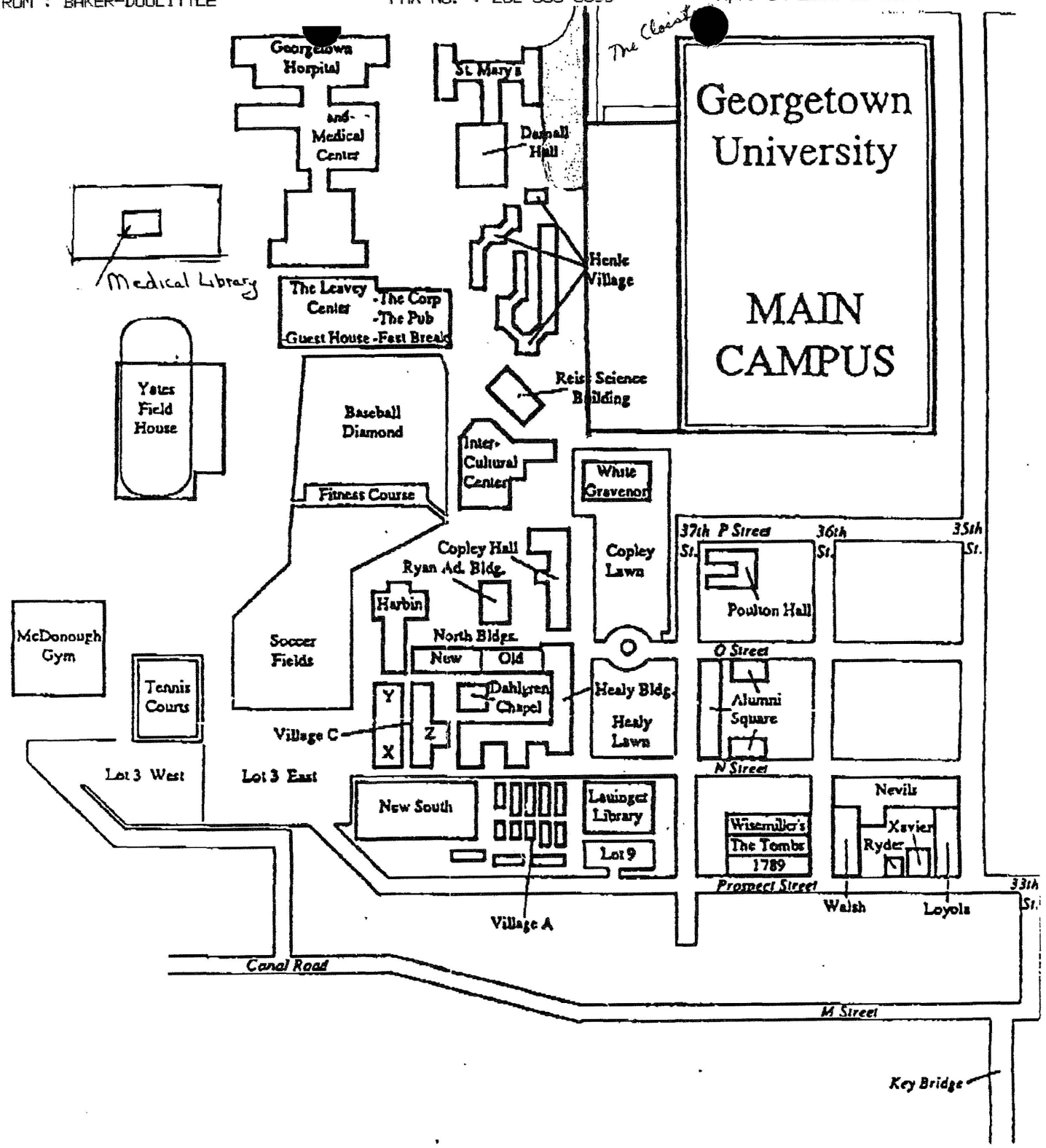
Sincerely,

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- proposed high-fenced tall evergreen "forest" as a sound & aesthetic GU/Cloister separation
- student pathways