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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Director, Board of Zoning Adjustment
Suite 210, 441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Reid,

I strongly oppose any increase in the number of students planned for Georgetown University.

I have been a resident in Georgetown for over 5 years and have seen the damage that Georgetown University students have done to our community.

First and foremost is the vandalism and destructive behavior of the students. In May 1996, four Georgetown students were apprehended after they threw a beer bottle, smashing our front door window. While they were being questioned, I personally heard them state they were Georgetown University students. The police failed to prosecute because it was deemed a misdemeanor (at over $500- it wasn't a misdemeanor). The case number is 071-199. Georgetown University Department of Student Affairs (Jean Lord) blew me off and refused to return my phone.

In October 1997, I awoke to the sound of screaming, cursing and breaking glass as the trash for Friday pick-up was being hurled and kicked down 33rd Street and continuing up N Street. I looked out my window and saw the two young men who were

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doing this. I got dressed (2:30 am) and followed them into the library at Georgetown University. In the meantime I had called for Security. Unfortunately they were not apprehended. Only through extreme pressure through the ANC did the students come forward. The two young men later made a public apology for their actions at an ANC community meeting. The problem with trash being thrown into the street is such a problem that I now get up early on Tuesday and Friday mornings to take the trash out.

Students living off campus are a huge problem. Two houses, located at 3301 & 3303 Prospect Street are a nuisance to our community and our quality of life. In the past, they (3301 Prospect) have held huge parties late into the evening. When their guests leave, they throw their red plastic beer cups onto the street, sidewalk and our front yard. They can be tracked right back to the kegs in the backyard. Both of these houses are a health hazard. The students fail to take out trash for weeks on end; I have seen rats feeding on rancid garbage. When the students do take the trash out they leave the trashcans on the street until I put them away. The students living at 3301 Prospect have also stolen a Safeway shopping cart (take a look, its there). This is not just a Safeway cart that has lost its way, it is theft.

The noise on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 2-3:30 is incredible. A roar from the intoxicated students walking back to campus along Prospect Street can be heard for blocks. They yell, scream, curse, throw bottles at street signs, uproot newly planted trees and throw trash into the street. If something is said to these groups of students I am concerned that violent retaliation on their behalf will occur. We often run our air conditioner at night during the weekend to drown out the noise.

The second problem I am concerned about is traffic and parking. The traffic in Georgetown is already a problem. The thought of adding additional graduate students is ridiculous. Prospect Street during rush hour is often grid locked. I just don't know where the cars will fit on the street. Although we are blessed with a driveway for parking, I have had to park on the street occasionally. Finding an open space anywhere near my house is nearly impossible. Adding more students will make only make matters worse.

I am dismayed at the behavior of students and the administrators at Georgetown University. Georgetown students come here to this beautiful, historic community and use it as their "animal house" to do as they please for four or more years. The administrators do nothing to teach the students to act like adults and to fail to take action when they destroy the community.

In the past, Georgetown University has not been a good neighbor. This University should be severely restricted in any expansion of its student population. You owe it to the citizens of Georgetown to ensure this University does not increase its student population.

Sincerely,

Arthur E. Brown