July 8, 2000

Ms. Shelia Cross-Reid
Director, Board of Zoning Adjustment
Suite 210
441 Fourth Street N.W.
Washington D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Cross-Reid:

As residents of Burleith for almost 27 years, we would like to go on record as protesting the undergraduate expansion at Georgetown University without provision for on-campus housing and also the realignment of 38th Street with entrance No. 1.

We live at 1931 38th Street N.W., next door to a group house. Across the street are two more group houses. These houses are generally occupied by Georgetown graduate students and we can tell you that even these somewhat older students have drunken, boisterous parties and slovenly habits regarding outdoor maintenance of lawns and garbage disposal.

Some groups are better behaved than others, but on the whole, the overcrowded houses cause neighborhood deterioration, with older owner-residents moving away to a calmer neighborhood (often to the suburbs) and younger families avoiding Burleith for the same reasons.

If there are more students at the university without on-campus housing, there will be more pressure to house them in Burleith, with more absentee landlords crowding the houses with too many people and cars and neglecting their property.

In addition, there are expected to be more Georgetown University Hospital employees and visitors with the change of ownership. This, too, is likely to create parking and traffic problems in the neighborhood. We urge you to withhold support for student expansion at Georgetown University or you may find another slum in the making.

Sincerely,

Edward Caplan
Sorrell Caplan

Edward and Sorrell Caplan

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