

2 Knowles Terrace
Albany, NY 12203
June 24, 1980

Mr. Dennis Stevens
Director, Physical Plant
SUNYA

Dear Mr. Stevens:

As per our discussion, I am registering a formal complaint as a resident of McKownville concerning the damage which is being done by neighborhood youth to the buffer zone between the University and Knowles Terrace. During the past weekend in particular I have witnessed the clearing of a large area in the woods by these youths. I personally spoke to them on at least four occasions to stop this destruction. Please understand that I am not objecting to their playing in this area-- what I vehemently object is the cutting of trees and other green vegetation in order to "make a ball field". While I understand that it is not a regulation-size ballfield, I cannot tolerate the destruction they are doing to this area. There is no reason to cut anything here!

Certainly the parents know they are doing this for where would they get saws, lawn mowers, clippers, etc. to accomplish this. They all have back yards in which to play; the street is a dead-end street if they wish to play there; and, of course, they are close enough to the University fields if they want to run around there. There is also the Town Park where their parents can take them if they wish. Really, there is no excuse for a single shrub to be cut if one really wants to get "picky".

I have personally tried to clean this area by raking, clearing footpaths, and the like, for it is a nice place to walk and "get away and clear your head". I'd appreciate anything you can do to stop the clearing of this area. The parents of the children are:

Robert Hall 19 Knowles Terrace
Harry Coburn 17 Knowles Terrace
Edward Wroblewski 14 Knowles Terrace

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Alice Torda