

State University of New York at Albany

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President Vincent O'Leary
State University of New York
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Dear President O'Leary:

Concerning the proposed Albany State field house, there are at least eight sites that could be used for the structure. As a past-president of the nearby McKnownville Improvement Association and member of the University Faculty, I would like to discuss these with you. Very briefly, the eight sites are:

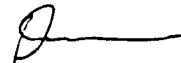
- (1) The site that was prepared in 1968; it is east of the pond;
- (2) The site on the southeast corner of Fuller and Washington;
- (3) The site on the southwest corner of Fuller and Washington (or further into the woods of that parcel);
- (4) The site south of the perimeter road and north but adjacent to State Quad;
- (5) The site north of the tennis courts and south of Indian Quad;
- (6) The site which connects the perimeter road with the State Police building's parking lot (and once used as a parking lot);
- (7) The site described in the ASP which involves some of the "Chapel House" property;
- (8) and The site which is east of the perimeter road, south of the "bubble" and in the rear of the bleachers on the "soccer fields."

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Each of the sites fulfills your promise not to take any existing playing field. The latter site is preferred over the ASP article described site because it is closer to the present gymnasium (it could be connected to the gymnasium through the bubble) and is further from the residences in McKnownville. The very best site is that closest to the State Police parking lot: it permits direct access from I-90, can use The State Office Building parking lots (and possibly utilities), is some distance from residences and is on a cleared and level site. The site described in the ASP is distinctly inferior to these two alternatives in one or more ways (traffic, parking, nearness to residences, taking away existing parking, destroying woodlands) and I would hope that the University personnel and Senate committees are given the directions to prepare carefully "cost" studies of each of the eight sites (and those suggested by others).

The ancient philosopher Eric Segal wrote 'love is never having to say you're sorry'. It would be nice if the State University Construction Fund and the members of the University could adopt this sentiment - doing nothing for which you have to say you're sorry - when it comes to the placement of the field house.

Sincerely,



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