

We, the undersigned,

DISMAYED that so historic and important an endeavor as Smith's engineering program should be rooted in controversy and discord, and

GRAVELY DISAPPOINTED that such a laudable effort as construction of Smith's first "green" building should in fact ignore the economic and social concerns of the community in which it is to take root, and

ACKNOWLEDGING that we, as students and alumnae, are a valuable and essential component of Smith's ability to thrive and grow, and

RECOGNIZING that Smith College is a PART of the Northampton community and therefore is obligated to take responsibility for its actions, which by definition impact the well-being of the Northampton community, respectfully request that Smith:

VOLUNTEER, in an open declaration, fair, public, and unobstructed access to ALL information necessary to understanding this issue, and that that information be complete, correct, and unbiased; and

EMBRACE a true, and therefore necessarily holistic, concept of sustainability that gives EQUAL weight to the economic and social, as well as environmental, aspects of sustainability; and

INCLUDE students, alumnae, and Northampton community members in expansion decisions in a fashion such that ALL parties are given ample time to become EQUALLY involved, and that their involvement not be terminated, diminished, or reorganized without their knowledge and consent; and

ENGAGE IN a RESPECTFUL dialogue with students, alumnae, and Northampton community members, neither denying as false nor downplaying as insignificant the concerns and comments of such persons; and

RECEIVE WITH RESPECT, RECORD, and TREAT WITH OPEN-MINDEDNESS any and all suggestions regarding expansion that originate among the students, alumnae, or Northampton community members; and

PROMOTE and SEEK TO PRESERVE a fair, equal, and genuinely socially responsible relationship with, and general spirit of goodwill toward, the community of Northampton.

With respect and hope for peace, healing, and sustainability within our community,

Please return this document **with all signatures attached** to Naomi Graychase at P.O. Box 787, Northampton, MA 01061 no later than **May 20th, 2006**.

This document was created by SACRED (the Student Alumnae Coalition for Responsible Expansion and Development). If you have questions regarding this document or SACRED's mission and/or meeting times, please contact any of the following students/alumnae:

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