

Why wait?

I am curious how you can consider paving over the pen site an “up” (**Ups & Downs**, March 5). Wouldn't Nationwide, the city and the arena be better served by building the much-heralded “Arena District” sooner rather than later?

When the first Blue Jackets game is covered on national TV, will the nation see a unique example of mixed-use development? Hell, no. Just another parking lot.

How about the Ohio Bicentennial in 2003? I bet visitors to Columbus will love the ample parking.

Sadly, this is just the newest in a long list of missed opportunities. Not the last.

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Editor's note: The “up” arrow was awarded to asphalt, not to Nationwide, the city or the arena.