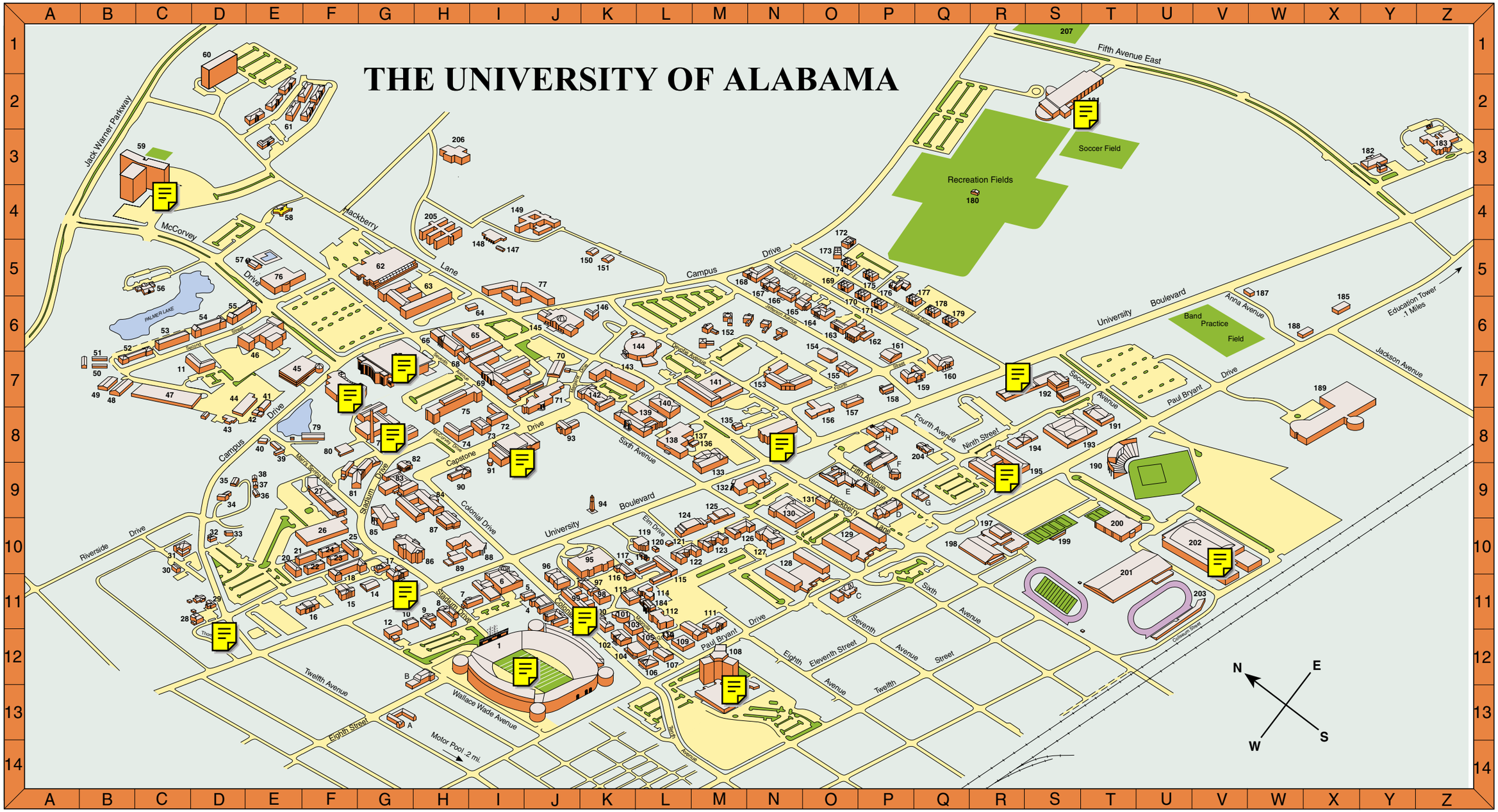THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA