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To: Files, Committee on the Handicapped

From: Subcommittee on Non-Academic Program Accessibility

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Re: Self-Evaluation of Non-Academic Program Accessibility - An Overview

The Subcommittee on Non-Academic Program Accessibility initiated the self-evaluation process by dividing the areas in the College which would be affected into five affinity groups and contacting the program directors within each group. The five groups and the areas contacted are listed below:

GROUP I:

Associate Dean of the College (for dormitory programs)

Director of Student Housing

Dean of Students (for housing responsibilities)

Director of the Dartmouth Dining Association

Business Manager

Director of Personnel Administration

GROUP II:

Dean of Libraries

Affirmative Action Officer

Dean of Freshmen

Dean of Students

College Proctor

Director of Reading and Study Skills

GROUP III:

Associate Dean of the College (for the Director of the College Center)

Director of the Outward Bound Center

Director of Outdoor Affairs

Director of Athletics

Director of the Hopkins Center

Dean of the Tucker Foundation

GROUP IV:

Registrar

Assistant to the Dean of Freshmen (for registration)

Comptroller

Director of Financial Aid

Director of Admissions

Director of the Health Service

Coordinator of Career and Employment Services

GROUP V:

Interfraternity Council

Dartmouth Broadcasting

Council on Student Organizations

The Daily Dartmouth (student newspaper)

The subcommittee contacted every program area by way of memoranda which contained 1) an explanation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

of 1973 (P.L. 93-112), as amended (P.L. 93-516); 2) a general description of the obligation of colleges and universities; 3) a request for written reports which would point out means of compliance; 4) the designated date for the completion of the institution self-evaluation; and 5) the responsibility of every program area within the College. All memoranda were accompanied with appropriate background materials extracted from the "Guide to the Section 504 Self-Evaluation for Colleges and Universities." Approximately one week after the distribution of the memoranda the sub-committee met with each affinity group to reiterate what already had been stated in writing and to respond to any questions regarding expectations of the Self-Evaluation Process.

The written reports from all the respective areas indicate a willingness to do whatever is deemed necessary to make their programs accessible to the handicapped.

Pending the establishment of an Office of Disabled Student Services, the Office of the Dean of Freshmen will be the initial contact point for handicapped students (as it is for all freshmen students) to acquire all needed information and guidance.

The Department of Buildings and Grounds has proposed that one of the two vans currently in use be equipped with a wheelchair lift in order to transport wheelchair cases when the necessity arises. The van could be dispatched 24-hours a day through Buildings and Grounds or the Campus Police after working hours. Buildings and Grounds also is prepared to provide priority snow shoveling, ice removal, and salt or sand treatment as required.

The Dartmouth Dining Association indicates that it presently provides service for persons unable to carry trays and will continue that service. The Outward Bound Center and the Outdoor Affairs Program, although necessitating that they alter some of their conventional activity, would accommodate handicapped persons. The Freshmen Trips would likewise be made accessible under similar conditions.

All counseling, advising and information sharing will take place in areas that are designated as being accessible to handicapped persons.

The Office of Personnel Administration, in an effort to recruit handicapped applicants, each week sends "The Flyer of Current Position Openings" to the Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire Rehabilitation Centers, the Veterans Center, Rehabilitation Counselors, organizations for the blind, and the Vermont and New Hampshire Employment and Security Departments.

Access to the facilities of Dartmouth Broadcasting appears to present a significant problem. Aside from being able to use Dartmouth Broadcasting mobile equipment, the College has at least two options:

- 1) Incorporate an elevator in the building where Dartmouth Broadcasting is presently housed (Robinson Hall).
- 2) Relocate Dartmouth Broadcasting in a building that would be accessible to handicapped persons.

More consideration needs to be given to the problem confronting Dartmouth Broadcasting.