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Dear Sandy:

The President has asked me to serve on the committee which is charged with bringing the campus into conformity with Sec. 504 in connection with disabled students. At the first meeting it became clear that a sizable expenditure of funds is going to be needed if the necessary elevators are to be built into the buildings which need them: Dartmouth Hall, Robinson Hall, Spaulding Auditorium, etc. We have developed a list of needs in priority order that will obviously cost a good deal more than anyone on the committee sees in what we recognize as tight budgets.

It seems to me that the Trustees are going to have to make a substantial commitment to accomplish what really should have been done years ago. I served on a similar committee in 1977 and the list of recommendations that grew out of their deliberations were barely touched. Would it be possible for the Trustees to commit \$1 million a year for three years to meeting these goals? The estimated costs on some of the projects run as high as \$400,000 so this commitment does not appear to be too large to get the job done.

One other factor that begs consideration is snow removal. E&G did, for years, a wonderful job of keeping the walkway into Blunt clear and dry so that I was able to get in without danger. But the town and much of campus remain impassible for wheelchairs without special effort. I continually see our current wheelchair student in the middle of the road as he tries to get to class. It was frustrating to find the sidewalk to Collis (where our first meeting was held) uncleared because it was Washington's birthday!

The committee hopes to review future construction plans well in advance so that errors like adequate wheelchair access to Leede Arena and the need to make expensive alterations in Brace no longer occur. We are anxious to minimize the costs of making the campus accessible, but it is clear that a major investment is needed to get to an acceptable level.

Sincerely,