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Dear Mr. Scotford:

First let me apologize for being so slow in answering your memorandum concerning the admission of physically handicapped students to Dartmouth. It is not that I am not interested in the subject of your letter, but being quite new here I felt I should wait until I had learned comments made by some of the others whom you addressed.

I gother that you saw the very impressive program that Professor Timothy Nugent has at Champaign and it is indeed a unique enterprise. To mount a program of this type is no simple matter for an educational institution, though to hear Tim Nugent tell it, it is only a matter of buckling down to the task.

I attended a conference on this matter about a year and a half ago in Syracuse, where one point was made that I thought had very considerable validity. I believe it was Nugent who pointed out that we have handicapped students and faculty with us all the time only we don't always think of them in the same terms as we do individuals who have more or less permanent handicaps. If you look around the compus at Dartmouth you will see a great many students making their way about on crutches and with canes, and there are undoubtedly at times a number of students in Dick's House who could be out and about in wheel chairs if the physical structures on the campus were more adaptable to this method of locomotion. There are a variety of ways by which these adaptations can be made and whether these are worth considering in present structures is a matter I think for some examination. However, in terms of new structures that may be contemplated, I think this kind of planning might be very much worthwhile. There are a number of sources of information on this which I would be very happy to review with anyone who might be interested in it.

As things stand right now, however, I do not believe that it is very practical for students with a major physical handicap in locomotion to attempt to lead a selfsufficient life at Dartmouth College and it is, to my mind, important that they have this sense of self-sufficiency in any educational program they embark upon. I have a copy of the proceedings of that conference at Syracuse that I referred to above, which might be of interest to those who would like to know more about the problems of admission, counseling, etc., of students with major physical handicaps.

Sincerely,

RSJ/lr

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