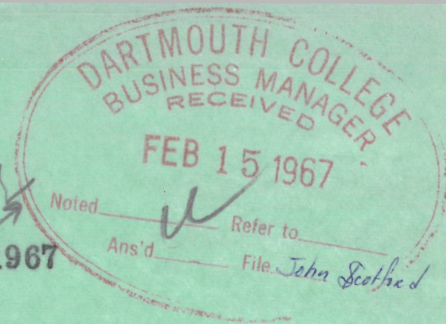


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FROM John Scotford
TO President Dickey, Richard Olmsted, Edward Chamberlain, Dr. Jackson
re: Extending the opportunity of a Dartmouth education to a hithertofore untapped minority group -- crippled students

When I visited the campus of Southern Illinois University last year I was struck by the effort that institution had made to encourage crippled students to attend SIU. First floor rooms were reserved for them in some dormitories, ramps for wheelchairs had been placed at strategic points about the campus. They had a special office set up to handle their problems. I do not know if many state colleges do this or are required to do it to meet the needs of their citizens, but I know of no Ivy League schools or other independent liberal arts colleges which make a point of making their campuses livable for crippled students. I have not noticed many crippled students at Dartmouth. I can think of only two recently. Undoubtedly there are many who would qualify for admission. Many are highly motivated. Many must want to go to a school like Dartmouth. Are we missing a bet in not making it easy for them to attend? Can we steal a march on our competition by making a few simple alterations in present buildings and planning future buildings with them in mind?

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