

"(b) The laboratory and other special equipment made available pursuant to this title for the use of children and teachers in any school in any State shall be limited to those which have been approved by an appropriate State or local educational agency for use, or are used, in a public elementary or secondary school of that State."

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,
Chicago, Ill., Apr. 4, 1962.

HON. BARRATT O'HARA,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: I should like to call your attention to the Bill introduced by Mr. Sisk of California (HR 5793), and ask for your interest and support. This Bill would provide funds to colleges and universities for construction of outpatient facilities for college health services. I am sure it is unnecessary to point out to you the importance of protecting the health of our college youth since they represent one of our greatest national resources. The assumption that these young people are free of health problems is not borne out by the facts. Last year at the University of Chicago with an enrollment never greater than 8,000 students, we had over 43,000 visits to the University Health Service—many of them representing serious medical and surgical problems. While most colleges and universities are coming to recognize their responsibility to provide sophisticated medical care for students, only a handful of institutions have services that could be called adequate.

The reasons for this vary with each institution, but in general reflect the fact that since student health is not a strictly academic function, there is often relatively little knowledge or sympathy devoted to it in the competition for previous budgetary funds. Sharp enrollment increases have made most health services obsolete in terms of space. For most institutions it will be extremely difficult to improve the quality of medical care and expand facilities at the same time, without diverting important funds from academic areas.

As a health service director at an institution which takes this responsibility seriously, I can assure you that it is an expensive enterprise. As president of the Mid-Atlantic College Health Association, I can also assure you that most colleges and universities have a long way to go to provide the level of medical care our young people deserve. Without important help in providing facilities for student health services, institutions will either remain inadequate or will have to take funds from areas of equal importance.

I request your serious consideration of this problem.

Yours very truly,

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