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While preparing the Department of Special Education at Millersville University in Millersville, PA for a move into the new School of Education building, I discovered a trunk with a set of film cans. The dusty military style footlocker contained 16mm films dating back to the founding of the department in 1958. I have been requiring teacher candidates in a foundations course to complete the MN Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities online course Partners In Time and decided to contact the Council in order to share these historic films. Most of the films originated in Syracuse in the 1950's and 1960's. One film, "A Different Approach," originated in California in the 1980's. The films have significant historic value as we attempt to be coherent regarding services and supports being offered and designed today. The language, which may be harsh today, is a reminder of what was and a caution of what is. It is my hope that individual and systemic consciousness, which currently manifests in a low awareness regarding the reality and dynamics of societal devaluation and deviancy-making, is in some small way improved. Viewing the historic context may shine light on the present day impacts of special education and human services, and offer guidance for today's professionals, college students, families, and people with disabilities.



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