

NEW HORIZONS

UCLA Office for Students with Disabilities

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Kathy's Korner

It is hard to believe that we will soon be ending another academic year. I hope that it has been a rewarding one for each of you. I have some news to tell you. To begin with:

Dr. Sharon Teruya – As you know, Sharon has been on leave working at the University of Hawaii this year. Recently, she contacted OSD to tell us that she will be leaving UCLA and has accepted a position in the Learning Disabilities Program at Santa Monica College. We wish Sharon all the best and thank her for her 8 years of service to OSD and the students we serve. We all will miss her!

Harriet Tannenbaum -



Many of you know Harriet as a proctor, a reader and a surrogate Mom. Unfortunately, Harriet passed away this April at the age of 91. Harriet has been a part of OSD since 1981. Harriet loved working with the students we serve and they loved her. She was a wonderful role model to OSD staff and students alike. She showed us that you can make a difference no matter what your age and situation. Harriet worked up to the time she was 89 and when she couldn't drive any longer she would take the bus to campus or hitch a ride with one of our staff members. The contributions she made to this department for over 25 years cannot be quantified. We all feel privileged to have known her. One of her students, Majid Naficy who is a poet wrote a poem that I would like to share with you.

My American Mother

Majid Naficy

For Harriet Tannenbaum (1916-2008)

*My American mother says,
"In the next circle of life
I want to become
A tall, shade tree."*



*I look at her little body
Still upright
Leaning on her steady cane,
And her kind eyes
Shining like my mother's
In Iran,
And I know
That I want to become a bird.*

I would like to extend my best wishes to all our graduates. Please keep in touch. We would love to know all about your next steps. Have a great summer.

Goodbye to All Our Graduates



It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to our graduating students. We wish you well in all your future endeavors and congratulate you on all your achievements while at UCLA. You will be missed.

IF YOU ARE A GRADUATING UCLA STUDENT AND MIGHT REQUIRE ACCOMMODATIONS...

Please contact the Office of Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs and make your request. In the absence of a ramp or permanent lift, the University has a portable wheelchair lift to assist students needing access to a stage for graduation. Please contact the OSD to learn more.

If your guests (elderly or disabled) need information on parking or seating, please have them contact the OSD as well. FYI: Any state issued handicapped plate or placard is valid for parking during commencement weekend.

Please call (310) 825-1501.

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The 2007-08 Student Evaluation of Services

was mailed out the week of April 21. You should have received your copy by now. Please complete the survey and send it back to us. If you did not receive your copy please go to www.osd.ucla.edu/StudentEval/2007-08Eval.pdf and download a copy. Your opinions matter to us. Many of the changes and upgrades we have made over the years were a result of responses and comments made on these surveys.

SHAC

The Student Health Advisory Committee has served as an advocate for UCLA students since 1972, addressing students' health needs and concerns. SHAC consists of four graduate and four undergraduate student representatives appointed by their respective student governments, as well as non-voting administrative liaisons appointed by the Arthur Ashe Center.

SHAC meets four times a quarter during the academic school year to recommend improvements in health care policy to Student Health Services, including the Arthur Ashe Center, Student Psychological Services, and Office of the Assistant vice Chancellor for Student Development and Health. The members represent the interests and concerns of students and work to improve the quality and affordability of health care at UCLA. SHAC also helps review the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) for the following academic year.

If you have any questions or concerns about Student Health Services at UCLA, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can provide information about how to access services or put you in touch with administrators who can help you deal with any of your health care issues. Also, our meetings are open to all students, so please contact us if you would like to attend!

For comments or questions, or to offer suggestions and ideas, call SHAC at 310-206-3369 or send an email at shac-l@lists.ucla.edu

Returning Students... HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please remember to let the OSD know each time you change your address in order to continue to receive important mailings regarding priority enrollment, proctoring, van transportation, etc.

Changing your address with the Registrar's Office DOES NOT change your address with OSD.

You can call the office, e-mail us, or come in and fill out a "change of address" slip.

The 2006-07 Annual Report is available at the OSD and on our web page.

www.osd.ucla.edu



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

2008 Spring Quarter

Construction of the Westwood Replacement Hospital continues with a completion date very soon. Unlike past years, the sidewalk on both sides of Westwood Plaza is open; therefore, there is minimal impact to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Just north of the Hospital on the west side of Westwood Plaza, there is a new construction site. The UC Police Department is undergoing an expansion and remodel. For the next 18 months or so, the sidewalk on the west side of Westwood from Young Drive South to the access road to the CSB (near the ramp for Parking Structure 8) is closed. During the construction, the UC Police Department has been relocated to the Kinross Building on Kinross Avenue near Parking Lot 36 and Structure 32 -- between Gayley and Veteran Avenues.

A new major construction site is that of the Life Sciences Replacement Building near Manning and Young Drive -- what once was Hershey Hall. The sidewalk on the east side of Young Drive from Manning Avenue to the Botany Building is closed.

Sproul Hall should be ready to open in August of 2008. When it opens, Rieber Hall will shut down for a 12 to 18 month period of remodeling and up-grades.

Check out the Capital Programs frequently updated web site for construction impacts: www.capital.ucla.edu Click on "Construction Impacts" under Projects.

If you have questions about specific construction projects or access to any building or area on campus, please call the OSD at (310) 825-1501 for detailed information.

Searching For Scholarships?



Check out our website scholarship/internship section at: www.osd.ucla.edu/Scholarships.htm

The Scholarship Resource Center is another great source for scholarships. The search for scholarships can be complicated and confusing, but the Scholarship Resource Center (SRC) is here to help guide you through the maze. The SRC maintains a scholarship database and library, and provides workshops and counseling. The SRC is located at 233 Covell Commons (206-2875).

The SRC also offers the **U.S. National** and **British Merit Scholarships** and workshops to provide UCLA students

information about national scholarships such as the **Rhodes, Churchill, and Truman Scholarship** programs.

A great way to become familiar with the process is to sign up for one of the **Free Scholarship Search Workshops**. Check the SRC website for times and locations.

www.college.ucla.edu/up/src

Here's another possible source of financial aid!!!

Do you have a chronic disease or medical condition? Do you have trouble with your medical and chronic disabilities in the academic environment? Do you want to work?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services.

The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) is here to help you fulfill your employment goals. Some of the services may include funds for registration, books and supplies as well as assistive technology equipment.

If you are a student registered with the OSD, please contact your counselor and ask for more information regarding this state program. This might be the hidden door that will open an easier path to graduation and employment!

- submitted by Marsha Rose, DOR Counselor

ADA/ 504 Compliance Office

1. Monitors and coordinates compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which prohibits discrimination based on disability in all University activities;
2. Offers guidance and evaluates efforts to provide access to campus facilities and programs;
3. Develops procedures to identify and correct access deficiencies;
4. Disseminates information regarding compliance-related issues and recommends appropriate remedial actions;
5. Coordinates the implementation of the ADA Transition Plan; and
6. Fields complaints alleging campus noncompliance with the ADA and Section 504.

The Compliance Office is located in Murphy Hall, Room A-239. For more information please contact: (Voice) 310-825-2242, (TTY) 310-206-3349, (FAX) 310-825-3688.

UCLA Committee on Disability

The UCOD, formerly the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Disability (CACD), was established in 1982 as an advisory group by the Chancellor to create and maintain a more accessible campus environment. The COD is comprised of student, faculty, staff, alumni, community, and ex-officio members. The Committee's charge is to analyze and identify problems, propose solutions, and make recommendations on matters of particular concern to persons with disabilities.

**Meeting Times: The 2nd Tuesday of each month (except August & December) 2-4 pm
Faculty Center**

For more information contact the ADA & 504 Compliance Office at (310) 825-2242 (voice) or (310) 206-3349 (tty).

Planning to travel this summer?

Check out PN Magazine's March 2008 issue for travel companies specializing in accessible travel. Go to:

<http://www.pvomagazines.com/pnnews/magazine/toc.php?iss=155>

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of New Horizons. Please let us know if you would like to contribute an article or if you would like us to cover a particular topic by contacting Deb Owen at dowen@saonet.ucla.edu. Come by the OSD to say hello and to let us know how things are going. We are here to assist you. Have a great summer!

New Horizons is available in Braille, on tape cassette and on the OSD web site. Contact the OSD to request a copy in an alternative format.

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