

dates to remember...

- September 7** Last day to withdraw for a refund for 16 week courses
- September 21** Last day to withdraw and will not show on transcript for 16 week courses
- September 28** Deadline to select Credit/No Credit grading option for 16 week courses
- October 15** Fall graduation filing deadline
- October 22** Second 8 week classes begin
- November 12** HOLIDAY—Veterans Day
- November 16** Last day to withdraw with a "W" for 16 week courses



Welcome back to the 2007-08 school year.

Many changes will be occurring in the Special Services Building during the upcoming year. Please bear with us during the construction process.

There will not only be changes to the building, but we have some new additions to our personnel. Please welcome the new Learning Center Instructional Associates:



Esperanza Rafael—A Cal State Fullerton graduate, Esperanza brings experience in multiple subjects. She will be tutoring English and Human Development, as well as Basic Skills.



Lei Tata—Originally from Hawaii, Lei has a strong background in teaching. She will be working as an English tutor and Basic Skills Instructor.

Counselor Corner



Bob Zhe, M.S.

College success involves thoughtful preparation. Here are some suggestions to keep in mind during the fall semester:

- Arrange your on-campus support services such as class accommodations, financial aid and tutoring.
- Establish your off-campus support services. If you are a client with the V.A. or the Department of Rehabilitation, contact your counselor now.
- Pick up an OCC Agenda in the Disabled Students' Center to organize important dates to remember such as exam dates, assignment deadlines and registration deadlines.
- Stay in contact with your instructors. Know their office hours and make at least two after class contacts during the semester.
- Take time to have fun.

There are many clubs and activities on campus that can broaden your educational experience. Take some time to get involved.

You may feel that you have an entire sixteen weeks ahead of you.... and you do. However, those sixteen weeks can fly by and you will look up and it's time for finals. Stay organized. If you are unsure about a class project or assignment, ask your instructor for clarification. **DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP.**

If you are interested in scheduling an academic counseling appointment with me, please contact the Disabled Students' Center at **714/432-5807**.

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Special Support Services

THE DSC PROVIDES SUPPORT SERVICES TO HELP STUDENTS ACHIEVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS

To be successful in college, many individuals with disabilities benefit from special support services. Accommodations are provided based on an individual's educational and functional limitations. The appropriate support services will be determined by the Disabled Students' Center counselor and/or the Learning Instructor.

The following are some examples of support services available:

Note Taking

We can arrange for notes for a class if you are unable to take notes independently due to your disability.

Test Taking Assistance

We can arrange for help in taking exams with a proctor, extra time and/or a separate area in which to take the exam.

Tutoring

An extra hour of tutoring time above the one hour available through the Tutorial Center is available depending on your particular disability.

Alternate Media

The Alternate Media Specialist, Darrin Robertson, assists with Braille, electronic and taped textbooks, print enlargement, Universal design (web page access), and video captioning.

College success involves thoughtful preparation. Planning ahead will help your semester run smoothly and contribute to a successful semester. If you would like to request special support services, please stop by the Disabled Students' Center or Learning Center to complete a 'Student Request for Accommodations' form. ■

wheelchair rugby

Campus Colleagues will be sponsoring their **4th Annual Bill Alvarez Memorial Wheelchair Rugby Exhibition** on Saturday, October 6, in the OCC gym. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and will include two games.

Do not miss this very exciting sporting event and at the same time, honor the memory of Bill Alvarez. All monies raised will be evenly divided between the Bill Alvarez Memorial Scholarship and the Campus Colleagues Disabled Student Scholarship. Last year, over \$2,400 was raised towards these scholarships. Come support this great event and help us beat last year's record! ■

CSU and UC transfers

CSU campuses are accepting fall 2008 transfer applications beginning October 1 through November 30, 2007. UC campuses are accepting Fall 2008 transfer applications starting November 1 through November 30, 2007. The CSU application is completed on-line at www.csumentor.edu.

The UC application is completed on-line at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions. A written personal statement is required when applying to a UC campus. For assistance on writing your personal statement, please visit the Transfer Center located on the second floor in Watson Hall. For further information regarding transfer applications, call the Transfer Center at 714/432-5894. ■

NEED HELP?

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE

High Tech Center

The High Tech Center (HTC) is loaded with new state of the art computers, printers and scanners!

If you need to use a computer to complete your homework, this is the place to come. The HTC is a computing facility which is designed for any student who is currently registered through the Disabled Students' Center or the Learning Center. The HTC is located in the Special Services Building between the Computer Center and the new Student Success Center.



Students have access to PC's and Macintosh computers as well as scanners, color laser printers and color ink-jet printers. Adapted software programs can be used in conjunction with mainstream applications to accommodate most disabled students using the Center. If you have any questions concerning the services available through the HTC, please contact Neil Hong at 714/432-5505.

HTC HOURS

Monday 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. + 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. + 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. + 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



Utilize the HTC to:

- Type classroom papers and reports.
- Complete computer classroom assignments.
- Create and check e-mail accounts.
- Create DMA/D (Digital Media Arts) projects and assignments.
- Scan school related books and have it read back to you.
- Conduct research via the Internet for classroom reports.

ALL WORK IN THE HTC MUST BE RELATED TO OCC CLASSWORK.

