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I AM! is a newsletter published monthly by the Handicapped Student Services. I AM! is to serve as a forum and source of information for students, staff, faculty, administrators and community members - be they handicapped or not. The format is flexible and any suggestions or art work would be appreciated.

## RELEVANT ON-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Lisa Coyne, Editor

### Handicapped Student Services

Handicapped Student Services is a department of the Student Affairs Division at the University. The Coordinator of Handicapped Student Services, David Rogers, is directly responsible to Dr. Stuart Farber, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and you, the disabled students of CSULB, for maintaining, improving, and implementing necessary activities in behalf of all handicapped students, faculty, staff and administrators. Should the Staff, Brenda Premo, Joan Harmon and Lisa Coyne or David Rogers be unable to assist you, Dr. Farber provides his full support to help find the best solutions to the problem. We have a Service tailored to your needs when you need them and invite each of you to visit us often. Should you have problems in registration, parking, access to classes, or a need in academic, social, or recreational areas, please call me at 498-5361 any weekday from eight a.m. to five p.m. or come to our office in the University Student Union Plaza.

Staff:	David Rogers	Coordinator, Handicapped Student Services
	Joan Harmon	Secretary to the Coordinator
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### Concerns for the Handicapped

The Concerns for the Handicapped Committee is a University-wide committee. The Committee is composed of faculty, staff and students from all areas of the campus and includes representatives of Physical Planning, Campus Police, Maintenance, Philosophy, Speech, Anthropology, Home Economics, Counseling, the Health Center and Physical Education and student representatives from the Handicapped Student Association and Handicapped Student Commission.

Co-Chairmen: John W. Shainline  
Executive-Student Affairs, Dean of Students

Dr. Stuart L. Farber  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

## Handicapped Student Commission

The Handicapped Student Commission is an Associated Student organization. Its purpose is to coordinate activities of all organizations and services for the handicapped on campus and to inform and educate the campus and the community of the capacities, capabilities and resources of the individual with a handicap.

### Officer:

Lisa Coyne	Commissioner
Donna Callaway	President, Handicapped Student Association
Brenda Premo	Representative of the Handicapped Student Services
Julie Cantrell	Representative of Concerns for the Handicapped
Ralph Black	Student-at-large
Joanne Hartenstein	Student-at-large

Advisors: Dr. J. J. Thompson  
Assistant Professor C. Clark

## Handicapped Student Association

The purpose of the Handicapped Student Association is to collect and disseminate information regarding handicapped student activities, to develop resources and programs of assistance for handicapped students, to promote better understanding within the general student population on matters concerning handicapped students, to provide liaison between handicapped students and the University administration, and in general to assist handicapped students to better utilize the full educational and physical facilities of the University toward the goal of realizing their full personal potential.

Officers: Donna Callaway President  
Ralph Black Vice-President  
Mary Stirnkorb Secretary-Treasurer

Advisors: Dr. Norma Gibbs  
David Rogers

### RELEVANT OFF-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

#### Low Vision Clinic Helps Students

The Low Vision Clinic is a subsidiary of the Optometric Center of Los Angeles, a branch campus of the Southern California College of Optometry. It is located on 39th Street and South Broadway in Los Angeles.

The Low Vision Clinic is operated by several interns working under a staff doctor. Everything the interns do is checked by the staff doctor. At the clinic an evaluation lasting two days is made. The first day consists of a very rigorous examination of about two hours. The second day, they complete the examination and do a visual aids evaluation, at which time they go over all the visual aids (i.e. glasses, telescopes, etc.) which would benefit you. Finally they make a prescription. The program may in some cases be funded either by MediCal or Rehabilitation. The address is: 3916 South Broadway, Los Angeles. The phone number is 234-9137. Be sure to specify that you want the low vision clinic when you call.

Julie Cantrell

Visual Aids

An expensive yet workable system of audio response computer terminals has now been developed. By means of a recorded alphabet and vocabulary the unit can read back (out loud) material typed in on a keyboard. Telephone lines connect the user with the central unit which is in turn tied to existing computer systems. Detecting errors, storing information, and use of computer services will facilitate use by the visually handicapped. Twelve terminals can be handled by a single unit. After the initial installation has been made and paid for, operating costs (assuming twelve users) are reasonable.

It has long been known that electrical impulses can produce patterns of light if applied directly to the optical cortex of the brain. Unfortunately, no simple relationship exists between the placement of the electrodes which carry the signals and the images which are generated. Research now underway indicates that modern electronics may be close to overcoming this and other difficulties. If that happens, science may give sight where nature declined to do so. A tiny T.V. camera might be camouflaged in either an artificial eye or a pair of glasses. Miniaturized computer circuitry build into the glasses frame could translate the television signal. These would then be fed via radio, to the electrode matrix which would have been surgically implanted against the brain. Resolution sufficient to distinguish faces and read large printing is optimistically predicted. But, don't hold your breath. It won't be available tomorrow.

A few year ago the U.S. military developed goggles capable of amplifying light fifteen thousand times. Their original application was in conjunction with night flights over Indo-China. The School of Optometry in Fullerton has recently begun applying this technology to helping those with night blindness.

Ralph Black

## EMPLOYMENT

Fair Employment Law

Effective July 1, 1974, the Labor Code, relating to fair employment practices, will be amended. State policy will prohibit denial of opportunity for employment on account of physical handicap, in addition to discrimination based upon race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, or sex. The police power of the State shall be exercised to protect this right in order to promote the fullest utilization of the capacities of its citizens. For the purposes of this act the term "employer" shall mean any person (which includes individuals, partnerships, corporations, unions, legal representative and trustees) employing five or more persons, any person acting as an agent of an employer, the State, or any of its political or civil subdivisions and cities.

Committee for The Rights of the Disabled  
July 1974

Editors Note: During July 1974 the Fair Employment Practice Commission received 29 cases based on physical handicap discrimination. The first case disposed of was favorable to the handicapped individual. FEPC Officer are located at: 455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco; 322 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles; 2550 Mariposa, Fresno; 1350 Front Street, Rm. 3012, San Diego; 926 J Street, Rm. 211, Sacramento; 303 W. 3rd Room 315, San Bernardino.



In response to inquiries about career opportunities we are working with a liaison committee on employability of the handicapped. This committee is composed of five State Department of Rehabilitation Counselors, a representative of the Office of Career Planning and Placement, John Trapani, the Commissioner of Handicapped Student, Lisa Coyne, and my Assistant, Brenda Premo. Together we intend to develop an effective means of communicating with public and private employers about hiring the handicapped. Continued employability efforts will be made by Student Affairs, the National Rehabilitation Association and its Coordinating Counsel of California of which CSULB's Dr. Stuart Farber is a member.

## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

This is a section for all kinds of goodies from readers to readers or all kinds of baddies from readers to editor. In other words, this part of "I AM!" is written by you. Items for sale, open letters, letters to the editor, poetry, announcements, car-pool notices, suggestions, etc., are acceptable. Items will be printed "as is" at the editor's discretion. Please submit printed or typed articles for the October issue of "I AM!" by October 15, 1974. All items should be accompanied by name, address and telephone number, however, anonymous letters and poems will be accepted.

Editor

## Seeing Myself

Pray almost entirely from mind  
every day

except when things get drastic,  
words and feelings come from the heart

Pray each morning

sure, but  
heart or mind?

What a sin

it is  
to only show complete trust  
in God  
when something bad or painful happens

Joe Hemphill

## Ever Feel Like a Frog?

Frogs feel slow, low, ugly, puffy, pooped, drooped and just plain good for nothin'.

The frog feeling comes when you want to be bright, but feel dull. You want to feel happy, but instead feel resentful. You want to be big, but are small. You want to care, but are indifferent.

Yes, at one time or another, each of us has suffered from the "frog" feeling. We find ourselves hopping around from place to place in our big earth terrarium. We're frightened, and disgusted but too frogish to budge. We find we're just sitting on a lilly pad, floating down the great river of life.



## And now a Fairy Tale

Once upon a time there was a frog. But he wasn't really a frog. He was a prince who felt like a frog. A wicked witch had cast a spell on him. Only the kiss of a beautiful young maiden could save him. But since when do cute chicks kiss frogs? So there he sat - alone - unkissed prince in frog form.

But miracles happen! One day our frog-prince discovered H.S.A. - the Handicapped Student Association at CSULB. He joined. He got involved. And one day "The Miracle" happened. A beautiful maiden grabbed him and gave him a big smack.

Crash-boom-zap. There he was - a handsome prince. And you know the rest. They lived happily ever after.

Isn't it about time you got rid of your frog feeling?

D. Callaway

## LEGISLATION

S.S.I.

Due to the passage of a couple major pieces of legislation (P.L. 92-603 at the federal level and Chapter 1216-1973 statutes on the state level), the whole welfare situation was changed for the aged, blind, and disabled.

The new laws and regulations, most of which are out now, allow \$235 a month for the aged and disabled single person and \$265 for a blind single person. These figures are nearly doubled if you are married or whatever to someone on SSI. These checks are gold colored and they should arrive on the first day of each month.

Any income from another source is supposed to be reported to the Social Security Office. If you have any income (gifts, social security payments - green checks, etc.) you get to keep the first \$20 a month. If you are working you get to keep the first \$65 a month for a total exempted income of \$85 a month. Anything over these two figures will result in a decrease of some amount from the SSI check.

If you have any problems and/or questions call your Social Security office for an explanation and talk to them until you understand what they are saying. If necessary, go to their office and ask to see it in writing. This may take a little effort but it will help you to understand.

As far as services are concerned, these are still the direct responsibility of the County Social Services Department. They are responsible for non-money needs and services. This department determines allowances for special needs, chore services, attendant care, etc. The attendant care grant levels have been increased to a maximum of \$350 a month and \$450 for the severely impaired. The separation of these two groups is a fine line that will differ from worker to worker. There is an effort being made to clarify this distinction but only time will tell.

Disabled Student Service Center  
San Jose State University May 1974

Recreation

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I have the pleasure to announce a recreational opportunity for all disabled students. The University Student Union will permit use of Games Area facilities Saturdays, starting October 5, 1974 from one o'clock to three o'clock at a cost of fifty cents. Bowling, billiards, table tennis, and table games are open for use. Non-disabled family and friends are welcome to participate at regular rates during the two hour period. All individuals remaining after three o'clock have to pay the regular rates.

As this project is continuous we look forward to wider use of the Union by the disabled. Each of us pay Union fees during registration. However, few take advantage of available facilities due to class conflict during the week, over-crowding by non-handicapped students or lack of skill. All three of these points are remedied by the Saturday recreation program.

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

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ATTENTION!!!ATTENTION!!!

Some of you may not be aware of Spring 1975 Registration changes. All handicapped students must fill out packets mailed to their residence. To get priority registration, fill out the attached form in this issue of I AM. Place it in your registration packet which goes into the drop boxes located in the main lobbies of the Library and the Student Union. Failure to fill out and enclose this form with the packet sent out by the Registrar will result in loss of priority and confusion as Spring classes commence.

I encourage students unsure of how to register to call 498-5361, or visit HSS weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for information. Students needing academic counseling should call the advisor in respective departments prior to registering.

Dave Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

## HANDICAPPED STUDENT SERVICES

### Goals

Handicapped Student Services has been funded as a pilot project by the Chancellor's Office for the academic year 1974/75. This pilot has been set up with the following goals in mind:

1. To localize and identify the handicapped student population.
2. To provide those physical services necessary to ease attendance problems at the University by removing physical barriers and by providing special assistance for mobility and transportation problems.
3. To provide those services necessary for assisting the handicapped student in classroom performance.
4. To provide a referral system for campus-related services, to include Housing, Financial Aid, Activities, Judicial Affairs, Counseling, Testing, and Career Planning.



5. To provide on a one-to-one group basis a source for counseling concerning personal, academic, or employment needs.
6. To improve the awareness of the special needs and required services of the handicapped in their educational efforts.
7. To insure that there is representation and/or a means of input for the disabled to University and Associated Student Body Committees.
8. To improve employment opportunities and conditions leading to employment for the handicapped.
9. To provide a means of determining the reasons/conditions for leaving the University.
10. To provide information concerning handicapped students to the community and campus.
11. To provide opportunities for recreational and other leisure time activities.

Each of the above goals has been translated into services provided in your Handicapped Student Services office. For instance, the first goal of identification has been shown in registration, "Special assistance has been provided by notifying through the mail all known handicapped students at the University of general registration procedures, and special services available to include assistance in completion of registration".

Dr. Stuart L. Farber  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Dave Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

#### Services

1. Registration assistance is provided for students with disabilities. Contact the Handicapped Student Services at 498-5361.
2. Special parking is given to students in wheelchairs, and to those with severe mobility problems.
3. Orientation directed toward orientation to University life, including information about referrals to appropriate medical, academic, social and administrative offices and/or services.
4. Referrals are provided to state and federal programs to assist students with physical and perceptual disabilities. These agencies include the State Department of Rehabilitation, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Totally Disabled, The Braille Institute, etc.
5. Readers names and phone numbers are provided for blind and legally blind students.
6. Attendant names and phone numbers are provided for those who need this service on and/off campus.

7. Elevator keys are provided to students who cannot negotiate stairs.
8. Peer counseling and advisement is offered to those students who have questions about academic, employment, daily living, and personal problems. Discussion groups will be offered for those who are interested.
9. Wheelchair Repair Center. There is equipment available at the Handicapped Student Services office for emergency wheelchair repair.
10. Test-Takers. With 48 hours notice students can get assistance with examinations for classes and tests from the Handicapped Student Services.
11. Note-Takers. Note-takers are usually provided from the class in which the deaf or hard-of-hearing student is enrolled.
12. Transcription is possible, providing the student personnel are available. Due to budgetary restrictions, financial arrangements may have to be worked out with the student.
13. Any non-routine service which the student cannot provide for himself, but which is within the competence of the Handicapped Student Services, will be furnished.

Brenda Premo, Assistant to the  
Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

## TECHNOLOGY AND AIDS

### Phones for the Deaf - Printed Conversation

The deaf are now able to talk to each other by telephone, using the printed word. By means of phones rigged to portable manual communication modules (MCM's) or rigged to TTYs (old teletypewriters), people with impaired hearing can enjoy the luxury of a phone conversation.

There are about 800 TTYs in use in California, of which 200 are in the San Fernando Valley. One is at the Campus Services for the Deaf at CSU Northridge. Another is in the Van Nuys office of State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The TTY and MCM are simple to work and have standard keyboards. An acoustical coupler that costs \$150 converts a telephone into a phonotype. The coupler and the phone are hooked to the TTY. To make a call, the phone receiver is placed in the cradle of the acoustic coupler before dialing. The caller then dials the number of someone else who also has the coupler system.

A light comes on at the calling phone to indicate that the other phone is ringing. At the receiving end, lights flicker on to let the other person know that his phone is ringing. Then the person has to place his phone in his own cradle.

If a hearing person answers the phone and utters "audibles" the caller can tap out a message saying that this is to be a printed conversation. When both systems are engaged, one of them will type the code word "GA"-- go ahead and the conversation has begun.

A portable MCM is becoming increasingly popular, it can be powered by batteries. The MCM costs about \$600 and weighs less than six pounds. It can be attached to any phone and can even be used in a phone booth. It looks like a portable typewriter, but unlike the TTY it has no paper printout. Its message is printed electronically. It relies on electronic lettering, there is no permanent lettering.

Development of these communication systems has meant a change in life style for those with hearing problems--it is easier to keep in touch with other people, and gives them much more freedom. Where once a trip or letter would have been necessary, now all that is needed is a simple telephone call.

Joanne Hartenstein

#### Microwave Therapy

The effect of low levels of microwaves may provide clues to the mechanism of hearing and balance. It is hoped that further study may provide ways to bypass damaged inner ear structures.

Editor

### EMPLOYMENT

#### Affirmative Action

The Department of Labor published regulations the week of June 14 requiring affirmative action steps to provide employment opportunities for handicapped persons by employers with Federal contracts of \$2,500 or more. Such contracts must have clauses ensuring affirmative action and, if the contract extends for more than 90 days, the contractor must prepare an affirmative action program and make it available to all employees.

Affirmative action is required in relation to promotions, training, transfers, terminations, accessibility for jobs, and determination of working conditions. The regulations, effective at once, were published in the June 11 issue of the Federal Register. The department said the regulations were developed under an Executive Order issued by President Nixon in January, giving the Labor Department responsibility for administering Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act. Although the regulations were effective on publication, the department said it will accept written comments, suggestions, data or arguments about them on or before July 26.

The department said employers and handicapped workers are encouraged to resolve complaints through internal voluntary procedures. However, formal complaints may be filed with the Labor Department. Certification of a handicap is required of any individual filing a complaint with the Department of Labor. The certification, a signed statement describing the handicapped person's disability, may be obtained from such recognized centers as state rehabilitation offices. These and other authorized certification facilities will be available from lists maintained by local Department of Labor offices.

The regulations state a contractor must attempt to make a reasonable accommodation to the physical and mental limitations of an employee or applicant "unless the contractor can demonstrate that such an accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the conduct of the contractor's business." In determining the extent of a contractor's accommodation obligations, the following factors among others may be considered: 1) business necessity, 2) financial cost and expenses, and 3) resulting personnel problems.



## Telephone Job Listings

The forty-niner Newspaper here at CSULB in its October 16 issue stated that graduating students and alumni may use a pre-recorded list of job vacancies. The number to call is 213-498-4975 and the listings are updated daily. If you hear of something that sounds good, further information can be obtained in the Resources Center of the Placement Office.

## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

### On-Campus Interviews

Those students graduating at the end of either the spring or summer sessions, 1975 will be eligible to participate in on-campus interviews.

The Career Planning and Placement Office invites over 450 representatives from government and private industry, to recruit students graduating at the end of each semester, for employment upon their graduation. Those students desiring to participate during the spring semester should contact this office at the end of the current semester to pick up the registration packet necessary for enrolling in the interviews. Everything is based upon a first come first serve basis, therefore, don't be late!

John Trapani, Career Counselor

### Rights of the Disabled

Abroad in the Land: Legal Strategies to Effectuate the Rights of the Physically Disabled is a book describing the rights of disabled individuals. To receive a copy write to: The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, 1111 20th St., N. W., Vanguard Bld., Room 600, Washington, D. C., 90036.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

### Opinion

There are millions of people out there that are deaf, blind, or crippled to some degree. These people don't look, can't act like the beautiful people we all should be. Open a newspaper, watch T. V. and see that 100% grown-ups are handsome, married and employed. What if you are none of the above?

People with disabilities are often denied the status of adult because the prerequisites, marriage and employment, are difficult to attain. There is a great deal of awareness and legislation concerning jobs, but what is being done about partnerships -- marriage?

How do you become a partner? Well, first you date, then you go steady and become engaged -- BINGO! You are married. Not so for persons with disabilities. You must be an entity with some degree of individuality and sexuality for this process to occur; and that is something that seems to go away with the eyes, arms, or ears. The disability is often seen by others as being so important that the person's individuality and sexuality get lost.

It is time that people are not dealt with as semi-humans, but as real human beings and part of the package is individuality and sexuality. Real facts must be found, and questions must be answered. For example;

- 1) How large a goal is marriage/cohabitation
- 2) What percent of the disabled population marry/cohabit
- 3) How often are both persons disabled
- 4) How often is one of the partners disabled
- 5) How is a partner chosen, what are the problems involved
- 6) To what degree are parents and peers involved in partner selection
- 7) What are the rates and causes of divorce

We don't know the answers, but we know we need to know. Until we do find some answers, effective professional counseling and goal seeking are largely wasted.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Many of the misconceptions made about People with disabilities are made because of lack of education on the part of the general public. Handicapped Student Services at CSULB is trying to change some of this through on- and off-campus communication. With the knowledge that education should start at home, this section has been started to answer some of the questions which have been asked by disabled people about other disabilities. After all, if we don't understand each other how can we expect to educate the general public. This section will be covering several major areas of disability. If you have new information, would like to add information, or have questions, drop us a line and we will answer them.

### Visual Disability

To the average person, blindness is blindness, or total lack of sight. This is not so however, because out of the over 400,000 legally blind persons in the U.S. only twenty percent are profoundly blind. The accepted State and Federal definition of legal blindness is 20/200 with correction. Put into English this means that a legally blind person with 20/200 vision sees an object at 20 feet as clearly as a person with 20/20 vision could see it at 200 feet. I tell my friends it's the big E on the top of the eye chart. This definition is in no way perfect, nor does it touch all those with different types of visual problems, but it is a start.

Like all people with some observable differences, blindness has its myths. Some of these myths are: The blind have a sixth sense, the blind have better hearing, the blind can tell color by touch. I remember being asked once if I had radar. Although a blind person may use the other senses more it does not therefore mean that the senses are better. Try blindfolding yourself one day and going out. After a while you will observe more through hearing too.

Blindness in and of itself is not a handicap. It becomes one because of the importance our culture places on vision. The ability of a blind person to adjust to the perceptual disability will determine the degree that the limitation will affect him/her. There are blind people, and there are people with slight limitations.

Brenda Premo, Assistant to the  
Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services



## TRAVEL

### F. A. A. Rules

The Federal Aviation Administration (F. A. A.) is in the midst of establishing rules for air travel by handicapped people.

A) For the purpose of this section, a handicapped person is a person who may need the assistance of another person to expeditiously move to an exit in the event of an emergency evacuation.

B) A certificate holder may not refuse to carry a person on the basis that he is a handicapped person, if -

1. He presents the certificate holder with a written statement signed within the preceding six months by a licensed physician that he does not need the assistance of another person to expeditiously move to an exit in the event of an emergency evacuation, or the sole basis for the certificate holder's refusal to carry him is that he is blind or deaf; and

2. He can be seated in a seat that is not one of the two seats nearest an exit, or is not a seat in a row of seats immediately adjacent to an exit, except that he may be seated in the farthest seat from the exit in that row.



C) A certificate holder may not refuse to carry a handicapped person on the basis that he is a handicapped person when the following requirements are met:

1. The total number of handicapped persons carried does not exceed the number of exits.
2. The number of handicapped persons carried who do not have a personal attendant capable of assisting those persons in the event of an emergency evacuation does not exceed the number of floor level exits.
3. In the case of a handicapped person who needs to remain on a litter during flight, if he is the only such person carried and he is accompanied by a personal attendant capable of assisting him in the event of an emergency evacuation.
4. Each handicapped person must be seated so that -
  - i. He is in the farthest seat from the exit in a row of seats immediately adjacent to a floor level exit, or if the exit does not have such row of seats, he is in a seat that would not block any person's access to an exit, and
  - ii. He can use an exit in the event of an emergency evacuation that another handicapped person would not be expected to use.

If you wish to express an opinion, write to:

Federal Aviation Administration

Office of the Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket, AGC-24

800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20501

The Federal Aviation Administration asks that two copies of the letter be sent.

R. T. D.

Denver, Colorado will begin operating a system of accessible buses in December of this year. The buses will have a hydraulic elevator platform and a wide side door, safety-locks for wheelchairs, handrails and easy to reach exiting bells. The buses are made by the FMC Corp. of San Jose, California. The buses can carry up to four wheelchairs and twelve walking passengers.

Los Angeles City Councilpersons Edmund D. Edelman and Dave S. Cunningham have stated that they will not back future Southern California Rapid Transit District subsidies unless provisions are made for carrying handicapped riders. Support should be given to these Councilpersons in their efforts to provide equal public facilities for all.

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The next I AM! will arrive early next year. Have a pleasant Holiday Season. Send your Rehab worker some good vibes while you tip-toe through the mistletoe or wheel midst boughs of holly.



Handicapped Student Services Staff:

Dave Rogers  
Joan Harmon  
Anne Carey  
Lisa Coyne  
Brenda Premo

Season's Greetings to all the I AM! gang! As the semester ends and we all look forward to the diversions of the holidays, the Handicapped Student Assn. wishes each of you much happiness. Relax! Celebrate! And return to our campus in January full of ambition and fire to participate in the super plans we have for springing into 1975!

Merry Christmas and

A Joyous New Year!



The Handicapped Student Association

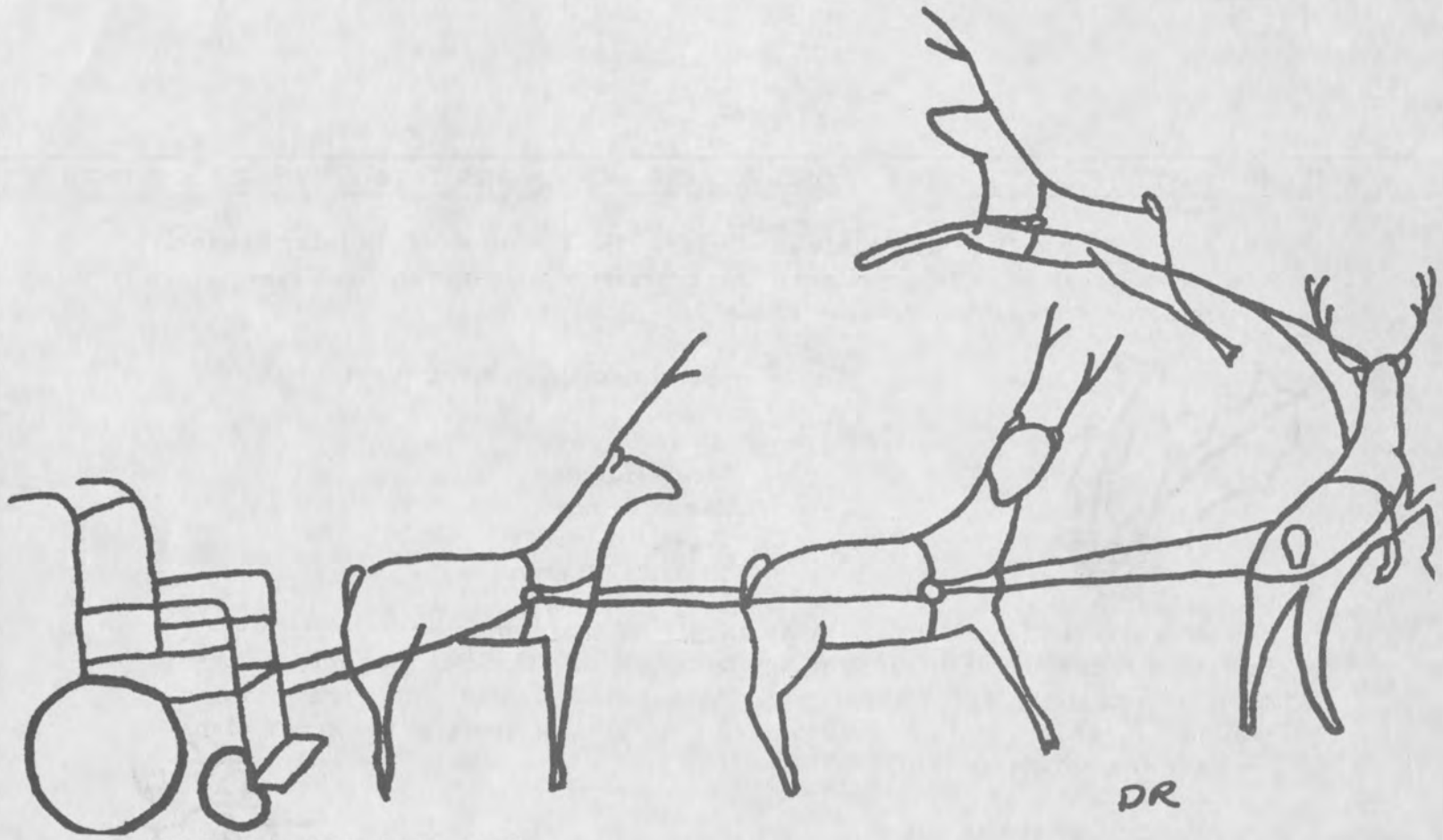
## REGISTRATION

The Registrar has notified this office that very few classes are going to be moved due to inaccessible location. This seems to be due to your skills in scheduling classes in facilities already accessible.

Between November 1 and 15, Handicapped Student Services staff assisted sixty-six students to register for the Spring semester. The Registrar, Ruth Haney, and her staff gave help and information to thirty-nine students as well. I haven't seen as much activity since some fool lit the candles on my tumble weed Christmas tree, burnt the rug, curtains, Santa's hat, and my sock: pom-pom and all.

The balance of disabled students apparently managed to complete the form attached to the last edition of I AM!, thereby obtaining priority in registration regardless of class level. For any of you not yet registered for Spring, contact this office at 498-5361 for assistance.

Dave Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services



TECHNOLOGY AND AIDS

#### Fashion Catalogs

There are two catalogs on the market listing clothing and convenience items for handicapped individuals. Among others are listed reachers, tote-bags, Velcro-fastened clothing and underclothing. Send 25 cents to Fashion-Able, Dept. WD, Rock Hill, N. J. 08553 and one dollar to Functionally Designed Clothing and Aids, VGRS, 2239 E. 55 Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44103.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

#### Super-Wheelchair

A design team at U. C. Berkeley headed by graduate student David M. Anderson and professor Don M. Cunningham has created a fully adjustable electric chair. It adjusts in height from ten to 27 inches and can narrow four inches, enough to allow it to pass through a 21 inch door. The back of the chair can also recline.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

## EMPLOYMENT

### JOB AVAILABLE!

EPIC is currently offering employment as Coordinator for the Physically Handicapped in the Spring of 1975. Pay scale ranges from \$2.12 to \$2.56 an hour for a maximum of twenty hours. Duties will be to recruit volunteer students on campus, place volunteers with agencies off campus and monitor progress of volunteer and agency. For further information, contact Dave Rogers at Handicapped Student Services or Bud Rice at EPIC.

Bud Rice, EPIC Coordinator for the  
Physically Handicapped

COMMENT: This job opportunity is a good chance for one of our disabled students to pick up work experience dealing with the community agencies and to get paid for it. EPIC currently has positions for Coordinators in other activities and has expressed the desire to employ handicapped students whenever possible. At this time, I would like to encourage all interested students to inquire about this and other positions at the Services Desk. From time to time, certain positions are becoming available for employment and employers are contacting us for help in placing disabled students in their areas of activities.

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services  
Phone: 498-5361

## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

### Silverado Park Pool

Silverado Park pool is open year round and is located at 1540 W. 32nd Street, Long Beach. There are volunteer attendants Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The pool is open and accessible for all persons with disabilities. Call Jim Cullingham, Pool Director at 426-1600 for details.

Bud Rice, EPIC Coordinator for the  
Physically Handicapped

Dear Editor,

Cerebral palsy is a form of brain damage. A person usually gets it before, during, or right after birth, but cerebral palsy can happen any time that blood doesn't carry enough oxygen to the brain.

Since different parts of the brain are affected, each person who has cerebral palsy has different symptoms even though everyone with this handicap has some trouble with co-ordination. Some can't walk, some can't control their arm movements, some can't talk clearly, some are retarded, and some have all these problems.



Even though there are some people with cerebral palsy who are retarded, it doesn't mean everyone who has trouble with co-ordination or has a speech defect is retarded. Someone who took 60 units at a junior college or passed an A. C. T. test couldn't be retarded. In other words, the guy with cp who is attending an university had to go through the same hassle as the other guy to get there.

For someone with cerebral palsy there are few things he can't do even if he usually has to do them in different ways. I can't take notes so I use a tape recorder in class. I can't write so I do my assignments on an electric typewriter which has a metal plate across the keyboard allowing me to hit one key at a time with a stick.

I live in an apartment with a friend who takes care of my physical needs. He helps me take showers, dresses me, and feeds me. These things could be looked upon as physical restrictions, but they haven't kept me from living a reasonably normal life. I use a speaker phone and I have some friends who can understand me over the phone. I go shopping by myself. I carry a note asking for help across streets and someone always comes along to give me a hand.

Of course, there are things I won't ever be able to do such as go back-packing or drive a car. But, some people won't ever be able to play the piano or perform ballet.

When someone talks with me, he might imagine I become frustrated when I have to repeat a word a number of times or spell it out on my letter board to get my thought across. Actually, this doesn't bother me. When a person doesn't understand me, I just spell out the word and continue the conversation. Naturally there are days when nobody can understand my speech because I'm tired or excited and I wish I had stayed in bed, but who doesn't have days like this once in a while for one reason or another?

What makes me very frustrated is when someone doesn't want to take time to understand me. It doesn't bother me if someone asks me to write him a note because he doesn't have time right then to understand me, but for someone to take the attitude that I don't have anything important to say is a different story. If what I have to say doesn't seem worthwhile to someone, it has meaning to me!

Joe Hemphill

Independent Press-Telegram, 10/29/74, A.P.

Sacramento: Attorney General Evelle Younger filed a civil rights suit Monday against a restaurant which he said was constructed so that it is "virtually impossible" for a handicapped person to enter it.

The suit contends that "Smugglers Inn's" primary entrances are so designed that physically handicapped persons cannot use the restaurant, located in Sacramento.

"This is a classic civil rights suit, but with a new twist." Younger said in announcing the suit. "We are saying that the restaurants in Sacramento County are perpetrating an unlawful system of segregated public accommodations by making it virtually impossible for the physically handicapped to make ordinary use of the facilities."

Bob Whitten, A.S. Senator

The Concerns for the Handicapped Fund benefits from the grade card concession at the University. Grade cards, as most of you are aware, enable the student to receive final exam and course grade information WEEKS before the computer print-out. Students acquired 35,000 grade cards last year at the Bookstore check counters. Proceeds for these cards amount to approximately \$650 a year. Proceeds are used in acquisition of special equipment used by disabled students at the University. Examples of special equipment include a battery charger, tools for wheelchair repair and Braille paper for use by blind students.

Bud Rice, EPIC Coordinator for the  
Physically Handicapped

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### Cerebral Palsy

In the last semester we have had several questions about cerebral palsy. Most of these questions came from persons with other disabilities. This section is an attempt to answer your asked and unasked questions.

Cerebral palsy is a condition caused by brain damage. This damage can occur as a result of defective development, disease, or injury. Most cerebral palsy damage occurs before birth. It is estimated that 4 in every 1,000 persons has cerebral palsy.

The causes of this disease are not totally known or understood, but some of the chief causes include:

1. Not enough oxygen reaching the infant's brain. The earlier in the infant's development this oxygen shortage occurs the more damage is caused.
2. Premature birth.
3. Incompatible R-H or A-B blood types.
4. Infection of the mother in the first trimester of pregnancy by German measles or other viruses.

There are three major kinds of cerebral palsy.

1. Spastic. The individual with this type move stiffly and the simplest task can be difficult.

2. Athetoid. An individual with this type of cerebral palsy has involuntary and uncontrolled movements.
3. Ataxic. This type of cerebral palsy affects the persons balance and depth perception.

Although not totally understood some steps have been made to decrease the numbers of persons who have the disease, and to detect the disease as soon as possible. Through tests of the pregnant mother and immediate steps taken with the newborn child damage can be limited and in some cases prevented.

Like all disabilities those with cerebral palsy live with stereotypes. One is intelligence. Over 55% of those tested under the present I.Q. test system test average and above. However, both doctors and therapists agree the present testing system has its problems, for example, it is based heavily on verbal ability. As we all know, lack of verbal ability because of physical disability does not necessarily mean mental deficiency.

Brenda Premo, Assistant to Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

## TRANSPORTATION

### Southern California Rapid Transit District

On September 26, 1974 the Los Angeles City Council adopted a resolution that recommended that the Southern California Rapid Transit District not purchase any more buses that do not meet the State's standards of wheelchair accessibility; that all vehicles used in the SCRTD system be physically accessible to people with mobility problems; and that the SCRTD hire a staff member confined to a wheelchair as a consultant to the rest of the staff.

This resolution was adopted as policy on October 22, 1974 by the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

## LEGISLATION

### Two Years of California Legislation - a Partial List

AB-2396, by Chappie, sponsored by CAPH, adds the offices of physicians and surgeons, and office buildings under 10,000 square feet in size, to those already on the books which must be constructed to be accessible to and useable by the handicapped. This law also removes the ASA standards from the law and replaces it with the latest edition of the Uniform Building Code. The State Architect is required to establish regulations for areas of construction not covered by UBC, such as sidewalks, curbs, parking lots, etc., after consultation with the California League of Cities, County Supervisors Association of Calif., Department of Rehabilitation, and at least one statewide organization of the handicapped (guess who that will be). Signed by the Governor on 9/23/74, Chapter 995.



AB-2471, by Sieroty, sponsored by CAPH, allows for attorneys fees to the prevailing party where court action is necessary to enforce the architectural barrier laws. Signed by the Governor 9/26/74, Chapter 1443.

AB-2379, by Keysor, sponsored by CAPH, allows DMV to issue DP plates for vehicles which are used as the primary transportation for a person who would qualify for the plates except for the fact they are not one of the registered owners. Signed by the Governor, 5/8/74, Chapter 234.

Assembly Joint Resolution 68, by Keysor and 17 co-authors, Sponsored by CAPH, memorialized national officials to give the handicapped special consideration if and when gasoline rationing became necessary. This same resolution was used with state officials when they established rationing rules. As a result of this resolution, the handicapped were allowed to purchase gasoline in any amount and on any day in the areas of Calif. where rationing took place. Passed by both Houses of the Legislature.

Assembly Joint Resolution 100, by Dunlap, Sponsored by CAPH, memorializes national officials, and many California officials as well, and all members of the California Congressional delegation, to do all they can to expedite the development, testing, and distribution of the new Transbus, which will accommodate the handicapped. Passed both Houses of the Legislature.

AB-2913, by Dunlap, this bill was originally supposed to make substantial changes in the Elections Code that would require all polling places to be accessible to the handicapped. Unfortunately, the bill was watered down by opponents and in the end did almost nothing. Signed by the Governor.

SB-1920, by Moscone, prohibits parking of vehicles within 3 feet of sidewalk ramps constructed for use by the handicapped. Signed by the Governor 9/18/74, Chapter 760.

AB-1126, by Dunlap, prohibits discrimination in hiring or promotion because of physical handicap, as long as the person can carry out the responsibilities of the job. Gives the Fair Employment Practices Commission responsibility for enforcement as of July 1, 1974. Signed by the Governor 10/1/73, Chapter 1189. Became effective on July 1, 1974.

AB-2700, by Gonzales, requires every insurer who issues policies of Disability Insurance on a group basis, every self-insured employee welfare benefit plan, every nonprofit hospital service plan, and health care service plan providing specified coverages on a group basis, to offer the same coverage for handicapped employees. Specifically exempts from coverage, expenses arising as a direct result of a physically disabled person's handicap. Signed by the Governor 9/20/74, Chapter 964.

AB-4040, by Lanterman, requires the State Board of Education to establish a California Master Plan for Special Education of the retarded, handicapped, etc. Signed by the Governor 9/27/74, Chapter 1539.

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the Physically Handicapped, Inc.  
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## JOB OFFER

Handicapped student needs daily ride to school from Brookhurst Street in Anaheim. Have to be on campus by 9:00 and would like to return home by 4:00. Car must have room for wheelchair. Payments for gas will be arranged. Free close parking by Bookstore.

Please phone 498-5361 or 714) 772-2826.

At the Concerns for the Handicapped Committee meeting December 3, reports were made on various topics by Dr. Farber, Dean Shainline, Dave Rogers, Carl Androff, Lisa Coyne, Nate Riddeck, and Bud Rice. Dr. Farber discussed AB 1126, dealing with antidiscrimination protection for the disabled, particularly in regards to employability. He also discussed the CSU Northridge program for the deaf, and also the Statewide Deans meeting held on this campus. Only two offices were visited by the Deans, one of which was Handicapped Student Services. Dr. Farber, Keith Black and Dave Rogers are working on Career Opportunity Development programs for employing the disabled at CSULB. Dean Shainline discussed the report to the Chancellor's Office on disabled students and requested reports on present status of various committee members' programs for the disabled. Dave Rogers reported that since July 1, there have been over a thousand contacts made in the HSS office with students, faculty and administrators about various services and programs offered at the University. Carl Androff reported that a contract for construction to make accessible Liberal Arts Buildings 2, 3 and 4 is being discussed, and that the new Child Care Center is totally accessible to the physically handicapped. Nate Riddick of the Campus Police confirmed that there has been a problem with dogs on campus. It has been requested that more vigorous efforts be made to inform owners of unleashed dogs that they may be cited and fined for allowing their dogs to wander about aimlessly. Bud Rice reported that the grade card concession is earning about \$750 a year for the Trust Fund, and that the Bookstore will be selling approximately 35,000 grade cards this year.

*Tanice Toyama  
Librarian*



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I welcome incoming students on behalf of Handicapped Student Services staff to CSULB. Most of you are aware of how large the University is in both geography and in population. If you encounter any problem in getting on campus, parking, elevator keys, or finding attendant care, write or call Handicapped Student Services. If you encounter problems in class environments related to readers, note-takers, or transcribers, visit or call Handicapped Student Services. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the University Student Union. If you are unable to come into the office, please contact us at 498-5361.

Between July 1 and December 31 last Fall, Handicapped Student Services answered two thousand requests for information from students, faculty, staff, administrators and the public. The most used services included registration, advisement, reader and attendant referrals. As part of our Publicity and Public Relations goal, H. S. S. staff and student volunteers addressed meetings with as many as two hundred individuals. The range of topics in these speaking engagements included academic experiences to psychological factors involved with disability.

Activities to be undertaken this Spring by Handicapped Student Services include exit interviewing of past students attending CSULB, developing a tool to evaluate Handicapped Student Services for students, and administration of an Academic Department program at CSULB. Exit interviews will help determine reasons for leaving the University. For students attending the University an evaluation of on-going services will provide information on current activities of Handicapped Student Services. Finally, the Academic Department program is designed to improve faculty awareness of special needs and required services of the handicapped in their educational efforts.

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

## PARKING

All students needing a Key Card for Spring parking on upper campus should contact Handicapped Student Services or the Campus Police for issuance of new cards for the Spring Semester. Fall 1974 Key Cards will not operate electronic gates after February 3rd.

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services



## TECHNOLOGY & AIDS

### Multiple Sclerosis Research

Multiple Sclerosis can strike at any age and can be mild to severe in effect. Its causes are unknown, however it does result in the loss of the outer coverings of nerve cells. The damaged cells can no longer function causing motor, sensory and speech dysfunction.

Dr. Floyd Davis is the director of the Multiple Sclerosis Center at Chicago's Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. Dr. Davis has discovered that lowering the calcium level in blood of an M.S. patient will restore much of the lost nerve function for a short time. The present treatment is experimental and can be dangerous, however it points the way toward successful treatment of the symptoms of M.S. It is hoped that reliable drug therapy can be developed within six years.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

### Orange County Center for the Handicapped

A new facility is being built at UCI to serve young adults and children who cannot attend regular schools. The center's goals are to provide training and education sufficient to allow the handicapped individual to care for himself.

There are centers already established in Fullerton, Westminster, Orange and Centralia. It is hoped that the new Irvine center will be able to work with the UCI college of medicine.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

Handicapped Student Services now possesses a Thermoform Brailon Duplicator. The acquisition enables mass reproduction of Braille material in a minimum of time. Once a master Braille copy is produced Services will communicate "in writing" directly with the blind. Funds for the Thermoform are coming out of the Pilot Program for Handicapped Students.

Services is going to complement the Thermoform mass copy potential by purchasing a Braille typewriter. The Braille typewriter works much like the standard typewriter. Individual pieces of information, correspondence or Braille masters are produced in Braille for the blind.

Dave Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

## EMPLOYMENT

### Los Angeles Employment Program

The City of Los Angeles has begun a program to insure that full consideration will be given to handicapped persons. The plan requires participation of all city departments and establishes a Recruitment Counselor for the Handicapped. A mailing list of organizations serving the handicapped will be established to receive all job announcements for the City of Los Angeles.

If needed, special arrangements will be made for testing and screening handicapped applicants. Follow-up studies will be made on those handicapped persons hired by Los Angeles. Each division within the city will be provided with information on qualified handicapped persons by the Recruitment Counselor.

Results of the program will be published in the quarterly Equal Employment Opportunity Progress report.

Personnel Department  
City of Los Angeles

#### Job Book

The Handicapped Student Services has a copy of Directory: Sources for Handicapped Job Applicants published by the California Governor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped. This book is primarily a source book for employers seeking handicapped individuals as employees, however, it is an excellent source of data on employment and rehabilitation programs in California. Any individuals wishing a copy of this directory can obtain one by writing the Governor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, 800 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

#### COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Dear Editor:

I live in Huntington Beach and am in a wheelchair.

I drive, however, many of my friends don't. Our city has begun a mass transit program; but it is not useable by me and my friends. I read your article on the L. A. project and wonder why we can't have accessible buses.

Yours truly,  
Bewildered

Note: Monday, January 6, 1975 Orange County Transit District directors began plans for programs to service the disabled community. At this point, there are two plans: one calling for a specially equipped system of dial-a-ride buses, the other calling for special equipment to be installed on regular buses. Neither plan is to be approved without direct input from the handicapped community. Those persons living in Orange County who will be affected by this issue are encouraged to contact the Orange County Transit District.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

#### Concerns for the Handicapped Committee

The latest meeting of the Concerns for the Handicapped Committee was held on December 17, 1974.

At this meeting many reports of interest to the handicapped on campus were made.

Dr. Stuart Farber reported on the California Coordinating Council of the National Rehabilitation Association. One of the points he made during this report was that the NRA President-Elect, Gus Gehrke, is committed to more involvement from the West in the NRA. He has said he will back requests for membership, employability, etc.

Reports were also made from the Physical Planning Department's Carl Androff. He reported on some complaints that have been received concerning slippery steps. If you have any complaints concerning architectural or physical barriers that you feel should be corrected please let David Rogers know and we will relay the information to Mr. Androff.

Mary Stirnkorb, Secretary-Treasurer  
Handicapped Student Association

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### Spinal Cord Injury

Are all people in wheelchairs the same?

Are their injuries alike?

What limitations besides not being able to walk does a person in a wheelchair have? These are only a few of the questions we have been asked about people using wheelchairs.

No, not all people in wheelchairs are the same. Like each of you, each has different goals, desires and limitations. An individual can end up in a wheelchair for any number of reasons. Just a few include: polio, arthritis, spinal cord injury, bone disease, and we all know about the ski instructor with the broken hip or leg. Because of the complexities and space limitations, this article is going to look at spinal cord injuries.

Spinal cord injury can result in paralysis. The degree of paralysis depends on level and extent of the injury to the spinal cord. There are two basic classifications however: paraplegia and quadriplegia. A paraplegic has involvement of the lower limbs. The quadriplegic has involvement of all four limbs.

There are two ways the cord can be injured, first by complete severance, and second, by in some way causing scar tissue to form. If the cord is severed, all sensation and voluntary control will cease from the lesion down. If scar tissue is the cause of paralysis it is not as easy to predict the level of sensation or control. What is lost depends on the degree and extent of the scarring. No two spinal cord injuries yield the same results. Some of the functions effected by a spinal cord injury are: voluntary movement of the effected limbs, bowel and bladder control and in some cases traditional sexual response. (This will be discussed in a later newsletter.) Other things a spinal cord injured person must be aware of are pressure sores, bladder infections and over-fatigue. If not taken care of, any of these can lay a person up for weeks or months.



We have given a brief description of one injury that can result in being in a wheelchair. The important thing to remember is if the spinal cord injured person takes care of himself he can live a very active and productive life. Most of the obstacles holding any person in a wheelchair back are in the environment. Just a few barriers include: problems in transportation, architectural barriers, and the ignorant attitudes and fears of people toward the disabled person.

Brenda Premo,  
Assistant to the Coordinator,  
Handicapped Student Services

## TRAVEL

### Hawaii

Have you been to Hawaii? Week-long tours are now being arranged for the handicapped for late Spring. The tour plan costs \$339.00 and includes plane fare, lodging in Honolulu hotels and transportation to various areas of interest.

James A. Sweet, Jr., Chairman of the Honolulu Major's Council on the Handicapped has made arrangements with Pan Am Airlines to start tours of forty people this Spring. It has been requested that each tour have equal numbers of men and women travel. Further details are available by contacting Handicapped Student Services.

Dave Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

## LEGISLATION

### H. R. 14225, Rehabilitation Act Amendments 1974

#### Title I: Rehabilitation Program

Extends Rehabilitation Act for one year until June 30, 1976 and raises certain authorizations.

Transfers the Rehabilitation Services Administration from the Social and Rehabilitation Services Administration to the Office of the Secretary, and provides that the Commissioner shall be responsible only to the Secretary, the Under Secretary or an appropriate Assistant Secretary.

Clarifies the definition of handicapped individual for purposes of provisions relating to affirmative action for employment under Federal contracts and non-discrimination under Federal grants, and other provisions.

Requires affirmative action in employment in State agencies and facilities.

Provides for a Consumer Advisory Panel for the Architectural Barriers Compliance Board, and creates a compliance mechanism for the Board.

## Title II: Randolph-Sheppard Act Amendments

Makes certain changes in Act, including priority to blind persons in operating vending facilities on Federal property, assignment of income of vending facilities, complaints and arbitration procedures, and training for upward mobility for blind venders.

## Title III: White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals

Authorizes the President to call a White House Conference on Handicapped individuals within two years from date of enactment, authorizes grants to States (at least \$10,000 but no greater than \$25,000) to run at least one State conference required previous to White House Conference, and includes provisions for handicapped consumer participation in the planning stages; and provides federal funding.

The California Governor's Committee  
for Employment of the Handicapped

### Homemaker/Chore Services

The State of California is running out of money on the Homemaker/Chore Services Program and we need urgent support of a Bill being proposed by Assemblyman Barry Keene, Vice Chairman of Joint Committee on Federal Social Security Amendment, 1972. The Bill, AB244 would insure that there would be enough money to finish out to July when the new budget will go into effect. Write to your Assemblyman and State Senators to get a Bill passed right away to insure that the counties have enough money to fill out the year. Also write to the SSI Consultant for the State of California. His name is J. Eisem, SSI Consultant, Room 1060, State Building, Sacramento, CA 95813.

Contracting Agency which are involved in the Homemaker/Chore Services Programs are putting tremendous pressure on HEW and out Congressmen to change the present laws and make it illegal to give out cash grants to hire Attendants on our own. These Contracting Agency, of which Upjohn is the largest, want legislation passed to force us into hiring only people trained by their agency and they will tell us what we need. We would not be allowed to hire anyone outside of an agency or receive the money to pay them. Write to your Senators and Representatives and put pressure to stop this. We need the right to hire our own people. Unless we alert our Congressmen to what this will do to the severely disabled, these Agency will succeed in getting this legislation passed. Alan Cranston and John Tunney are the Senators from California and to find your Representative call your local City Government.

Barbara Morrione  
Chairman of Welfare  
CAPH, Rancho Chapter

If any recipients of I AM!, be they student, faculty, staff, administrators, or organizations such as CAPH, NRA, DSC, CAPED, CRD or other affiliated groups, have articles of interest please submit them to us. The deadline is on or prior to the 15th of the month. We reserve the right to edit length or delay inclusion due to space limitations. It is helpful if the items are sent to our resident crusading editor, Lisa Coyne.

By contributing to I AM! you also enhance the awareness of other persons about topics of current interest. As you see in this edition three items come from sources outside of CSULB. At the numerous meetings I attend many programs related to Handicapped Student Services are discussed. Many of these programs ought to have more publicity than they are currently getting. If we can assist you with your program by stimulating greater awareness, feel free to submit information. We will do our best to make sure that it gets out in a timely manner.

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services



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## Report from the California Coordinating Council National Rehabilitation Association

Having just returned from the latest California Coordinating Council, let me report to you the widespread interest that was expressed by members of the Council with regard the rehabilitation of the "total person". Representatives from various areas of California indicated that for too long we have been "specialists" in the area of rehabilitation and, to quote one member, "It's time that we considered the total person as we consider the mission of rehabilitation in this state." Considering these thoughts, along with David Rogers, Coordinator of Handicapped Student Services, I would like to carry this theme forward to the Western Regional Conference this Spring.

We may expect to see some of the general session presentations and some of the interest sessions dealing with those problems that will enable us to perceive the total individual. For example, we anticipate attracting key legislators to the Conference as listeners who will become aware of both passage and enforcement of legislation dealing with architectural barriers and employability.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions in either of these areas or about the "total person" concept, please send your comments directly to me or to the "I AM!" publication.

Dr. Stuart L. Farber  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs  
Executive Board,  
National Rehabilitation Association

### TRAVEL

#### New Lower Bus Fares for Totally Disabled Citizens

The Long Beach Public Transportation Company (BIG BLUE BUSES) is now offered a special .10¢ bus fare for the totally disabled in Long Beach, Lakewood, Seal Beach, Paramount, Bellflower, San Pedro and Signal Hill.

New identification cards with your picture sealed in plastic are free and available on the following days of the week at three locations:

Monday - S.O.S. Center, 406 East First Street, Long Beach  
from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday - All States Society, 108 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - at Long Beach Public Transportation Company office, 1300 Gardenia Avenue, Long Beach from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

All you need to obtain the above card is a letter from your doctor certifying that you are permanently and totally disabled and cannot perform gainful employment.

Senior citizens, 65 years of age or older, who do not have a medicare card may obtain the special .10¢ fare bus card in the same manner as above by presenting proof of age with a birth certificate or drivers license.

Legally blind people may obtain a FREE pass with their picture on it sealed in plastic...all it takes is a letter from their doctor certifying that they are legally blind, and the extent of their eye sight if any.

It takes us about three minutes to take your picture, and issue the card on the spot...there is no charge for this service, as it is our way of saying: Welcome aboard the big blue buses!

Long Beach Public Transportation Company

Note: This action is to be applauded, however, there is one major problem with the policy as it stands. Persons who are totally disabled cannot get on to the bus to take advantage of the 10¢ fare. It is hoped that this indicates willingness on the part of the L. B. Transportation Company to modify their buses in order to allow the 10¢ fare policy to become meaningful.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

#### Disability License Plates

Persons who are physically disabled may be eligible for special license plates under Vehcile Code SS 9510 & 22511.5. The vehicle does not have to be registered under the disabled persons name. The special plates allow unlimited parking in timed zones and no coins need to be put in parking meters. To apply contact the nearest office of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

#### TASK FORCE

This is the second of a series of articles begun in the last issue of "I AM!" on the Chancellor's Office Task Force. This article deals with the findings on services and facilities.

Note: The information given below is taken directly from the 1975 Task Force Report.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

## Services

1. No consistently effective method exists among the campuses to identify the disabled student population.
2. Administrators, faculty, staff and other students possess limited awareness of the unique needs of the disabled students in their pursuit of a postsecondary education.
3. Eleven campuses have reported the commitment of some local resources and staff to provide services to disabled students.
4. Only partial services have been provided for disabled students because of limited campus resources.
5. Disabled students have reported that special registration and orientation assistance has been helpful, on the 12 campuses where offered.
6. Disabled student services, where offered, have not been fully utilized by some individuals who could benefit from their use.
7. On campus social and cultural opportunities for disabled student are either significantly limited or unavailable.
8. Library study areas for disabled students are provided on 13 campuses but are minimally equipped.
9. The instructional programs on 14 campuses have established procedures to accommodate disabled students where disability-related problems prevent access to instruction.
10. Disabled students have reported some difficulty in obtaining information about services available from community organizations.
11. Administrators of student services (e.g., counseling, placement, and health) have reported that they possess limited knowledge of the special needs of disabled students.
12. Disabled students' awareness of available special services, varies widely between campuses.
13. On those campuses with representative committees concerned with the needs of disabled students, there is a reported increase in general campus awareness to such needs.
14. Disabled students report difficulty in obtaining employment both as students and after graduation.

## Facilities

1. Some campus buildings are inaccessible or only partially accessible to disabled persons.



2. Although most of the buildings visited on 14 campuses were at least minimally accessible, only one building was found by the Task Force that was in full compliance with all state requirements in terms of disabled restroom facilities, access doors for the disabled, proper handrails, drinking fountains, and elevator controls.
3. Many disabled students indicated some difficulties in obtaining adequate parking on campus.
4. Emergency evacuation plans do not include adequate procedures for evacuating disabled persons.
5. Where disabled students had input prior to the construction of facilities, overall campus accessibility has improved.
6. Four campuses have made substantial efforts to remove architectural barriers within existing campus resources.
7. While campuses have identified the more obvious architectural barriers, improvement appears to be needed in identifying the less noticeable types of barriers.
8. Temporary campus obstacles (e. g., benches, movable signs, trash receptacles, maintenance trucks, bicycles) constitute a major safety hazard to the blind and partially sighted.
9. On less accessible campuses, some disabled students indicated that the accessibility of classroom facilities was a factor in their choice of a major.
10. Though many older buildings have certain features that make them more accessible than some newer facilities, such as wider hallways, larger elevators, more spacious restrooms and lighter doors, the cost involved in correcting their other deficiencies will be substantial.
11. Previous state policy prohibiting elevators in two or three story buildings has been a major factor contributing to the accessibility problems throughout the system.
12. Access to the perimeter of most campuses, by means of public transportation, foot travel, or direct approach by wheelchair, is limited.
13. Disabled students reported that State handicapped accessibility laws, based on guidelines of the American Standards Association, do not adequately insure minimum accessibility for severely disabled persons.

#### COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

##### Beware!

The Handicapped Student Association and the Handicapped Student Commission have finalized plans to put on a jointly sponsored Handicapped Awareness

Week. The target time is the week of April 28 to May 2, 1975. If this Spring's event is successful we hope to continue the event and make an Awareness Week an integral part of an on-going service program.

The objectives of the week are to promote greater student, faculty, administrative, and general community awareness of the needs and abilities of the handicapped. A secondary objective is to provide the handicapped students on campus with a chance to participate in a creative and direct manner in the improvement of themselves and the university. In the next weeks we will be working to put together and present the best possible program. Any suggestions you may have on this matter will be greatly appreciated. In addition, we will have a need for a good deal of student participation. If you have time, ideas, or materials to contribute please contact Ralph Black or Ed Walsh at 498-5361.

Ralph Black  
Handicapped Student Commission

#### The New Commission

I have recently taken the position of Handicapped Student Commissioner and it seems an opportune occasion to update the readers of "I AM!" with regard to the present and future activities of the Commission.

My first priority will involve continuing the projects already established and developed under the able direction of the previous Commissioner Lisa Coyne. Secondly, I will be examining ways of increasing student and faculty input to the Commission, the Association, and from these organizations to the Handicapped Student Services. Finally and most specifically, I will be working in close coordination with the President of the Handicapped Student Association, Ed Walsh, on Handicapped Awareness Week.

My overall objective is to continue to use the Commission to the advantage of all handicapped persons on our campus. I will attempt to provide information on an on-going basis concerning the activities of the Commission. Any input you may have which would further the aforementioned objectives will be welcomed.

Ralph Black  
Handicapped Student Commission

#### Concerns for the Handicapped Committee

During the Concerns meeting held in the President's Conference Room on February 11, 1975, Dr. Farber gave details regarding a report from Legislature Analyst Fred Tammen in Washington, D.C. The HEW Budget is 118.4 Billion Dollars, representing 1/3 of the total federal budget. Basic grants to states have increased for facility construction and service projects to include deaf-blind centers. The Regional NRA Conference will be in San Jose this Spring. Dr. Farber asked for suggestions on possible services needing funding to take to the Conference for further action.

David Rogers listed equipment HSS is awaiting delivery. These include the print magnifier and Braille typewriter. The first item will enable partially-sighted students to study texts without tiring as soon. The Braille typewriter will enhance HSS communications with blind students.

Ralph Black reported the Handicapped Awareness Week is beginning to shape up. Details will be available later for the Concerns to review.

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

Note: One of our Concerns for the Handicapped Committee members, Jean Defty, hosted a recent meeting of Altrusa, a Long Beach woman's organization. After dinner I presented the goals and services HSS is involved with in the Pilot Program and showed slides of architectural barriers. One question came up which really concerns most disabled people on crutches or in wheelchairs: How many local restaurants can a handicapped person get into without encountering overwhelming architectural barriers? After naming the Holiday Inn, the Jolly Roger in Seaport Village and Fiddler's Three in Lakewood my well of information ran dry.

In the interim since then Jean has contacted Tedd Thomey of the Independent Press-Telegram. The resulting article, printed below, includes a list of establishments for your use:

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

#### Easy Access Restaurants

I had a call the other day from a thoughtful person, Jean Defty, who suggested that I compile a list of local restaurants which have easy access for those in wheelchairs and others with walking handicaps. Mrs. T and I racked our memories a bit and came up with about 20.

Our list is incomplete. Many other restaurants in Long Beach and nearby cities also have easy access. Following are those we're quite sure have no steps or steep inclines in their entrances. Our memories aren't flawless, but we're 99 per cent certain that all of these qualify:

Francois Manhattan, The Tenderloin, Currie's Santa Fe, Jones Dining Room and Cafeteria in downtown Long Beach, the French Riviera, Walt's Wharf, Seal Beach Smorgasbord, Green Peper, Ranch House, Valentine's, Dimitri's in Anaheim, Jolly Knight in Garden Grove, Tahiti Hut, El Comedor Mexican Restaurant, Valentine's, Queen Cafeteria, Arnold's Family Restaurant, El Patio Mexican Restaurant, El Castillo Real Mexican Restaurant, Lucy's Restaurant, Ken's Restaurant, Love's Barbecue, Hubert's Cafeterias, Wing Lim Tom Cod Chinese Restaurant and Gina's Italiano in Seal Beach.

Tedd Thomey  
Independent Press-Telegram  
March 7, 1975



To the Editor of "I AM!"

The Office Products Division of IBM Corporation has a program under which trade-in equipment, such as typewriters, may be sold to handicapped persons under the following conditions:

1. The machine must be used for therapeutic purposes or by a person whose handicap precludes his earning an adequate livelihood by outside work.
2. No traded-in equipment will be accepted on or deducted from the price of the machine being sold under this policy.
3. Purchase of the machine is on an "as is" basis with no warranty.
4. The full price of the machine must be paid upon delivery.

To purchase one of these machines, the following procedures must be followed:

1. Call the local IBM branch office and ask for the office Products Administration Manager.
2. Tell him that you are a disabled person and that you wish to purchase a trade-in typewriter under the provisions of "Purchase Agreement Sale to Handicapped Persons". You may discuss with him the price you will be able to pay and whether a machine is available.

If you live in the Los Angeles area, a list of offices is attached for your convenience. For other locations, look in the Yellow Pages under "Business Equipment" or "Electric Typewriters" for the telephone number.

When you pick up the typewriter, you must bring a letter stating that you are a handicapped person who is unable to earn an adequate livelihood by outside work. The letter must be endorsed by a physician or a recognized organization interested in the welfare of handicapped persons.

If for some reason you cannot get such an endorsement, discuss it with the administration manager at the time you order your typewriter.

It is important that you choose an office close to where you live because you will have to pick up your own typewriter.

300 Bank of America Tower  
One City Boulevard West  
Orange, CA 92668  
624-7325

O. Byers  
845 S. Figueroa Street  
3rd Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
380-0820

690 Wilshire Place  
Los Angeles, CA 90005  
380-5670

3550 Wilshire Blvd.,  
Los Angeles, CA 90010  
380-1840

3777 Long Beach Blvd.,  
Long Beach, CA 90807  
436-6275

1031 North Brand Blvd.,  
Glendale, CA 91209  
245-8445

9045 Lincoln Blvd.,  
Los Angeles, CA 90045  
670-8350

## TECHNOLOGY & AIDS

### Artificial Eye Development

Synthetic eyes patterned after the light panels on space vehicles may help some blind people see, says a researcher at the University of Florida. Dr. William Dawson, director of the sight laboratory, says it's a tough project, but he is optimistic that researchers are near a breakthrough.

Dawson said scientists at the university have been working to duplicate the retina, perhaps the most crucial part of the eye. The eye's cornea and lenses already have been duplicated, he said. An entire synthetic eye may be developed in six to eight years, he said.

Los Angeles Herald-Examiner  
January 18, 1975

### Aid Dogs for Disabled

Aid Dogs for the Handicapped, a non-profit foundation based in Pennsylvania, was started four years ago by Mrs. Starr Hayes. Dogs are given to the foundation by breeders and then trained by qualified volunteers. Among other services, the dogs are trained to bring objects, such as canes or braces, and to support a person's weight when the person is attempting to sit or stand.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

### Large Print, Easy Recipes

Easy Cooking, a cookbook of recipes for dozens of simple, tasty and attractive dishes, is available for persons who are limited in their physical ability. The basic requirement of each dish is ease of preparation, and many may be prepared, cooked and served in the same dish. The book is printed in large type. Information is available from: Pat Galbreath, Box 368, Weatherford TX 76086.

Paraplegia News  
February 1975

## Business Loans

Handicapped persons now have the opportunity to apply for loans of up to \$350,000 under the Handicapped Assistance Loan Program of the Small Business Administration. This enables disabled people to go into business for themselves. The applicant's experience, competency and ability must be demonstrated, and the loan must be repaid from earnings of the business. Information is available from The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Washington, D. C. 20210.

Paraplegia News  
February 1975

## Aids for Telephone Usage

Services for Special Needs is a booklet published by the Bell Telephone System describing special services to help those with hearing, sight, speech or motion impairments. The booklet contains information about a bone conduction receiver and voice amplifiers for hearing impairment, an electronic larynx for speech loss, and other adaptations for other disabilities. Information is available from any Bell Telephone office.

Paraplegia News  
February 1975

## Liver Failure Research

Perfusion of blood through a column of polymer-coated charcoal - a technique developed to remove overdoses of drugs from the blood of suicidal or accidental overdose patients - reportedly has shown promise in treating acute liver failure. It is estimated that presently 10 per cent to 15 per cent of conservatively treated patients in acute liver failure are saved, whereas tests with the new treatment are said to have shown a 46 per cent survival. So far there is no evidence that the treatment is harmful to the patient, but carefully controlled studies with humans must be conducted before the technique can be considered acceptable.

Paraplegia News  
January 1975

## LEGISLATION

### State Bills that Need Support

SB 123 (Roberti) would provide for the establishment of rent controls by local governments. It provides tenants with specific protection from unnecessary or exorbitant rent increases and eviction.

SB 63 (Kennick) would extend Medi-Cal services to those whose incomes are over the maximum incomes under SSI, by reducing the amount they must pay before receiving Medi-Cal Assistance.



SB46 (Dills)

AB93 (Lockyer) would provide that no relative is liable to contribute to the support of a relative who receives aid under the State Supplemental Program.

AB558 (Egeland, D-San Jose) would require stores to put price labels on individual products even if a computer price labeling system is being used.

AB 206 (Montoya, D-La Puente) would transfer the Administration to all welfare programs from Counties to the State, including the presently County financed General Assistance.

AB 294 would include the disabled and blind under Senior Citizens Property Tax Assistance. .

AB167 (Miller, D-Emeryville) would make a basic minimum quantity of gas and electricity available to residential users at a reduced rate.

SB 108 (Moscone) would amend a present law and mandate a cost-of-living increase on the full \$235.00, including the Federal SSI share.

Odessa Wilson  
Legislative Editor  
Committee for The Rights of the  
Disabled, March 1975

#### Architectural Barriers

At the California Conference on Rehabilitation held last October in Sacramento, Attorney General Evelle Younger announced his intention to eliminate what he termed an unlawful system of segregation of the physically disabled that presently exists in California, and to enforce all laws relating to the disabled. To this end he has begun by filing a suit against a Sacramento restaurant and the County of Sacramento to force compliance with those laws that require that public facilities be accessible to the disabled.

Attorney General Younger also has requested the establishment of a Citizens Commission for the Rights of the Physically Disabled. This proposed committee, consisting of concerned citizens and community leaders will investigate various areas of need for the disabled and report to him the results and their recommendations for legislative, legal, and administrative action.

In addition, the Office of the Attorney General, together with the California Department of Rehabilitation, will accept reports of suspected violations of these laws for investigation and legal action, where appropriate. Such reports of architectural barriers violations should include the name and location of the establishment in question, the nature of the establishment (restaurant, etc.), the date of construction or modification, and the suspected deviations. The reports should be sent to the following address: 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 550, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Physically Disabled Students' Program  
University of California  
March 1975

# note!

HANDICAPPED STUDENT SERVICES  
HAS A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

IT IS:

4 9 8 - 5 4 0 1

*Janice Koyama - Social Science*

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LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90840



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# SPECIAL EDITION

## HANDICAPPED AWARENESS WEEK

The Handicapped Student Association and the Handicapped Student Commission are jointly presenting the first Annual Handicapped Awareness Week. This week of events has been designed to address the real abilities, capacities, and needs of the individual with a handicap and to present the latest trends in education, transportation and architectural barriers.

The contents of this edition of "I AM!" are important for all people interested in disabled student programs available at this University. The workshops and panels are open to the campus and community organizations and individuals. Thanks to the Associated Student Body Government no admission is being charged at any of these events.

Agenda events are being distributed in this special issue. Those wishing to attend and needing special parking, campus maps or other advisement should telephone HSS at the new telephone number (213) 498-5401.

### FOCUS

Items below will provide a more complete description of some of the individuals participating in Handicapped Awareness Week and a brief description of the film, Butterflies Are Free.

Joan Carlson, Entertainer

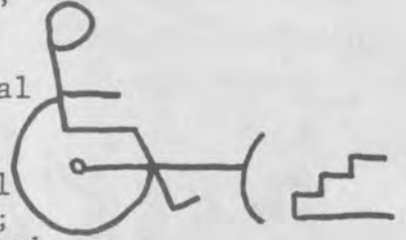
Joan Carlson, a well-known and very gifted singer and graduate of CSULB with a B.A. in vocal music, is currently participating in the new Music Therapy program on campus. Ms. Carlson has performed in opera productions at CSULB and the University of Southern California. She has appeared both on national television, and entertained live throughout Southern California.



Ms. Carlson is a charter member of the Handicapped Student Services. She has been active in the handicapped liberation movement for years, and speaks with groups to enlighten the public about the abilities of the person with a disability.

Dick Wooten, Chief of Mobility Barriers Section of the State Department of Rehabilitation.

Dick Wooten has been working with the State Department of Rehabilitation since 1962. Among his many duties, Mr. Wooten travels throughout the state educating designers, architects, builders, and planners about regulations regarding the elimination of architectural barriers.



Some of Mr. Wooten's goals are: To eliminate physical barriers, when possible, before a structure is built; educate both the disabled and the non-disabled to catch errors before construction, and when necessary, to be an advocate when stronger measures must be taken to enforce existing regulations.

Jim Claytor, Deputy Attorney General

Jim Claytor is presently serving as the Coordinator of the Attorney General's Task Force. The Task Force examines current regulations and laws and determines whether these laws are being enforced by the agencies assigned to enforce them. The Task Force also makes recommendations to the Attorney General's Office when infractions are discovered.



#### Film

Butterflies Are Free will be presented admission free. The theme of the movie is one of discovery and awareness. A young man who is blind, his mother, and his new female friend must, together, come to terms with his blindness and their emotional commitments to each other. Edward Albert as the young man, Goldie Hawn as his friend, and Eileen Heckhart as his mother deal honestly and humorously with the struggle to cope with reality.

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Special thanks are due this issue to Brenda Premo, Ralph Black, HSC and Ed Walsh, President HSA

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MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1975

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Wheelchair Tour from H.O.B. to The Bookstore

Participating in the tour will be Associated Student Officers, Faculty, and Administrators. If you wish to participate you must be in front of H.O.B. by 10:45 a.m. If you have a spare wheelchair and can part with it for a few hours, please contact us at 498-5401.

12:00 to 12:30 p.m. Vocal Presentation by Joan Carlson at The Speaker's Platform

12:30 to 1:00 p.m. David Kagan, State-wide Dean of Students at The Speaker's Platform

Dean Kagan will speak to what is being done to make the California State Universities and Colleges physically, socially and academically accessible for disabled students.

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sexuality and The Disabled at the Student Union, Room 233

David Rogers, Bob Whitten and Brenda Premo will present a workshop in which disabled persons will discuss their feelings and abilities. Bring any and all questions!

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1975

1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Panel on Employability at the Student Union, Room 231

Mason Rose, Attorney at Law, will discuss architectural barriers. Associate Dean of Student, Stuart Farber will address the role of higher education. Counselor Keith Black presents the Employment Development Department program, and Handicapped Student Commissioner Ralph Black will chair.

11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Tom Cats Band, Country and Western Music at the Student Union, Multi-Purpose Room B.

2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Panel on Legislation and The Law at The Student Union, Room 231



Mason Rose, Attorney at Law, will present enforcement procedures. Chief of Mobility Barriers Section of the State Department of Rehabilitation, Dick Wooten, will address State Department of Rehabilitation's role in legislative advocacy. Tad Tanaka, Assistant Coordinator at Cypress College, discusses current trends in legislation for the disabled, and Jim Claytor, member of the Attorney General's Task Force, expresses the Task Force goals and objectives.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1975

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Vocal Presentation by Joan Carlson at the Student Union, Informal Lounge

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Dr. Alex Britton, Associate Professor at L.A.-5, Room 224

Dr. Britton will discuss the California Master Plan for Special Education, the first state-wide plan for children with disabilities.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1975

11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Tom Cats Band, Country and Western Music at Bristol Bay

1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Panel on University Life for Disabled Students at the Student Union, Room 231

Bill Massey, State Department of Rehabilitation Supervisor, Long Beach Office, explains the role State Rehab. plays. George Gentry, Coordinator of the Veterans Representative Program, Veterans Administration Hospital, discusses veterans, financing, and special equipment. Paul Colton, Coordinator of the Hearing Impaired Program, Golden West College, addresses the special problems of hearing-impaired students, and Bob Whitten, Associated Student Senator, explains problems of mobility.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1975

1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Social Hour and Vocal Presentation by Joan Carlson at the Student Union, Room 231-232

Coffee, wine, food, provided free of charge.

3:15 to 5:00 p.m. Film "Butterflies Are Free" at the Student Union, Small Auditorium

Admission free.

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**MOVIE** Place: **Union Auditorium**  
Time: **3:15 pm**

Date: **May 2** Admission: **Free**

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## REGISTRATION

Counting the days until summer, you probably have it down to the hour. Have we got news for you! Yes, it's almost here - REGISTRATION. Registration is from July 7 to July 11, 1975. In order to receive priority registration please fill out the Class Request Form attached to the back of this issue of "I AM!". Enclose this form in the registration packet you received from the Registrar's Office. Drop the entire packet in the drop boxes BEFORE July 11.

If for some reason you need assistance in registration contact our office and we will probably be able to help.

If you follow the below suggestions you may come out of it in one piece.

1. If you are a client of the State Department of Rehabilitation contact your counselor NOW. Either have your authorization mailed to the Veterans Affairs Office in care of Robert MacMillan or carry them to the Veterans Affairs Office yourself.
2. If you need assistance in reading or filling out your C.A.R. form contact Handicapped Student Services.
3. If you want priority registration or need classes moved to accessible areas fill out the attached form and add it to your registration packet.
4. If you will be out of town during the registration period, bring in your packet filled out on or before July 4th and we will drop them off for you.

For more specific information about registration, refer to the letter you received from the Registrar. Class schedules are available in the Bookstore.

If you find yourself still in the dark, feel free to call us at 498-5401 any weekday.

Brenda Premo  
Assistant to the Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

#### TASK FORCE

As you recall, in the March and April issues we printed the history and conditions of the State Universities and Colleges described in the 1975 Task Force Report. The information below is taken directly from the Task Force recommendations.

Brenda Premo  
Assistant to the Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

#### Services

1. Provisions should be made for a coordinated program of special support services for disabled students.
2. Committees with broad campus representation should be established to identify disabled student needs and recommend appropriate action.
3. Each campus should designate an office, and an individual within that office, to coordinate efforts to serve the needs of disabled students.
4. Each campus should establish procedures to identify both permanently and temporarily disabled students prior to class registration.
5. The "need for disabled support services" item on the Application for Admission should be expanded in order to encourage disabled persons to identify themselves.
6. Each campus should establish procedures to identify disabled applicants from the information provided on the Application for Admission and communicate this information to appropriate campus offices.
7. The assistance of the California Department of Rehabilitation should be sought to identify its student clients prior to each term registration.
8. Each campus should provide special registration procedures for students whose disabilities prevent, or make difficult, participation in regular registration.

9. Each campus should establish procedures to inform disabled students upon admission of special support services available.
10. The California Department of Rehabilitation should be requested to appoint a member of its staff, at the appropriate supervisory level, to provide liaison with each campus.
11. Each campus should attempt to provide part-time employment for disabled students, where appropriate, in order to improve their future employability.
12. Placement and career planning centers should initiate steps to increase the disabled students' awareness of the job market, encourage the employment of disabled graduates by employer contacts, and increase their own awareness of the potential job market for disabled students.

#### Facilities

1. Disabled students should be represented on campus facilities planning committees.
2. Each campus should develop adequate emergency evacuation plans for disabled persons.
3. Disabled students should be consulted prior to construction, to review building plans and architectural barrier correction plans.
4. Each campus should assess the effectiveness of its safety program in terms of disabled student needs and concerns.
5. Means should be explored to develop and maintain the ability of appropriate campus personnel to identify architectural barriers.
6. Immediate and long-range capital outlay programs to remove architectural barriers should be continued until all such barriers have been corrected.
7. Automatic doors should be installed on the primary entrances of buildings housing student services, libraries, cafeterias, and high density classroom facilities.
8. Each campus should establish a policy to move physically inaccessible classes to accessible areas upon the request of disabled students, provided no special facilities or equipment are required.
9. Consideration should be given to utilizing portable laboratory stations for the use of ambulatory students in laboratory classrooms.
10. Each campus should provide wheelchair accessibility maps, Braille building directories, Braille room numbers, and Braille elevator buttons.



11. Each campus should explore the possibility of developing a wheelchair storage area.

12. Each campus should initiate a study of its disabled parking in terms of availability, access, and safety.

From the Associate Dean for Student Affairs

We are currently in the process of wrapping up our "Pilot Project" year for the Handicapped Student Services at CSULB. There is a long list of individuals to whom we should extend our thanks for the current success of the program. In order for a new campus program such as the Handicapped Student Services to be viable and really serve the needs of the disabled population, cooperation is needed from a variety of departments on campus, from the community, and from the Student Body. Therefore, John W. Shainline, Executive-Student Affairs: Dean of Students, David Rogers, Coordinator, Handicapped Student Services, and I would like to extend appreciation to:

Ed Walsh, Handicapped Student Association President; Ralph Black, Handicapped Student Commission Commissioner, Bill Morehouse, A.S. President; Greg Silver, A.S. Vice President, Bonnie Bahny, A.S. Treasurer; Jack Brick, Director of Public Safety; Jon Regnier, Director of Physical Planning & Development; Carl Androff, Building Coordinator, Physical Planning & Development; Dr. J. J. Thompson, Professor, Communicative Disorders; Lisa Coyne, Editor "I AM!" Newsletter; Nancy Fujitaki, Veterans Assistance and Programs Supervisor; John Trapani, Career Counselor, Career Planning & Placement; The Harbor Chapter of the National Rehabilitation Association; Dave Travis, Assistant Dean, Office of the Chancellor; Dr. Dave Kagan, State University Dean, Office of the Chancellor; and of course, Stephen Horn, President, who has shown an interest in and support for the program for the last three years.

It goes without mentioning that we want to pay a special tribute to Jean Defty who seldom, if ever, missed a Concerns for the Handicapped Meeting and always contributed her sincerity, interest, and efforts for the betterment of our disabled student population.

As of this writing, we are optimistic that our program will be refunded for the coming year. With this in mind we are looking forward to improving upon the programs and services for the disabled students at this University. We have already begun discussions about having a major program in the Fall along the lines of an "Awareness Week", and we want to continually improve upon the relationship between the Handicapped Student Association, Concerns, Commission, and the Handicapped Student Services operation. Again, many thanks to all. Enjoy your summer, we shall see you in the Fall.

Dr. Stuart L. Farber  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

## TRAVEL

### Transit Committee Formed

The Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD), has appointed Dennis Cannon, CAPH, as their handicap consultant.

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (CACAT), has been formed to help the SCRTD formulate its plans for providing accessible transportation. A reduced fare program is being established for the handicapped. Whether or not a handicapped person can at this time use the system, apply for the card to establish the data base required by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) in applying for funds.

The SCRTD is planning, April 1, 1976, 200 accessible buses, 40 in: wide door, ramp, two wheel chair tiedowns, and PA system to be placed on fixed major interconnecting routes with gradual replacement of all inaccessible vehicles. This will be the first major transit district to put accessible buses on fixed routes and schedules, serving the entire population.

## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

### New Construction

The Campus Physical Planning Committee approved schematic plans for a second floor walkway to connect upper levels of facilities on the west side of upper campus. The estimated cost of this project amount to \$145,000. Also approved were schematics for an elevator on the southeast corner of the Theatre Arts Building. The installation is to have access to both basement and second levels of that facility.

Dave Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

### Commission Report

On May 7th I submitted the final Commission report to the Associated Student administration. The following is a summary of those comments.

From March 21-23 I attended the spring conference of the California Association of the Physically Handicapped held in Berkeley. On the weekend of April 25-27 I represented the Commission at a Disabled Student Coalition meeting at CSU San Diego. We encountered numerous procedural difficulties and were forced to re-schedule the business of by-law change and election of officers to June 1st, just prior to the NRA Conference in San Jose. Ed Walsh, President of the HSA, and I will attend both meetings. Tapes or written transcripts of these informative conferences are available to those interested.

One of the most significant projects of the Commission in recent weeks was Handicapped Awareness Week. The quality of presentations and the caliber of guest speakers for Awareness Week were exceptionally high. We had strong support from Student Union staff, A.S. personnel, and other local campuses. I signed enormous quantities of paper during the preparation for Awareness Week, but the people who did the actual work were Jo Hartenstein, Ed Walsh, Lisa Coyne, and especially Brenda Premo, all of whom deserve credit for the excellent program.

Members of the new Handicapped Student Commission are: Dr. Lowell Eliason, Cheryl Clark, Doug Robinson, Cheryl Penrose, Julie Cantrell, Ed Walsh, Bob Whitten, and Joanne Hartenstein. This is a good Commission and I am confident that our programs for next year will both be numerous and beneficial.

Ralph Black, Commissioner  
Handicapped Student Commission

#### On-Campus Interviews

Those students graduating at the end of the fall semester, 1975 will be eligible to participate in on-campus interviews.

The Career Planning and Placement Office invites over 450 representatives from government and private industry, to recruit students graduating at the end of each semester, for employment upon their graduation. Those students desiring to participate during the Spring semester should contact this office at the end of the current semester to pick up the registration packet necessary for enrolling in the interviews. Everything is based upon a first come first served basis. Therefore, don't be late!

John Trapani, Career Counselor  
Office of Career Planning & Placement

#### Additional Easy-Access Restaurants

Here are some more easy-access Restaurants to add to the list which appeared in the March 1975 issue of "I AM!".

Prince of Whale's Restaurant (Seafood) Long Beach Blvd., & 68th Street, Long Beach

Le Clos (French Cuisine) 530 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach

The Mexican Affair 5630 East Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach

Holiday Inn - Penthouse Restaurant 2640 Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach

Carr Brothers 3490 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach

Jolly Roger Seaport Village 168 Marina Drive, Long Beach

Joe Petrelli's Steak House Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City  
(Near L. A. Airport)



Yue's (Chinese-Cantonese) 1828 W. Rosecrans Boulevard, Gardena  
Victoria Station, Dove and MacArthur, Newport Beach  
Farrell's (Hamburgers, Sandwiches, Ice Cream)  
16301 Beach Boulevard, Huntington Beach

Joanne Hartenstein

Mermaid on Pier Avenue at Strand, Hermosa Beach; Tea House  
Chinese Cuisine, 25318 Crenshaw Blvd., near Pacific Coast Highway,  
Torrance; Bully's Steak and Chop House, 228 Avenue I, Redondo  
Beach Blvd.; Bob's Big Boy on Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne  
Blvd., Torrance; Bob's Big Boy, 182nd Street and Hawthorne Blvd.,  
Torrance.

Betty Schapira  
CAPH South Bay Chapter  
May 1975

### "YOU GOTTA GO TO SCHOOL"

Marsha: I don't want to go to school today...the principal is  
mad at me.

John: Go on, but try to stay clear of the principal.

Marsha: Well, I don't want to go anyway 'cause the kids  
all hate me.

John: Just be patient and they'll come around.

Marsha: Do I have to go to school today? I hate it!  
(Besides I didn't do my homework.)

John: I know you can tolerate it if you really try.

Marsha: School is so boring, stupid and such a waste of  
time. Please, can I stay at home?

John: How many times must I remind you - teaching is your  
job, you're 33 years old, you signed the contract,  
and we've got bills to pay - now get going!

The Raspberry Report Card

### Music Therapy

Music therapy - what is it? This relatively new field almost  
defies being defined or catagorized. It is part of the mental  
health field, but it can be called a rehabilitative field, both  
mental, and physical; and it also is part of the area of teaching.  
Music therapy is all of these, and more.

The type of rehabilitation depends on the disability - whether it  
is mental, emotional, or physical; whether appropriate behavior  
needs to be learned or existing behavior must be modified. A

music therapist may teach a retarded child the basic skills, such as brushing teeth, using music to make the learning easier and more enjoyable. A person having trouble getting along with others may be helped to learn to cooperate through music therapy. Within a groups situation the individual learns that cooperation is necessary to achieve sounds that are pleasant. Pride in achievement and praise from the therapist and others in the group help make the person aware that he/she can adjust to working with others.

A deaf child may "hear" (become aware of) sounds for the first time, when the child can put his hands on a drum and feel the vibrations. Breath control needed to learn to speak can be practiced by blowing on an instrument.

Music can be put to work in therapy to help individuals function at increasingly better levels. There are endless possibilities to what music therapy can accomplish, that have not been tried yet.

Joan Carlson

## TECHNOLOGY AND AIDS

### Modified Pinto and Wheelchair

Ford Motor Company reportedly has developed a wheelchair to match the Pinto car. The chair is narrower, lighter, and reputedly easier to stow than most models. The car includes a special steering wheel and hand assist grips attached to the inner roof rail over the doors. Details currently are being worked out concerning how the "matched set" will be marketed. Ford management is said to be enthusiastic that eventually they will be able to provide a "manageable and economical" system for paraplegics who drive.

Paraplegia News  
April 1975

### Better Limbs

Better artificial limbs are on the way, according to bioengineers at Texas A&M University. Working with colleagues at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Insititute for Rehabilitation and Research, they are involved in prothetic studies of how direct skeletal attachment of artificial limbs may be achieved. They expect to devise techniques thich will enable them to surgically attach a bio-compatible leg system to an amputee's stump. Once the entire process - from implantable skin and tissue to the actual leg prothesis - has been developed and tested, many persons now using removable protheses may be able to enjoy more normal function.

Paraplegia News  
April 1975

## Motorized Walker

This device is called the Independence Walker, and it was recently introduced by Falcon Research and Development, a subsidiary of Whittaker Corporation. It is designed for use by paraplegics, victims of trauma or crippling diseases affecting the lower extremities, or anyone who must be in an upright position but needs to conserve strength.

The Walker's single-wheel drive makes possible a 23-1/2 x 25-5/8 inch wheel base allowing maneuverability through narrow openings. Support points at the feet, knees, lower back and waist virtually lock the occupant into place, allowing freedom to bend forward at the waist.

National Hookup  
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Special thanks are due this issue to Brenda Premo, Ralph Black, and Joan Harmon.



CLASS REQUEST SHEET  
HANDICAPPED STUDENT SERVICES  
ACADEMIC SCHEDULING

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER AND STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_

CAN YOU WALK UP STAIRS? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your handicap require classes being moved to first floor? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have an elevator key? \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ENTIRE SCHEDULE BELOW:

Ticket No.	Department	Course No.	Units	Time	M	T	W	TH	F	Room

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## PILOT PROJECT

This edition of "I AM!" completes Volume One of this publication. Material used in each edition has been collected by our news staff and contributors from both this University and the community. Hopefully, your own awareness of current legislation, special services, special needs and availability of information on those items has grown with "I AM!" If you care to submit an article for publication in "I AM!" send it to Handicapped Student Services by the fifteenth of each month.

Reflecting over activities of HSS this year I can see substantial growth of the Center. As the Pilot Program began in mid-August numerous individuals were assembled into a multifaceted staff. While each individual had special abilities to provide, none had worked together on programs of such scale. While the core of HSS staff has been available for some time, our association was mostly voluntary. Pilot Program funding gave more formal structure to HSS and enabled the once volunteer staff to develop into a more comprehensive team.

Some objections to the more structured HSS included the installation of a record-keeping system for contacts in the Center. Some people felt their visits caused them to become a number to be sorted, counted, and filed. While we recognize that possibility has some truth to it, there are substantial reasons for keeping those records. The numbers generated by contacting HSS tell what services are most important to you, the consumer. They also tell us how to tailor service to each successive person requesting assistance. With the academic year closing we will total all these numbers, evaluate them, and pass the benefits on to you and the rest of the CSU & C system. In other words, these numbers revert into activities for people. The "numbers game" at this University will assist other organizations to set up disabled student programs where needed without extensive record-keeping.

Throughout this year we have attempted to maintain an atmosphere as unstructured as possible. In many cases we stay in the Center long after everyone else goes home. The HSS philosophy is to serve disabled students when they ask for assistance. We have and will encourage each of you to visit often. After all, we want to know what's going on too. Undoubtedly, we would lose our cloak 'n dagger image without information from people outside of HSS.

Remember to get the proper authorization for July registration. That's right, July. If you're out of town, get things together and turn them into HSS and we will drop them off for you at the appropriate time. Have a good vacation.

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

## TECHNOLOGY AND AIDS

### Pacemaker for C. P.

Dr. Ross Davis of Children's Variety Hospital, Miami, Florida, has successfully developed a "brain pacemaker." The pacemaker reduces hyperactivity of the brain and the resultant muscular tension of the body.

### Speech Machine

A mini-computer developed by McDonnell Douglas Corporation which produced verbal command to aid astronauts may be used on Earth to give a voice to those people silenced by strokes or other brain injuries.

This machine will be a tremendous aid to people ill and suffering but unable to express their needs and desires. Outside the hospital, these people are even more disadvantaged. People use speech to communicate pain, want, hate, compassion, and love. For those who can not speak clearly in any language, it is a frustrating world in which the best thoughts of man can be bottled up inside people who may even be considered mentally deficient because of an inability to speak.

The machine that will set these "silent thinkers" free may be a fifty-key keyboard machine the size of a portable tape recorder. This machine will produce up to 300 words by putting phonetic sounds together to form words, and words together to form sentences.

Sidney Martin  
Rancho Patient Forum  
May 1975

## LEGISLATURE

### State of California

AB 244 (Keene) Provides for money appropriation to finance homemaker/chore services (attendant care) to end of fiscal year. Passed both houses and signed by Governor.

AB 294 (Kapiloff, et. al.) Provides for property tax relief for the disabled.

AB 382 (Lockyer) Provides for cost of living increases to be made on the total SSI/SSP grant rather than just on the state's share. A good bill but SB 108 is preferred.

AB 647 (Brown) Designed to make cost of living calculations on a semi-annual basis rather than on a yearly basis. Will help to keep up with inflation.

AB 1035 (Carpenter) Requires polling places to be located in places accessible to the disabled. Important if you want to vote with less hassles.

AB 1292 (Sieroty) Would designate blue curb paintings for parking spaces that would be reserved for the disabled.

SB 108 (Moscone) Requires a new procedure for calculation of cost of living adjustments for SSI/SSP persons. Passage would mean about \$24 a month more to live on over what present law is going to grant starting on July 1. It is going



### Limb Transplant

Using techniques developed in Russia, a group of University of Michigan scientists successfully transplanted limb muscles in 35 cats, according to a Medical World News report. Fifty per cent of normal mass and 30 per cent of contractile tension of the muscles were restored. The fibers in the transplanted muscle first degenerate and then regenerate. Although whole muscles of humans have been used to treat facial paralysis and anal incontinence, results have been mixed. The Michigan scientists hope to develop surgical procedures which will restore muscle structure and function.

Paraplegia News  
July 1975

### Singing Blood

A new, low cost method for diagnosing obstructed arteries which can lead to stroke has been tested successfully at a Massachusetts hospital. The technique employs a computer to analyze the sound of blood moving through arteries. Results compare favorably with the traditional method used for detecting clots in blood vessels, researchers claim. Unlike the old method, however, which causes some pain and which requires expensive hospitalization, the new technique requires no probes into the body and can be used on an out-patient basis. The research team responsible for the technique's development, comprised of representatives of Massachusetts General Hospital and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, call the technique "phonoangiography".

Paraplegia News  
July 1975

### Sonicguide

The Sonicguide, a mobility aid and environmental sensor for the blind, is the result of more than a decade of research, development, and evaluation. It is designed to enhance and extend the mobility of a blind person who uses long cane or guidedog mobility techniques. Manufactured by Wormald Vigilant, Ltd., of Christchurch, New Zealand, the Sonicguide is custom assembled and distributed in the United States and Canada by Telesensory Systems, Inc., Palo Alto, California.

The Sonicguide operates using reflected ultrasound. It provides information about distance, position, and surface characteristics of objects within the immediate environment and travel path of a blind user. A transmitter located in a pair of lightweight eyeglass frames produces inaudible high frequency (ultrasonic) sound. This sound is reflected from objects in its path to two receivers in the eyeglass frames. The reflected ultrasonic signals are converted by separate channels into audible sounds directed into the user's ears through small tubes. These tubes produce minimal occlusion of the ears so the trained user is able to integrate audible sounds of the Sonicguide with other ambient sounds.

Telesensory Systems Inc.

ENTERTAINMENT

Captioned Films for the Deaf

Admission Free, every Friday at 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Santiago Library System.

Santa Ana, Public Library, Spurgeon Room, 26 Civic Center Place, 834-4077

August 22

GOODBYE, COLUMBUS R Color 105 min.

A young man vacations with the family of a wealthy businessman, at the invitation of the daughter, and ends up sleeping with her. Richard Benjamin, Ali MacGraw.

September 26

IN COLD BLOOD Adults B & W 134 min.

Two parolees, Richard Hickock and Perry Smith, make a respectable family in Kansas the innocent murder victims of their search for money that doesn't exist. Based on a Truman Capote story of a real life event.

Fullerton, Public Library (Lecture Hall) 353 Commonwealth, 871-9440

August 8

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH G Color 123 min.

In the mist of the center of the Earth, through an Icelandic passage, explorers find giant mushrooms, prehistoric monsters, and an evil Count. A professor organizes the expedition and despite the hazards, succeeds in his goal. Pat Boone, James Mason, Arlene Dahl.

September 12

I NEVER SANG FOR MY FATHER PG Color 90 min.

A searching story of conflicts within a family, based on a long-running Broadway play. Gene Hackman, Melvyn Douglas, Estelle Parsons, Dorothy Stickney.

Huntington Beach, Public Library (Pacific Room - to your right as you enter),  
Corner of Talbert & Golden West, 536-5480

August 15

THE PAPER LION G Color 107 min.

A sports writer assigned as a rookie quarterback to the Detroit Lions almost topples the team when he finally plays. Alan Alda, Lauren Hutton, Detroit Lions.

September 5  
BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI G B & W 161 min.

Exceptional movie filled with personal drama about men of different character and calibre fighting for their beliefs and lives as British prisoners and Japanese capturers. Alec Guinness, William Holden.

September 19  
THE MOUSE THAT ROARED G Color 85 min.

The Duchy of Grand Fenwick, smallest nation in the world, declares war on the U. S. to enjoy the fruits of a generous victor. Fun free-for-all. Peter Sellers.

#### Deafula

Deafula is the first full-length feature film produced in sign language. This landmark film is a Signscope Production; Gary Holstrom, producer, and Emmy winner Peter Wechesberg, writer and director.

The principle character (played by Peter Wechesberg) is born with a blood disease and requires constant infusions of human blood. For his efforts, our toothy hero is relentlessly pursued by a rumped Colombo of a detective. This unlikely story is ably transformed into a metaphor for the difficulties and trials faced by deaf persons in daily life.

Congratulations to all involved in the production of this first film.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

#### COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

##### Report to the Students

Here is a summary of the events of this summer which directly effect students and a preview of Association and Commission activities in the near future.

First, the Handicapped Student Association, as a member of the Disabled Student Coalition, has been working for the passage of a program change proposal which would establish fully staffed Handicapped Student Service programs on all 19 California State College and University campuses. We hope this effort will soon be rewarded.

Secondly, I have worked with various people to affect a reduction in the paper work and administrative detail that the Handicapped Student Services Coordinator and his staff are required to handle. Specifically, fewer reports will make it possible for the HSS staff to devote more time and attention to meeting student needs. Also, the HSS staff have set up regular meetings at which the input of the students will be continuously and immediately available to the Coordinator. This is an extremely important opportunity for students to help determine the direction in which they wish Handicapped Student Services to proceed.



The Handicapped Student Association and Commission have a combined Associated Student Government budget allotment of approximately \$2,100 for fiscal year 1975/76. Your grade card sales and the chance of obtaining certain grants may increase this figure. Thus, we have considerable funding with which to offer whatever services or special programs you as students think desirable.

The Handicapped Student Association will be having a meeting early in the semester to consider election of officers, activities for the upcoming year, and any recommendations by the students to the Handicapped Student Services. Be looking for details on this meeting and please be sure to attend. We have an excellent opportunity to benefit handicapped students if we put out a little effort.

Ralph Black  
Handicapped Student Commissioner

#### Future Events

The Easter Seal Society of Los Angeles County and the University of Southern California School of Medicine will be sponsoring an all-day Conference on Sexuality and the Handicapped on Thursday September 4, 1975 at the Marriott Hotel at 5855 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles.

The Conference is for physicians and other allied health professionals. Speakers at the morning session will be Dr. Judd Marmor, President of the American Psychiatric Association and Dr. Robert Geiger of UC San Francisco School of Medicine. There will be Workshops on different topics in the afternoon sessions.

Cost of the Conference is \$45.00. Partial scholarships for handicapped individuals wishing to participate in the program will be available through the Easter Seal Society.

For further information contact Merle Davis at the Easter Seal Society in Los Angeles. Telephone 483-5692.

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## " P E R S P E C T I V E "

### A letter to our staff

Dear Colleagues:

We want to begin the Fall '75 Semester with an understanding that we stand comparatively sound in our professional status. We have, though limited, personnel, facilities, and budget sufficient to accomplish our respective tasks.

I ask you to consider a perspective that emphasizes what we have as opposed to what we have not. Let's consider what we can accomplish instead of being overly distraught over what we cannot accomplish.

This year perhaps more so than in the immediate past, I feel our profession will become more and more achievement oriented--performance oriented, if you will. We should be expected to identify a need, accomplish a given task, and have, within a reasonable period of time, a system for appraisal that is introspective in nature.

From a personal perspective, I expect to see from myself and colleagues and from their respective staffs a management style of operation that considers the following:

1. Determining needs and goals.
2. Efforts towards meeting the needs and achieving the goals.
3. Evaluation of achievement.
4. Performance appraisal, both personal and departmental.

Each of us need to direct our energies toward a task oriented, performance motivated, and professionally stimulated kind of working style. We need to reconsider our priorities in view of needs and goals as we allocate our time and resources to the tasks at hand.

Finally, let's see if we can avoid the kinds of traps that slow down our operation, stifle our progress and provide undesirable deterrents to our job accomplishment. We are striving to accomplish the best that we are capable of achieving. We can ask no more, but we can expect that this attempt will be made. Let's have a good year.

Dr. Stuart L. Farber



### Message from the Coordinator

By this time most of you are familiar with the University's architectural layout. During the summer this office conducted tours of the University for several incoming students. If the size of the University and access to buildings are still confusing, call 498-5401 for help.

Unleashed dogs are still on the University Black List. The dogs frequently exhibit finer social behavior than the owners but far too many are allowed to roam while their person sits in class. The guide dogs blind students use to travel to classes are frequently harrassed by other dogs. Remind the next friend you meet with a roaming dog that fines or, for the dog, "jail" (or worse, the "big sleep") are available remedies for roaming dogs on campus. Dogs need to be physically attached to the owner to be on campus for any reason.

Disabled students interested in participating in University committees and programs can contact HSS or Doug Robinson of Student Activities in the Student Union. Each year there are numerous committees with vacancies for interested students. Exercise the opportunity to participate in areas you are interested in. If contributing to worthwhile programs puts your day together check with either HSS at 498-5401 or Doug Robinson at 498-4972.



### TECHNOLOGY & AIDS

#### Clonazepam Approved as Anti-Epileptic Drug

The second new anticonvulsant in 15 years has been approved for use in the treatment of epilepsy. The drug is clonazepam, a chlorinated derivative of nitrazepam, and a member of the benzodiazepine group.

It is manufactured by Hoffman-La Roche, which has now received the important "approvable" letter from the Food and Drug Administration. Federal officials expect the medication to be on drug store shelves in about six weeks' time.

Published reports on Clonazepam have shown it to be effective in reducing seizure frequency in both absence (petit mal) seizures and generalized tonic-clonic (grand mal) seizures.

In a research paper published earlier this year (Neurology, March 1975, No. 3), Drs. Fritz Dreifuss, J. Kiffin Penry, Stephen W. Rose, Harvey J. Kupferberg, Paul Dyken and S. Sato reported on use of the drug in treating children with absence seizures.

Of ten children receiving the medication, eight showed a "significant decrease in seizure frequency," with three experiencing no seizures at all. No generalized seizures took place during the eight week trial.

The most common side effects experienced by six patients in the study were drowsiness and ataxia; two children experienced some weight gain, and two others showed signs of hyperactivity. Four children experienced no side effects.

The article includes information on dosage and blood serum levels as indicated by the study. The approval of clonazepam marks the second time in two consecutive years that a new anticonvulsant has been made available for the treatment of epilepsy.

Last summer, carbamazepine (Tegretol) was approved, following a 14-year hiatus in the production of new anticonvulsant drugs. The new drugs are a result of intensive efforts by the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke (NINCDS) in cooperation with leading research institutions and with the manufacturers.

National Spokesman  
Vol. VIII, No. 7, July-August, 1975

#### Cal Rehab Folder

The State Department of Rehabilitation of California has published a folder explaining its services in rehabilitating developmentally disabled persons into employment. A developmentally disabled person is one who has one of the following conditions: mental retardation, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, autism or other severe neurological condition, and one who, as a result of the disability, has been unable to attain the social, educational and vocational skills needed for economic self-support. The folder describes the help available, who is eligible for service, and how to apply. A copy of the folder may be obtained by writing to State Department of Rehabilitation, 722 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Paraplegia News  
August 1975

#### Sports 'N Spokes

A new magazine whose purpose is to educate both the general public and handicapped persons themselves, Sports 'n Spokes is the brainchild of Nancy and Cliff Crase of Phoenix, Ariz. With the proliferation of new recreation organizations for the handicapped, the magazine also hopes to help publicize new groups as they develop, and encourage those handicapped persons not involved in recreational and sport activities to become involved. A year's subscription costs \$4.00. The address is: Sports 'n Spokes, 6043 N. Ninth Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

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LAWS & LEGISLATION

Attention, New Applicants of SSI Benefits

The Western Center for Law and Poverty is now preparing a law suit against HEW to force the Social Security Administration (SSA) to establish a 30 to 60 day time limit on all Supplemental Security Income (SSI) applications. In other words, SSA must respond to an individual's request for SSI benefits within 30 to 60 days, depending on the category of aid applicant. New SSI applicants still waiting for an answer from SSA about their applications, who are interested in participating in this suit, should contact Miriam Goslins at (213) 483-1491.

Participation will be very simple. All that is needed is an affidavit certifying that you have applied for SSI benefits.

Tad Tanaka

Lions One, Christians Zero

A civil rights suit designed to open theaters to wheelchair traffic has ended in what one attorney calls a "moral victory for one."

Quadriplegic Robert L. Marsh Jr. won a verdict declaring he was the victim of discrimination. But ironically, the jury awarded him no money, relying on the judge to provide adequate relief with an injunction against further discrimination. The judge granted no injunction, stating that damages would be adequate relief.

Los Angeles Times  
Thursday, June 19, 1975

Pending Bills

H.R. 4308 (Author unknown) To require the states to pass on to the elderly, blind and disabled any increases in the basic guarantees for singles and couples on Supplemental Security Income. Drop your Congress-person a line urging support of this bill.

H.R. 8018 (Authored by Congress person B. F. Sisk of Calif. and co-sponsored by Thomas M. Rees (D-Los Angeles) would eliminate lengthy waiting periods for social security disability hearings; it would also enable the Social Security Bureau of Hearings and Appeals to alleviate its shortage of qualified hearing officer applicants by raising the Civil Service classification of Administrative Law Judges.

United Cerebral Palsy Association  
September 1975

S. 662 To amend the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 to provide operating assistance for projects located in areas other than urbanized areas to provide for mass transportation assistance to meet the need of elderly and handicapped persons.

H.R. 766 To provide income tax incentives for the modification of certain facilities so as to remove architectural and transportation barriers to the handicapped and elderly.



H.R. 1348 To amend Section 404(b) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to provide that no physically handicapped individual shall be denied air transportation solely because of such physical handicap.

H.R. 3448 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide an additional income tax exemption where a taxpayer, his spouse, or any dependent of the taxpayer is handicapped.

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#### COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

##### Human Sexuality and Handicapped

The notion that paraplegics, quadriplegics and other physically handicapped persons cannot enjoy sexual pleasures is widespread - but it is untrue, according to medical experts.

The capacity for a satisfactory sex life should not be limited solely to the ability to behave in the manner that comes to most people's minds when they think of sex, says Dr. Joshua Golden, professor of psychiatry at UCLA medical school.

"It is also the capacity to be tender, to communicate, to seek sensory input from many areas of the body rather than just the conventionally erotic areas," Dr. Golden said in an interview. If they have the will, handicapped persons can learn special techniques that can be as gratifying to them as conventional sexual behavior is for some other persons, Golden said.

Although there are many centers to deal with sexual problems of presumably normal people, only a few are known for their efforts to help the ill or handicapped. But, the psychiatrist said, more centers, including UCLA, are becoming interested as the word gets around that such persons can enjoy sex.

Los Angeles Times  
June 9, 1975

##### Easter Seal Society

I took my rhinestone yo-yo and bag of magic tricks to the "Sexuality and the Handicapped" conference presented by the Easter Seal Society and USC. The yo-yo and magic tricks were unnecessary. The speaker, Judd Marmor, M.D., discussed Humanization of Sexuality in Contemporary Society, and speaker Robert Geiger, M.D. discussed Sexuality and the Handicapped. Both made excellent presentations augmenting each others' comments to provide the largest and most refined presentation of its kind I have attended over the last five years.

The afternoon workshops proved as successful as the morning speakers. Congratulations to the Easter Seal Society and USC for contributing to the sensitization of health professionals about medical, social, and emotional needs of the handicapped in the area of sexuality.

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

eam of running: the American Automobile Myth

nathan Lantz

safe in his dreams the average American knows that

he weighs two tons  
he can run a hundred miles an hour  
his muscles bones and skin are all made of genuine steel  
and he'll smash anything slower or smaller than himself  
and which doesn't get out of his way

some dreams hurt  
if you wake up from them too suddenly

#### Notice of Handicapped Student Association Meeting

The Handicapped Student Association will be holding its first meeting of this semester on Wednesday, October 1, 1975 in the Student Union, Room 235 at 8:30 a.m. This will be an extremely important meeting for all concerned members or prospective members. Officers will be elected for the coming year, and we will plan activities for the Association during this semester. The Association needs your ideas in order to effectively represent the handicapped students of this campus.

Please attend if at all possible. If you are unable to arrange time for the meeting but are interested in participating in the HSA or in knowing the results of the meeting, you may contact Ralph Black, Vice-President of the HSA, at 498-5401.

Ralph Black

BEST EDITORIAL

#### Non-Useful Generalizations

(Or Beat the Crip with a Condescending Attitude)

Generally speaking, the ability to generalize would appear to be a useful skill. Certainly it is useful to be able to make generalizations in the application of general principles. To use a homely example, it has been said many times that moderation in all things is good. Moderation is good in eating, drinking, working, sleeping, etc.

However in certain instances it can be shown that generalizations become dysfunctional and counterproductive. A common and perhaps a somewhat over-used example is a situation where a male driver sees a car being driven erratically and then notices that the car contains a female driver. He then immediately concludes that most if not all persons of the female gender drive erratically.

Another example of generalizing which unfortunately is all too common is about physically disabled individuals. The quality of a person's physical performance is, all too often, generalized as necessarily related to the quality of the person's cognitive abilities and moreover the two are seen as being directly related, i.e. lower the person's physical ability, the lower his

ability to reason. Among the disabled and particularly the severely disabled who are confined to a wheelchair, there are frequent complaints about store or other service counter clerks who prefer to ignore or even insist on ignoring the person in the wheelchair and to speak rather to the person standing behind him or next to him. Part of the reason, to be sure, may be a matter of securing eye contact. Nonetheless the person confined to a wheelchair finds this a very humiliating and degrading experience.

The habit of generalizing will even overlap from one type of physical impairment to another type of physical impairment. This may be the reason why the naive person tends to shout when speaking to a person he knows to be blind. Of course here again part of the reason may be in the assumed difficulty of securing initial eye contact. I say this is only part of the reason because it has been shown that the same naive person will continue to speak more loudly than he normally would even after he has successfully secured the blind person's attention.

I am inclined to feel that the habit of making non-useful generalizations strongly implicates the existence of and reinforces an even more virulent form of psychosocial problem, the condescending attitude. Certainly for the disabled person, one of the most difficult adjustment problems must be the matter of learning to confront and effectively deal with condescending attitudes. When a disabled person accomplishes a relatively difficult feat, there appears to be a very strong and irresistible desire to actually and literally pat him on the head as if he were a trained household pet.

One might delve more deeply into this habit of making non-useful generalizations and find complex psychological overtones and nuances underlying the reasons for such behavior but it may be more useful to deal with this problem simply as a bad habit which can be gradually changed by taking advantage of useful dialogues particularly through existing media. More than that it is probably up to the individual disabled person to try to understand the reality of the sociocultural milieu in which he lives and learn to effectively deal with it at the individual personal level.

Tad Tanaka  
August 1975

#### ENTERTAINMENT

##### Blind & Deaf

A new nonprofit organization has started work on television programming designed for both blind listeners and deaf viewers.

Audio-Visual Broadcasting Systems - a publicity-financed company - is seeking government grants to create television programs that can be enjoyed at the same time by blind and the deaf, as well as the nonhandicapped.

The program scripts will be developed with special attention to ensure that verbal pictures include as many details as possible. The programs would then be shown either with sub-titles or with an insert in one corner for conveying sign language.

Daily News Tribune  
Thursday, Sept. 4, 1975



Discount Passes for CSULB  
Handicapped Students

After a successful experiment this summer, the Orange County Rapid Transit District is ready to offer direct service from Orange County to CSULB via its park and lock "Freeway Flyer" bus system.

These buses will enable a student to come from as far away as San Clemente in 1 hour and 15 minutes. Buses on the new route leave at three early-morning times and return at three late-afternoon times. They stop at Mission Viejo, Laguna Hills, Irvine, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach.

According to Wallace Hamilton, Associated Students president, passes will be offered at the A.S. business manager's office in the Student Union. The rates are \$4 for handicapped students, \$7 for regular students, and \$9 for faculty and staff.

The Forty-Niner  
Wednesday, September 3, 1975

Proposed Regulations of the  
Interstate Commerce Commission

Accommodations for handicapped, disabled, blind, and elderly.

(a) Transportation. No carrier shall deny transportation to any person on the basis of a handicap, physical disability, or blindness, or because that person cannot board a bus without assistance, provided that such person can occupy a seat without disturbing other passengers. A guide or seeing-eye dog or other guide dog specially trained for that purpose shall be provided free passage when accompanied by a blind person.

Justification. The purpose of this section is to eliminate the practice of refusing to transport handicapped and disabled persons. Often bus transportation is the only available mode of transportation in many sections of the country and a responsibility exists for common carriers to provide such a service to the handicapped, disabled, blind and elderly, providing that their passage will not be a disturbing influence to other passengers.

(b) Assistance. All carriers shall, upon advance notice of 30 minutes or more, provide assistance to handicapped, disabled, blind, and elderly passengers in boarding buses; such assistance may include advance boarding and seating. Carriers shall provide assistance to such passengers on request in the use of terminal accommodations and baggage service. At all terminals there shall be prominently displayed a notice stating where and from whom such assistance may be obtained.

Justification. It is important that this segment of our population be given every consideration. Advance notice is intended to eliminate operational delays and permit carriers to provide for advance boarding. A notice to the effect that such service is available will avoid last minute confusion and uncertainty and inform the public of the availability of such service.

(c) Terminal accommodations. (1) All terminals shall be designed and constructed so that accommodations are accessible to handicapped, disabled, blind, and elderly passengers.

(2) At all terminals which are newly built or renovated after accommodations for the handicapped, disabled, blind, and elderly shall be incorporated into the design of the facility. This shall include ramps or elevators where steps are otherwise required, doorways wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs, wide bathroom stalls with holding bars to accommodate wheelchairs, lowered public telephones, and lowered drinking fountains.

Justification. This section is directed toward future design and construction of terminal facilities, and is intended to eliminate present inadequacies, and to assure that carriers are aware of their responsibilities to this segment of the public.

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Thursday, July 17, 1975

Orange County 'Dial-a-Lift'

Wheelchair users in Orange County were scheduled to become more mobile this month as the Orange County Transit District (OCTD) launches its Dial-a-lift program, which, unlike OCTD's Dial-a-Ride, will not be limited to only one city.

Three mini-buses equipped with hydraulic lifts will be centered in Orange, La Habra, and (starting Nov. 1) Westminster-Huntington Beach. Fare for handicapped persons is 25¢ (one-half regular fare, as mandated by federal regulations).

When Patricia Bayley appeared before the OCTD directors, they "assured" her that the three buses (included in an order of 76 new mini-buses) were only a "first step," and that "eventually" the district "hopes" to equip "many" of its regular buses with lifts. OCTD transit planners admit that even the planned eight buses will never meet the needs of the county's estimated 30,000 handicapped.

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## REGISTRATION

For Spring Registration be sure to fill out the previously mailed Class Request Form. This entitles you to priority registration and accessible classrooms in most cases. Those of you with rehabilitation problems need to contact Veterans Affairs or your counselors to make sure sufficient amounts are authorized to complete registration and pick up Fee Offsets. It is your responsibility to get the Fee Offsets for registration. If you have problems, this office can assist you in most of the details. Contact us by telephone at 498-5401 or visit the center in the University Student Union on the Second Floor.

Are there academic services you want but cannot find or manage to get? When I was a student taking exams was no fun. Not that my particular disability interfered...No, this is not to announce the Great Test Taker is here but something else. If there are aspects of your particular disability limiting your learning style desired, what can be done to ease the limitations? Tell us about problems you encounter by visiting or call Handicapped Student Services.

If you want to meet with other disabled students to talk about common problems drop by this office. One disabled student, Bob Whitten, is especially interested in counseling and career planning for disabled students. Individual appointments can be made most afternoons by calling HSS to speak with Bob at convenient locations and times on campus. Employability is a common problem of all disabled people. Part of this common problem stems from unawareness of how to select careers, select probable employers and react to interviews. With Bob's assistance in those activities and the help of the Career Planning Center, this large problem can be made manageable.

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

### Message from Dr. Farber

The following excerpts are from a presentation by Dr. Stuart L. Farber, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, to the National Rehabilitation Association Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 15, 1975. The whole presentation, entitled, "Employability Needs of The Disabled: Key Issues and a Proposal", is available at the HSS Office:

As we consider the broad and reaching problems of employability for the disabled, we are made aware of the enormity of the task in that most directions in rehabilitation, at some point in time, lead to the problems of employability. Furthermore, we are discussing large numbers of people in that one estimation has determined the disabled at over 30 million considering the visible and non-visible disabled.

Working with the total person. When we consider the employability needs of a disabled person, is appropriate consideration given to the same basic needs as when considering the employment needs for a non-disabled individual? Is consideration given to training, to long-range opportunities for advancement, to opportunities for mobility to programs for self improvement and for a system to determine job satisfaction?

In the administrative study of personnel management, we find that the key issues for the supervisor with regard personnel are considered to be those of attracting desirable employees, training employees, performance appraisal, and concerns for employee job satisfaction. Do we utilize the same personnel management skills when working for the disabled that we utilize for the non-disabled? In other words, have we actually approached the disabled employability problem in the same manner and with the same technical management skills as we have the non-disabled employee problem or have we rather approached the disabled job seeker with more of a "clinician" view -- a patient - client view? If, and apparently we have the latter, then that perspective, in my opinion, needs to undergo immediate and effective change. We need to consider the total person; their needs, interests, capabilities and wants. Overall, we need to have more consumer input in the administration of personnel management for the disabled.

Incentives for the consumer. We are all aware in certain circumstances, it is financially unwise for a disabled person to take themselves off state support in order to accept a position of less financial reward. There is less incentive for a disabled individual to go through a rather tedious educational and training period only to find that the salary for the position they are seeking will be perhaps less than they are already receiving under rehabilitation support.

It seems that the obvious need would be a financial incentive for such individuals. I would propose that the disabled be allowed to maintain over a long period of time whatever support monies they are receiving that is directly associated with care and maintenance. This incentive would provide the disabled person not only a legitimate financial incentive, but also indicate a concern for their physical well-being.

Social Scientists have helped us to identify the needs of society. They inform us that people need work -- that people need the satisfaction of job accomplishment and that people need the rewards of job fulfillment, praise and achievement.

#### Braillegram Service

Braille or large-print telegrams can now be sent as easily as any telegram. The sender of the telegram needs only to tell the Western Union operator that he/she wants a braillegram or large-print message.

Lisa Coyne, Editor

### Proposed Amendments to Urban Mass Transit

S-662 introduced by Harrison A. Williams, Jr., Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, proposes to amend the Urban Mass Transit Act of 1964 to provide operating assistance for projects located in other than urbanized areas and will provide for mass transportation assistance to meet needs of the elderly and handicapped.

The Amendments to Section 16 are particularly noteworthy as it includes the following statements of national policy:

1. Elderly and handicapped persons have the same right as other persons to utilize mass transportation facilities and services;
2. Special efforts shall be made in the planning, design, construction, and operation of mass transportation facilities and services so that the availability to elderly and handicapped persons of mass transportation which they can effectively utilize will be assured; and
3. All Federal programs offering assistance for mass transportation (including the program under this Act) shall effectively implement this policy.

Robert Hanson, Chairman  
California Governor's Committee for  
Employment of the Handicapped

### Huntington Beach Takes Action on Barriers

On October 6, 1975, the Huntington Beach City Council approved a "Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Handicapped." This committee will be composed of nine members, at least four of whom must be disabled.

Some of its responsibilities include:

1. To work with the City Planning Commission in planning barrier-free buildings and facilities.
2. To work with the City through the Parks and Recreation Commission to develop recreational programs that are usable by the handicapped, but not separate from programs and facilities used by the community as a whole.
3. To work with various levels of education on the development and implementation of Special Education programs and to insure maximum integration for handicapped students in these programs.
4. To advise the City Council or its committees on other areas that may arise concerning the handicapped members of our community.

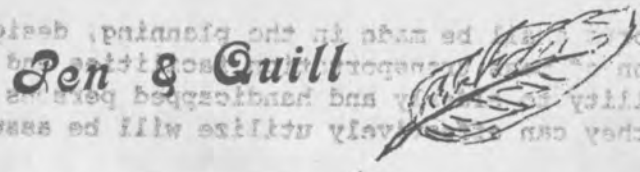
To illustrate some of the daily living problems of the handicapped, Ms. Norma Gibbs, Mayor of Huntington Beach, took a wheelchair ride. Mayor Gibbs gained new insight into grocery shopping as she attempted to enter the store. Finally, conquering this obstacle by entering through a checkstand, the Mayor found many of her favorite foods were out of reach.



After spending 45 minutes buying six items, the Mayor was taken to lunch. At the restaurant (which was accessible), the main problem Mayor Gibbs encountered was getting out of the restroom and rolling over the thick carpet.

After her experiences, Mayor Gibbs had both sore shoulders and a better understanding of some of the problems relating to the disabled.

Brenda Premo, Public Affairs  
California Foundation of the  
Physically Handicapped



Dear Editor:

I have yet another gripe about "Suicide Ramp" and decided to avail myself of your understanding ear. Why is it that the sprinkler system waters the ramp instead of the grass? Also why do the grass shavings have to be left on the ramp? Yes they do pick up the shavings, but they never get all of them!

The sprinklers leave water on both sides of the ramp and the thundering herd of "normies" clog up the middle so I have gone blithefully slipping and sliding from top to bottom.

As concerns the grass shavings, I had no worries about slipping and sliding - I bounced!! The grass shavings got under my crutch the crutch went out from under me, and I bounced and rolled down to the bottom of the ramp!!

Please can't something be done about these watery, grassy hazards? Thanks for listening.

Bruisedly yours,  
JKH

Dear Bruisedly:

Your comments about the West ramp to the University Union are well taken. Our crack staff of investigators has considered the problems you cited. Most watering around the west ramp is done very late at night to avoid soaking passersby and to allow the runoff to "run off" before morning. The whole operation is automated to be done well after night classes finish. With respect to grass shavings getting underfoot and causing you to slide, the following was discovered. The ramp is vacuumed after each grass mowing. Some shavings are bound to filter down from the upper wall. There should not be a great amount of shavings on the ramp after mowing. Thanks to Bill Peters in University Maintenance for volunteering the above information.

The Management



Dear Editor:

I would like to commend the Handicapped Student Services Office for the removal of Architectural and natural barriers on the campus of CSULB. However, I believe that there are a few areas of concern that should be looked into.

My first suggestion is that all overhead clearances should have a clearance of at least six and one-half feet. This would leave enough room for a person to walk on all walkways without the possibility of head injury or without the annoyance of tree branches, signs of other obstacles about the head and shoulders. Also as a blind person, especially using a guide dog, I try to stay on the sidewalks as much as possible because my dog is trained to stay on the walkways.

The second problem I wish to discuss is the fact that the watering systems that run at night seem to water the grass and the sidewalks too. This can be a problem when you are trapped on a sidewalk between two sprinklers and there is no way to avoid the situation.

Last but not least, is the fact that some of the people doing maintenance work have been parking their trucks and other vehicles on the sidewalks and in front of doorways and in other areas making mobility difficult or areas either wholly or partially inaccessible.

Sincerely,  
Richard

Dear Richard:

Thanks for the thanks. As for overhead clearances and sidewalk parking, call the HSS when you notice an occurrence and we will try to remove the barrier. See above letter for the water problem.

LAC

#### Proposed Affirmative Action Regulations

New regulations proposed under Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 redefine affirmative action requirements for federal contractors obligated to hire and promote the handicapped, the Labor Department announced.

The proposed regs incorporate many of the comments received by the Labor Department since June 11, 1974, when the current regulations were issued. They also reflect December 7, 1974, amendments to the Rehabilitation Act.

Most significant in the proposed regulations, published in the Federal Register are:

- the definition of handicap has been changed to be consistent with the new definition in the Act, that is any impairment which substantially limits or is regarded as limiting one or more of a person's major life activities;
- a definition of major life activity is added to limit the program to persons whose disabilities are a substantial barrier to employment;
- a definition of qualified handicapped individual is added so that persons protected under the Act are those qualified to work, rather than those who solely meet the definition of handicapped;

- the affirmative action clause to be included in federal contracts has been rewritten so that one clause will be used in all contracts rather than different clauses based on contract amount and/or length of performance;
- a new section obligates all nonexempt contractors holding contracts of \$50,000 or more with 50 or more employees to maintain at their places of business a written affirmative action program;
- a more detailed explanation of what contractors are expected to do as part of their affirmative action obligation is included;
- handicapped workers no longer need to be certified unless the fact of handicap is in question;
- the Labor Department may request federal agencies to conduct complaint investigations from time to time, to assure that contractors are aware of their obligations, and to report any instances of noncompliance;
- contracts with sheltered workshops are not considered affirmative action unless the contractor uses the workshops as a source of trainees for employment.

California Governor's Committee for  
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Bicentennial Fun Fest

November 7, 1975, CSULB will be celebrating our Bicentennial with a Fun Fest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Handicapped Student Association will set up a booth to take framed Polaroid portraits, with Bicentennial costumes available at no extra charge. If you would like to help out at the H.S.A. Booth, please contact the Handicapped Student Services at 498-5401 or Joan Carlson at (714) 897-6384.

Joan Carlson, President  
Handicapped Student Association

The Buses are Coming, The Buses Are Coming...

If you feel that you qualify to obtain a special identification card in order to make use of the special buses for handicapped passengers, please take out the attached form on the back of this edition of "I Am!" and take it to your doctor so that he can fill it out properly, and after you have done this, you will then send the form to the Long Beach Public Transportation Company at 1300 Gardenia Avenue, Long Beach, California 90813, where the application will then be turned over to a special public committee for screening. If the committee approves the application, you will be notified of their action and at that time you should report to the Company office for a free photograph and identification card encased in plastic. From that point on, you will be entitled to utilize the special service merely by showing the driver your identification card and depositing 50¢ into the fare box when boarding.

When utilizing this special service, it is requested that you make your appointments with the Bus Company at least one day ahead, but this is not mandatory, it only assures you better service, and there may be occasions where you can

call up a minimum of two hours ahead and still obtain transportation on time to your destination.

If you should have further questions concerning these procedures, please call the Long Beach Public Transportation Company office at 591-2301. It is hoped that this new special service will commence operation some time in November 1975.

The Long Beach Public Transportation Company, in response to the unique transit dependence of the City's handicapped citizens, has declared the need for a specialized transportation service designed to allow handicapped people the opportunity to lead a fuller life.

This service will be provided by specially equipped mini-buses which will operate on a demand-response basis from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. seven days a week, and it is suggested that prospective passengers call for appointments on the day before the service is needed even though it is not mandatory to do so. The intent of the service is to supplement existing transportation systems and not to compete with any public or private transportation service. Pursuant to this, the system will only serve those who are confined to a wheelchair, or are unable to utilize existing public transportation service. Special lifts will allow for the easy facilitation of wheelchair occupants.

Because transportation service is now provided to school children through a contracted service, only adults 18 years and older will be allowed to utilize the special community transit service.

Picture I.D. cards will be issued to those people who are eligible to utilize the system. Before a card is issued, eligibility must be established by a doctor's certification that the applicant is unable to utilize the existing public transportation system. Applications for eligibility cards will be processed by the Long Beach Public Transportation Company.

A one-way fare of fifty cents will be charged. In addition, books containing tickets for ten rides will be sold for \$3.50. An escort will be allowed to accompany handicapped citizens on the buses, but they will be required to pay the same fare as the handicapped person.

It is the expressed desire to reach a point of cooperation with those existing operators of handicapped transportation service so that all such services can be utilized with a maximum degree of efficiency and a minimum of duplication.

#### Disneyland Special Day

"Citizen's Advocacy Day" at Disneyland has been set for December 5 & 6. Free parking is provided, and Cricket tickets will be on sale for \$4.75. These two days are set aside for handicapped individuals and their friends or families to spend a day at the Magic Kingdom. Further information may be obtained by calling Jynny Retzinger at 342-0335.

Pat E. C. Mason, Editor  
Handicapped Happenings



## Employment: How It Affects Your SSI

To receive SSI you must meet two general requirements:

1. You must be legally "disabled"
2. You must be financially needy.

### "Disabled"

The legal definition implies that the individual has a significant physical or mental impairment and is unable to work due to that impairment. (If an individual is able to do substantial, gainful work, then that person is not legally disabled. Obviously, employment can demonstrate that an individual is capable of what is technically called "substantial gainful activity" or SGA. The definition of "disabled" therefore, hinges on exactly what constitutes SGA.)

### Substantial Gainful Activity

For almost all situations, Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) is determined as follows. If your salary or net income from self-employment is:

1. Less than \$140 per month, your work is not considered to be SGA;
2. Between \$140 and \$200 per month, your case will be reviewed individually and your work will generally not be considered to be SGA;
3. Over \$200 per month, your work will be considered as SGA.

(If you are offered a job, the Social Security Administration can tell you if that specific employment constitutes SGA.)

Thus, if your employment is not considered SGA and you have a significant impairment you will meet the legal definition of disability and only need to meet the second basic requirement (financial need) to receive SSI. However, what happens if you are capable of SGA?

### Trial Work Period

If you are employed in SGA and are applying for SSI you will be determined ineligible because you are not legally disabled. But, if you are already a recipient of SSI and you still have a significant impairment, that is, your impairment has not improved since you applied for SSI, you may be eligible for a "Trial Work Period" when you become employed.

The Trial Work Period (TWP) is a simple concept. Specifically, a recipient is given nine trial months to test his ability to work before she/he is evaluated for SGA. That means an individual could earn over \$200 per month for up to nine months and still be considered legally disabled. Also, the nine months do not have to be consecutive. For example, a recipient could work for five trial work months, then stop working and still have four more trial months to use at some future date. Likewise, if a work attempt last less than three months and is stopped because of the recipient's disability, then it is considered an "unsuccessful work attempt" and does not subtract from the nine trial months available to the recipient.

At the end of the TWP a decision must be made. One, the recipient may decide not to continue substantial employment. Accordingly, the legally disabled status of the recipient is not jeopardized and the SSI will continue without interruption. The only disadvantage is that the nine trial work months have been used and can not be used again.

On the other hand, the recipient may decide to continue substantial employment. In this event he/she will have demonstrated the ability to work and not be considered legally disabled. The direct consequence is the termination of SSI eligibility. However, SSI benefits will not stop immediately. The recipient will automatically be granted a three month "adjustment period" in which benefits will continue. After this period the benefits will stop completely.

At this point, it should be emphasized that the question of Substantial Gainful Activity applies only to those individuals receiving SSI as disabled persons. Recipients of SSI as Aged (over 65) or Blind persons are not subject to the limitations of SGA.

#### "Financially Needy"

Assuming that a recipient can meet the legal definition of disability, at least for the nine month Trial Work Period, there is still the matter of being "financially needy". (This requirement affects Aged and Blind recipients as well with some variations which will be discussed.)

Since employment creates income and accumulation of resources, it will affect the amount of SSI benefits, if any, a recipient may obtain. Although the treatment of income inevitably causes confusion, the basic operation of exclusions is not complex. In fact, the treatment of earned income (gross income from salary or wages and net earnings from self employment) is very simple. The recipient is entitled to keep the first \$65 of earned income and one half of all earned income over \$65. For example, a recipient earning \$145 per month would keep the first \$65 leaving \$80 ( $\$145 - 65$ ) and one-half of the \$80 ( $80 \text{ divided by } 2 = 40$ ). Thus, from the \$145 the recipient keeps \$105 ( $\$65 + \$40$ ). This \$105 is the portion of the earned income that the recipient is allowed to exclude as an incentive to work. The recipient is free to spend this amount however she/he wishes. After the \$105 is excluded, \$40 non-excluded income still remains of the \$145 gross salary. This \$40 is absorbed by the government; the recipient's SSI/SSP payment is reduced by exactly the amount of non-excluded income (\$40 in this case).

(Note: This exclusion applies only to earned income. Other "unearned" income such as gifts, alimony, veteran's benefits, Social Security Disability benefits, etc., is treated differently. Also, unearned income is not considered when determining Substantial Gainful Activity. Therefore, unearned income has little direct relevance to a discussion on the effects of employment.)

#### Blind Exclusions

In addition to the earned income, blind recipients may exclude work related expenses. That is, expenses necessary to job performance such as transportation, adequate clothing, readers, braille writers, etc. However, the order of exclusions is important. First, \$65 and one-half of the earned income over \$65 is excluded as explained above. Then, the full amount of work related

expenses is excluded. For instance, the blind recipient who earns \$145 a month and has \$25 a month job related expenses can exclude a total of \$130 a month (\$105 + \$25). Accordingly, the government will reduce the recipient's SSI benefits exactly \$15 (that's the \$145 earned income minus the \$130 excludable income). It is possible to have sufficient work related expenses to exclude the entire amount of earned income, thus avoiding a reduction of SSI benefits. However, the work related expense deduction is applicable only toward earned income and not toward other "unearned" income.

#### Resources

Employment has a direct effect on resources (cash, stocks, property, etc.) in that any item necessary for self-support is excluded from consideration as a resource. For example, the value of a carpenter's tools would not be considered as a resource since they are necessary for self-support. Also, the value of a vehicle necessary for employment is not considered as a resource. In all other respects, an employed SSI recipient is subject to the same resource limitations as other SSI recipients.

#### Self-Support Plans

After all other Income or Resource exclusions have been considered, there exists a somewhat magnificent exclusion referred to under "Plans to Achieve Self-Support". This exclusion is by far the most realistic and effective attempt by legislators to offer recipients a chance to become completely, or partially, self-supporting. Briefly, any excess income or resource which would otherwise cause a reduction or loss of SSI benefits may be excluded if it is put toward "equipment or training" necessary to achieve self-support in a self-support plan. A self-support plan must have specific goals; it must be written; it must be current; it must be approved by the Department of Rehabilitation or Social Security Administration; and it is subject to an 18 month duration limit with a possible 18 month extension if good cause exists. Yet, these requirements are easily met. A detailed discussion of self-support plans is lengthy and will appear later in the Independent.

In short, the effect of employment on an individual's status as a needy person is fairly straightforward. A specific operation exists to determine how much earned income the recipient may keep and what resources may be excluded due to their relation to employment. Any amount of non-excluded income will reduce the recipient's SSI/SSP payment by exactly that amount. If the amount of non-excludable income reduces a recipient's SSI benefit to zero, or if the accumulation of non-excludable resources exceeds the standard limitations, the recipient becomes ineligible and the SSI/SSP benefits stop. Of course, if a recipient takes advantage of a plan for self-support, all otherwise non-excluded income or resources may be excluded and full benefits will continue for the duration of the plan.

#### Attendant Care

The effect of employment on Homemaker or Chore service (H/C) grants is sufficiently different from the effect on SSI/SSP status to merit separate consideration. The primary difference is that the function of the SSI/SSP payment is to provide for basic living essentials like food, shelter, clothing, etc., and the H/C service grant is solely for the purpose of purchasing necessary attendant care.



An H/C service grant cannot be used to pay for basic living needs.

Thus, the first consideration in determining the effect of employment on an H/C grant is "does the employment change the amount of necessary attendant care required by the recipient?" If the job situation provides some of the necessary attendant needs, then the H/C grant should be reduced accordingly. The H/C service is specifically for providing attendant care and not basic living needs; it is logical therefore that a reduction in attendant needs will be followed by a reduction in the H/C payment. Similarly, if the job situation creates an increase in attendant needs, then the H/C grant should increase to provide the additional need.

#### Local Variations

The problem at this point is exactly what constitutes "necessary" attendant needs. As this decision may vary between counties, it is possible that the more budget-minded counties will maintain that an increase in attendant needs due to employment is not essential. State law presents H/C service as needs "necessary to enable an individual to remain in his own home." This doesn't seem to directly cover job-related attendant needs, thus providing the counties with a basis for denying such assistance. For the recipient, the best approach to obtain assistance for these needs is an informal discussion with the Social Worker. Hopefully a cooperative relationship will yield at least partial assistance for these needs. If the informal approach fails, a formal appeal in the form of a "Request for a Fair Hearing" may be in order. However, the formal approach will probably involve many months before the final decision, and may or may not bring satisfactory results.

At worst, any additional attendant needs created by employment could be financed by the salary from that job. Therefore, the real issue is how employment effects the basic eligibility for H/C service. The answer is twofold. First, if a recipient can retain status as a SSI/SSP recipient, then eligibility for H/C service is automatic. Of course, that's assuming the recipient has a need for attendant care. Second, if a recipient is eligible for SSI/SSP in all respects except she/he has too much income to receive SSI/SSP, but not enough income to meet the attendant needs, then the State will provide H/C service. However, the recipient must first apply the amount of income in excess of the SSI/SSP benefit standard toward his/her attendant need before receiving an H/C grant.

#### The Formula

In practical terms, follow the basic formula described in the preceding section to determine the amount of earned income which is excluded from consideration and that which is not. (Exclude the first \$65 plus one-half of the amount over \$65.) Then, subtract the non-excluded amount from your SSI benefit level. If the benefit level is more than the non-excluded amount, the SSI will continue (at a reduced level), and the H/C grant will continue without being reduced. However, if the non-excluded amount is greater than the SSI level, the SSI benefits will stop and the H/C grant will be reduced by the remaining amount of non-excluded income. For example, a recipient who makes \$335 non-excludable income and receives \$235 SSI and \$350 H/C would lose all the SSI and have the H/C reduced to \$250. That's \$335 (non-excluded income) minus \$235 (SS level), then \$350 (H/C grant) minus \$100 (the remaining non-excludable income) which equals \$250.

Remember, any non-excluded income (or resources) can be excluded under a Plan to Achieve Self-Support. A recipient can continue not only SSI benefits, but H/C service as well, if the otherwise non-excluded income is applied toward an approved self-support plan.

#### Medi-Cal

As long as an individual is a recipient of SSI/SSP or H/C service, she/he is eligible for full Medi-Cal coverage. If a recipient loses SSI eligibility, but still receives H/C service, the Medi-Cal will continue unaffected. If eligibility for both SSI and H/C service is lost, then the Medi-Cal is lost also.

#### Summary

In conclusion, to receive any benefits an individual must meet both of the general requirements presented in this article. That is, an individual must be legally disabled (unless she/he is elderly or blind) and must meet income and resource limitations. Hopefully, this article will help you determine exactly how a specific job situation may effect your eligibility in both respects. As with any SSI/SSP issue, you should always refer your situation to the Social Security Administration or County Welfare Department (for Homemaker/Chore Service). By obtaining a formal answer from the appropriate agency before you commit yourself to a specific action, you can avoid potential difficulties.

Providing a recipient investigates the effect of employment on his/her assistance prior to accepting employment, or at least shortly after accepting employment, there is little to be lost by entering this realm of social life. On the contrary, there is very much to be gained.

Greg Sanders  
The Independent  
Summer 1975

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##### Job Opportunities:

Attendants needed for full or part-time positions. Live-in or drop-in positions. Male or female applicants accepted. Contact Handicapped Student Services in the Student Union. Call 498-5401.

Female attendant wanted, temporary, part-time. Driving and some care. Phone 714) 892-3827 or 498-5401.

##### For Sale:

Colson Wheelchair. Adult size with left-hand drive wheel, desk arms, removable foot rests. \$100.00. For further information call 498-5401.

#### Legislation

H.R. 766 To provide income tax incentives for the modification of certain facilities so as to remove architectural and transportation barriers to the handicapped and elderly.

Introduced by John Murphy of N.Y., January 14, 1975. Referred to Ways and Means.

- H.R. 3448 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide an additional income tax exemption where a taxpayer, his spouse, or any dependent of the taxpayer is handicapped.

Introduced by Mr. Mitchell and others. February 20, 1975. Referred to Ways and Means Committee.

John Lancaster  
Paraplegia News, September 1975

- S-103 Reimbursement for extraordinary transportation expense incurred by disabled workers (Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Welfare).

- S-1757 Amend the Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination in employment due to disability (Referred to Committee on Post Office and Civil Service).

- H.R. 227 IRS credit for disabled workers unable to use mass transit (Referred to Committee on Ways and Means).

- H.R. 6691 Social Security provisions for the employable disabled who are unable to care for personal needs without assistance (Referred to Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce).

Phyllis D. Zlotnick  
Accent on Living, Fall 1975



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automatic constant, percent square root, algebraic logic, and additional, unique features. It will "say" the number or function being activated when any key is depressed. A "speak key" will be pressed to announce computational results and provide a means of checking entries on display or in memory. This key can be used repeatedly without initiating additional computations.

The small speaker providing voice output will be built-in and an earphone will be included for more private listening. The calculator's synthetic speech will be produced by a unique custom-designed integrated circuit. Thus, the speech output will require no tapes or mechanical parts susceptible to wear.

Contact Telesensory Systems, Inc., 1889 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, California 94304, (415) 493-2626 for further details.

Journal of Rehabilitation  
January/February 1976

#### LEGISLATION

- H.R. 766 To provide income tax incentives for the modification of certain facilities so as to remove architectural and transportation barriers to the handicapped and elderly.  
Still pending before Ways and Means Committee. Write!
- H.R. 1348 To amend Section 404 (b) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to provide that no physically handicapped individual shall be denied air transportation solely because of such physical handicap.  
Introduced by George M. O'Brien, January 14, 1975. Referred to Public Works and Transportation.
- H.R. 3448 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide an additional income tax exemption where a taxpayer, his spouse, or any dependent of the taxpayer is handicapped.  
Still pending before Ways and Means Committee. Write!
- S 662 To amend the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 to provide operating assistance for projects located in areas other than urbanized areas to provide for mass transportation assistance to meet the need of elderly and handicapped persons.  
Passed Senate. Presently being considered in House Public Works and Transportation Committee.

Paraplegic News  
February 1976

- S 1528 To amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a refundable tax credit for medical expenses.  
Referred to Committee on Finance.
- S 2019 To amend the Rehab Act to provide wage supplements for handicapped individuals.  
Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.
- H.R. 1344 To amend Social Security Act to include prescription drugs under

hospital insurance program.  
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2692 To amend Social Security Act to include under Part B one routine medical checkup each year for preventive care.  
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 3083 To amend Social Security to insure that increased social security benefits will not reduce benefits from other Federal or federally assisted programs.  
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 4178 To amend the U. S. Housing Act of 1937 and National Housing Act to provide that social security increases will be disregarded in eligibility for low income housing.  
Referred to Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing.

H.R. 6741 To amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow credit for prosthetic devises.  
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 7300 To amend Social Security Act to establish ombudsman programs to investigate nursing home complaints and represent consumer interests.  
Referred to Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

H.R. 8335 To amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow disabled persons tax credit for property taxes or rents.  
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 8518 To amend Social Security Act to provide comprehensive health care under Medicare for persons with communicative disorders.  
Referred jointly to Committee on Ways and Means and Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Phyllis D. Zlotnick  
Accent on Living, Winter 1975

#### Odds 'n Ends

A Summary of Selected Legislation Relating to the Handicapped. By the U. S. Department of HEW. 38 pages. 1974. 70¢ from: Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Affirmative Action to Employ Handicapped People. How the new law on federal contracts affects the employer, protects the jobseeker and employee. A clear and helpful explanation of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. 6 pages. Free from: The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Washington, D.C. 20210.

National Center for Law and the Handicapped, Inc., 1235 North Eddy Street, South Bend, Indiana 46617. Phone: (219) 288-4751. We urge every disabled person to ask to be on the mailing list of the new publication of NCLH, Amicus. It will be sent free, every other month. The magazine will give comprehensive coverage of developments in the area of law and the handicapped, with in-depth features on the effect of these developments on the consumer and society.

Rehabilitation Gazette 1975





## Commission Report

During the past few months I have concerned myself with the following areas of Commission business.

1. Efforts have been underway since last summer to insure that funding will exist for handicapped student service programs on this campus and throughout the system. As Commissioner and as your authorized representative to the Disabled Students Coalition, I worked to incorporate a proposal for such a program in the Trustees' budget. Since the Governor's veto of this portion of the budget, I have been part of a stepped-up effort to arrange funding with adequate controls.
2. I have been deeply involved in moves to create a statewide unified student organization for the disabled. A comprehensive proposal to establish an organization combining community college, CSUC, and University of California campus groups for the handicapped will be considered in great detail at a meeting in Berkeley in May 1976. I will be representing the interests of the State University and College System. I need input from all handicapped students here at Long Beach.
3. In cooperation with the Handicapped Student Services I have developed a list of needed equipment, items such as speech compressor and copier, talking calculators, various adapted scientific laboratory equipment, and additional wheelchair repair accessories. Through both the Commission and Services budgets and by means of supplemental grants, we hope to obtain these items. Any further suggestions will be appreciated.
4. I have been working with Joan Carlson, President of the Handicapped Student Association, in the planning phases of a diverse and innovative awareness program for the Spring semester.
5. The Commission is still preparing to make final proposals for controlling unleashed dogs on campus which endanger those using guide dogs and hinder other handicapped students.
6. I have represented your interests at conferences including the DSC Fall conference in November 1975 at Sacramento, and the CAPH 5th Annual General Conference in Los Angeles last week.
7. I will be working in cooperation with handicapped students from California State University, Northridge to host the DSC Spring Convention. Any ideas you may have will be helpful and I would greatly appreciate any assistance students may be able to provide in planning and putting on the Conference.
8. Though we are actively seeking system funding for the Handicapped Student Service for the next fiscal year such attempts may fail. Therefore, I have taken steps to insure that the handicapped students of CSULB will not go without vital services. I have recently submitted a budget for

\$6,966 to the A.S. Government that will provide a minimal but adequate program. This budget is a responsible attempt to maintain quality while yielding to none of the obvious temptations to request unnecessarily large amounts.

As always I solicit any comments from you, the Handicapped Students that I represent.

Ralph Black  
February 23, 1976

#### Museum Tours for Sightless, Deaf

New, free tours for the blind and partially sighted and for the deaf and hard-of-hearing have been devised by the docent council of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

For the blind, about 20 sculptures from Africa, China, Egypt, Latin America and Europe in a variety of materials such as wood, marble, bronze and clay have been provided for tour participants to handle in order to learn more about form and texture.

Tours may be arranged through the docent office at the museum.

Los Angeles Times  
November 18, 1975

#### Self-Serve Gas

Sometimes discrimination pops up where we least expect it. An example of this is to be found at your friendly neighborhood gas pump. I'm not being facetious. There is discrimination - albeit unintentional - at service stations. The victims are customers who are physically handicapped and unable to take advantage of the lower prices at the Serve-yourself pumps. Such persons have no choice. For them, it's full-service or nothing, and at a premium of 2 to 5 cents a gallon.

Lou Burns, a friend of mine, is a physically handicapped motorist. He's a victim at the gas pump and he wants to know why. So I'll pose that questions to service stations operators - why? All the operators I know are fair, courteous and helpful. I'm sure they wouldn't knowingly discriminate against any patron. I think they'll correct the problem now that it has been brought to their attention.

How about it, service station operators? Are you going to give the physically handicapped motorist a break at the gas pump? If you do, you'll have the double dividend of good business and goodwill. The able-bodied drivers who read this column can help by spreading the word at their friendly neighborhood service station. They can make it their good deed for the day.

F. C. Anderson  
Independent Press-Telegram  
February 1976

Scuba Diving  
Spinal-Cord Injured

Dr. Bruce Baker and Jim Sherman announced Scuba Diving Courses for the spinal cord injured at the T6-5 level of injury. Prerequisite to starting diving lessons will be a pulmonary function test at Orange County Hospital.

Diving practice will begin in three weeks (approximately March 15, 1976) in San Pedro with actual diving off the isthmus at Catalina Island. For further information about this opportunity telephone Dr. Baker at (714) 634-5571 or (714) 634-4971.

Dr. Baker didn't say anything about "Jaws" but I imagine suitable defenses will be taught against sharks and other hazards. "Para's are Stringy" bumper stickers for your wet suits may do it for sharks, literate sharks of course.

David Rogers, Coordinator  
Handicapped Student Services

Long Beach Public Library

Can't get out? The Long Beach Public Library will mail books to your home. You mail them back in the same package. Postage is free.

Can't see too well? Large print books or talking books may be just what you need. The Library has a big selection of both.

For more information contact: Services for the Handicapped, Long Beach Public Library, 4500 East Atherton, Long Beach, California 90815. 597-3341, ext. 204.

Dear Editor:

Why did maintenance lie saying that watering was done at night? I know that the ramp leading into the Student Union is wet down during the day. Further, the trees have not been trimmed at the proper height. These problems are an inconvenience and detrimental to the health of students here on campus and should be corrected as soon as possible.

R.D.F.R.

Dear R.D.F.R.,

Evidently there has been a communication problem with campus maintenance. If you and any other interested individuals would keep a day, time, and location log of these events, the problem may yet be ameliorated.

Editor

TRANSPORTATION

War on UMTA - or GM?

After years of stalling and millions of federal dollars spent on the Transbus project, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) still has not



issued regulations telling transit districts how to meet the accessibility requirements of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 as amended, Section 16. In light of new information received by the New World, it appears that this delay may be caused less by bureaucratic red tape than by pressure from General Motors.

Will Johnson, chairperson of the CAPH Transportation committee, urges every CAPH member to write to every member of the California Congressional delegation calling for an investigation to determine whether there is indeed any relationship between these events. Members should include a copy of the Resolution Calling for a Full Investigation of UMTA which was published in the November 1975 New World. "If that doesn't work, we may have to call in Ralph Nader," says Johnson.

Present standard buses have a narrow front door (about 30"), a high floor (about 34" to 36"), and very high steps (14"). For a bus to be accessible, the floor must be much lower (no higher than 20", according to our sources), the front door must be much wider (about 40"), and there must be a level change device (a ramp or lift).

In 1970, UMTA instituted the Transbus project to design "the bus of the future" according to what Booz Allan (consultant to UMTA) says were "human factors principles." According to UMTA, the final Transbus specifications were to be issued in December 1975. They had not been issued by press time. But even if the final Transbus specs required accessibility and were issued today, they would "be only a partial response to section 16," according to Dennis Cannon, consultant to the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD).

When the original Transbus specifications were drawn up, the floor height was set at 17". The three American bus manufacturers were awarded contracts to build prototypes: Rohr Flexible's prototype had a 17" floor, AM General's had a 19" floor, and the GM prototype had a 24" floor. All three were accepted by UMTA.

Firestone Tires was awarded a contract to develop a smaller tire compatible with the greater weight and 17" floor height of the Transbus.

When it became apparent that the Transbus project was floundering, CAPH started pressuring the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD), one of the largest transit districts in the nation to place an order for accessible buses. Presumably this would get the bus manufacturers interested also in pressuring UMTA to get such a bus on the streets.

After the SCRTD rewrote its specifications to require wheelchair accessibility in October, 1974, Rohr Flexible expressed a strong interest in retooling to build the bus.

Then a series of strange events occurred:

Last summer Firestone arbitrarily announced that they were increasing the diameter of the "Transbus" tire by 2" (which would make it compatible with the 24" floor-height of the GM Transbus prototype).

In August, 1975, General Motors announced that as of July 1, 1976, they will produce only their "interim" bus, the RTS-2, which still has the high floor and

narrow front door. In the transit industry, the RTS-2 is known as "GM's \$50 million bet" that when UMTA does issue the regulations they will either specify a high floor or will put the date that a low floor bus is required so far ahead that GM can "minimize the financial impact."

If the RTS-2 catches on, say our sources, neither AM General nor Rohr Flexible will be in a competitive position with GM unless they develop an interim bus of their own. Or, as Rohr Flexible is trying to do, develop a low-floor bus. But during the retooling period, they would be "dry" - with no money coming in.

As part of the agreement, Flexible asked for progress payments to help with the retooling and the "dry" period, which SCRTD agreed to. UMTA, however, refused to allow such payments except under circumstances so restrictive as to be unacceptable, even though section 4 (b) of the UMT Act of 1964, as amended, states that "advance or progress payments" are allowed.

When Rohr polled their suppliers about availability of parts if they do bid on the SCRTD specifications, according to a source in Rohr, Firestone unexpectedly replied that they could not deliver the smaller tire for three years. If Rohr Flexible signs a contract with SCRTD, they would be obligated to produce the first bus - presumably with tires - in 21 months.

Then last month in a telephone conversation, Mike Bates of the UMTA legal counsel's office, told Cannon that the present version of the Transbus specs includes two "accessibility packages": either a wide front door and a narrow back door (like the Transbus prototypes) or a narrow front door and a wide back door (like the RTS-2; in fact, the dimensions are identical).

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FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Welcome to the Fall 1976-77 semester. By this time you are well aware of the challenges of the University life. You have also learned of the funding made available for the Handicapped Student Services at CSULB and of the services provided by our new Coordinator, Mr. Randon Woodard and staff. A special word of congratulations to the statewide coalition of the handicapped in their efforts toward the final passage of the systemwide budget for Handicapped Student Services.

We anticipate this to be a major year for the consumer as the NRA, CRI, state Rehabilitation and other agencies began working with the guidelines of the "Rehabilitation Act" and subsequent state legislation. At the September NRA Conference, California and other western states voted together to support the consumer position. As commissioners on the Citizen's Advisory Commission on the handicapped, City of Long Beach, Bob Whitten and myself shall continue to support the position of the consumer. At the University we also look forward to the continued interest and support of Vice President Shainline and President Steven Horn, as we work to improve our services for the disabled students.

Dr. Stuart L. Farber  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

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EDITOR'S REPORT

Our apologies for waiting till now to print our first newsletter of the Fall 1976 semester. This is mainly due to the fact that some changes have been made in the Handicapped Student Services Office.

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself, Debbie Briscoe, new editor of I AM! Please do not hesitate to comment on the newsletter. This is your newsletter and I need to know what you are thinking so I may express your thoughts and ideas accurately. Anytime you would like me to include a specific news item, let me know. I will do my best to set that it is published. If anyone needs to get in touch with me please see Joan Harmon in the HSS office for my home phone number or schedule.



MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

I want to welcome all the returning students back and extend a hello and welcome to the new incoming students. Since I have been here only a few months, I share with you the excitement and apprehension of coming to a new place. I have found CSULB to be an exciting, challenging place to work. Handicapped Student Services has undergone some changes over the summer and as the new coordinator, I hope that you will drop by the office for a visit and let me know what you would like HSS to offer. We need your input in order to provide viable and innovative programs that will enhance your university experience. If you have questions or comments about HSS and our services please feel free to call me.

A few things I want to alert you to: 1) All fee offsets for rehab clients will come from our office. We feel that this will enable us to keep in better touch with you and your rehab counselor. 2) The Concerns for the Handicapped Committee will be meeting regularly this year -- watch for announcements. 3) The Handicapped Student Commission and the Handicapped Students' Association needs you to participate. Please get involved!

Finally, I want to introduce the HSS staff without whom these past two months would have been a lot tougher. Joan Harmon is the HSS secretary, Anne Carey and Bob Whitten are student assistants, and Debbie Briscoe is editor of I AM. We are here to provide services to you. I urge you to get involved with HSS. We are changing and growing and we want you to help us initiate the change and growth.

We are looking forward to this year and wish all of you good luck, good times, and good grades! Keep in touch.

Randy Woodard, Coordinator, HSS

New Legislation

Rather than quote all new legislation word for word, it will be paraphrased and hopefully understood by all who read it. If anyone would like to read the bills in their entirety, copies are available at the HSS office.

(Bills, continued ...)

Signed in law effective January 1, 1977 are:

AB 4140 (Ingalls)

Makes it unlawful for a non-handicapped individual to park in a designated handicapped parking space. Also allows a handicapped person to obtain a placard (like a special license plate) that can be transferred from one vehicle to another.

SB 1585 (Smith)

Allows individuals with a lung disease to be eligible for special license plates and placards.

SB 2033 (Garcia)

Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to conduct a study of the driving records of handicapped individuals. (CAPH feels the results of the study will help in destroying negative myths about handicapped drivers and aid in eliminating discrimination in obtaining automobile insurance.)

AB 2056 (Vicencia)

Will aid communities in providing public transportation that is accesible to the physically handicapped.

AB 3263 (Wilson)

Prohibits discrimination in housing for blind persons who use guide dogs.

AB 4452 (Sieroty)

Gives the Department of Rehabilitation the authority to initiate litigation to guarantee accessibility.

SB 1483 (Holden)

Establishes an Advisory Committee on services for people who are genetically handicapped.

SB 1352 (Way and Zenovich)

Allows for the establishment of local appeals boards for architectural barriers.

AB 3263 (Wilson)

Prohibits discrimination in housing to deaf persons who use signal dogs.

(Information taken from CAPH "New World", November, 1976)

Disabled Resources Center, Inc. (DRC) has been organized to establish a center serving the physically handicapped. Among other services, we will locate and catalog accessible housing, maintain an attendant referral service, assist in obtaining available income supplements, aid in obtaining training necessary to achieve the skills needed for regular employment, offer health services counseling relating to daily living activities, provide counseleing for both the handicapped and their families in adjusting to the effects of a new handicap, provide braille training, and provide a local TTY communications exchange service for the deaf.

(DRC, continued.....)

DRC will offer these services free of charge to any handicapped individual residing within, attending school in, or working in the cities of Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach and Signal Hill. Any person, handicapped or non-handicapped meeting the above criteria or having an abiding interest in the four city target area is invited to apply for membership.

DRC NEEDS YOU AS A MEMBER IN ORDER TO REALIZE OUR GOALS.

JOIN US TODAY SO THAT WE MAY SERVE YOU TOMORROW!!!!!!!!!!

Disabled Resources Center, Inc.  
(non-profit corporation)  
1962 Pine Ane.  
Long Beach, Calif. 90806  
(213) 599-6188  
Jerry Stein or Richard Rose

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GOOD NEWS FOR TRAVELERS!!!!!!!!!!

A recent article in DSSC San Francisco State University reports on CAR RENTALS WITH HAND CONTROLS. If you plan to travel and need to rent a car that is equipped with hand controls, they are available at no extra charge at the following Hertz Airport locations: San Francisco, Chicago O'Hare, Boston Logan, Seattle Washington National, Atlanta, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Detroit Metro, Denver Stapleton and in New York at 310 E. 48th Str. Ten days advance notice is requested to reserve these specially equipped cars.

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MISS WHEELCHAIR CALIFORNIA

CONGRATULATIONS to Joan Carlson, runner-up in the Miss Wheelchair California Pageant this past summer. Winners were selected on the basis of personal accomplishment, personality, poise, self-expression, appearance, and beauty of character.

Joan is a student in Music Therapy and past president of the Handicapped Students Association.

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THEATRE GOERS REJOICE!

There are four removable seats in the Studio Theatre. To make reservations contact Theatre office or HSS.

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ANYONE FOR A GAME OF POOL???????????

The Student Union has informed us they have one 44" and one 48" cue stick. They are in the store room and will be given out to handicapped students and staff only.



RTD APPROVES PURCHASE OF 200 LIFT-EQUIPPED BUSES

(RTD News - Oct. 19, 1976)

The Southern California Rapid Transit District Board of Directors has approved the purchase of 200 lift-equipped buses to accommodate the public transportation needs of an estimated 350,000 disabled people in Los Angeles County.

RTD's historic purchase from AM General of Wayne, Michigan climaxes a two-year District campaign to persuade major U.S. bus manufacturers to meet RTD specifications. Purchase price for the buses is \$16,181,000 with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration putting up \$4.00 for each \$1.00 by the RTD. Delivery on the first bus is expected in about seven months from the start of construction in January, 1977. The entire lot of 200 buses is expected two months later.

The buses will be equipped with doors 32.5 inches wide between the grab-bars. They will "kneel" at stops, lower the lift to the curb or the street level below the curb and the wheelchair passenger will roll onto the lift. The operator retracts the lift when the passenger is securely aboard.

RTD Board President Byron E. Cook said the board's authorization of purchase was consistent with an October, 1974 board resolution that any new buses to be purchased must be accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

RTD General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap said that while 200 buses was "heartening" it should be viewed as a step forward in achieving accessibility for the entire elderly and handicapped population.

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SOME NOTEWORTHY ITEMS FROM PARAPLEGIA NEWS, Aug. 1976:

Free Mail Privileges: According to a recent article in Amicus published by the National Center for Law and the Handicapped, persons having handicaps which prevent them from "normal reading" may send and receive certain materials through the U.S. mails at no cost. The Postal Service explained that handicaps other than visual impairments which can prevent normal reading include disabling paralysis, muscle or nerve deterioration affecting coordination and control, and confinement in iron lungs or other mechanical devices. Such conditions may be caused by

(Free mail, continued...)

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cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, arthritis, infantile paralysis, myosthenia gravis, or diplegia. Certification must be obtained from a competent professional authority and submitted to the post office where mailings will be received. Inquires regarding eligibility for this service, and the types of materials permitted should be directed first to the local post office, then to; General Manager, Domestic Mail Classification, Office of Mail Classification, United States Postal Service, Washington DC 20260.

Resource Directory:

A comprehensive Resource Directory for spinal cord injured persons has been published by the New England Spinal Cord Injury Foundation. The 146 page directory is the first of its kind in terms of being a multi-state guide to programs and services for the disabled. Fourteen chapters address problems of medical, rehabilitative and self-care, financial assistance, legal rights, housing, transportation, and other topics. A glossary of often used medical terms and abbreviations is included. Copies are available at no cost by writing to: The Spinal Injury Foundation, 369 Elliott St., Newton Falls MA 02164.

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NEW PROBLEMS FOR GROCERY STORE SHOPPERS.....

It seems that some supermarkets in the local areas are taking a step backward from accessible to inaccessible. These stores have installed vertical barriers outside their doors for the purpose of putting a stop to grocery cart theft. At the same time , however, they are putting a stop to the passage of people in wheelchairs. Not only is this inconvenient; it poses a serious threat to safety in case of fire or other emergency.

Bob Whitten, HSS advisory board member, is trying to do something about this problem. He will be talking to store managers and will, hopefully, solve the problem before it gets out of hand.

If anyone has been faced with this problem, contact Bob or HSS so he can speak with the proper authority.

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SPORTS CAN BE FOR EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!!!

One goal of HSS is to initiate an active sports program for all handicapped students. The Physical Education Department is anxious to meet our needs and is willing to provide those services that will most be used by the students.

We urge you to fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it to HSS as soon as possible. The sooner we can assess your needs, the sooner an effective program can begin.

HANDICAPPED SPORTS PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe disability:

Would you partake in a physical education class? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you partake in an extra-cirrucular sports program? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your interests; in what area are they?

- example: Archery \_\_\_\_\_
- Bowling \_\_\_\_\_
- Basketball \_\_\_\_\_
- Tennis \_\_\_\_\_
- Swimming \_\_\_\_\_
- Track & Field \_\_\_\_\_
- Golf \_\_\_\_\_
- Body Conditioning \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief summary of what you feel your needs are and how they could best be met.

For example: a 1-1 ratio situation; participation in regularly scheduled P.E. classes; modified P.E. classes; etc.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!!!!!!

Please return to Handicapped Student Services Office.  
2nd floor Student Union.

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LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90840

Janice Koyama  
Social Science Dept.  
SSPA Building

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*From the Associate Dean for  
Student Affairs*

*The Office of Student Affairs extends a sincere welcome to you for the Spring '77 Semester. We are all looking forward to the anticipated programs being currently developed. One major program in the planning stages is a Community Institute on Employability for the Handicapped - more on this later. The Harbor Chapter of NRA is currently seeking members to assist with on-going programs. Now is a good time for involvement. See you there.*

*Stuart L. Farber*

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### SPORTS FOR THE DISABLED

*Are you an inconvenienced sportsperson? If you think you are, then you might be interested in the Southern California Inconvenienced Sportsmen's Association.*

*The primary purpose of this organization is to provide disabled/inconvenienced persons an opportunity for physical activity and participation in sports. SCISA will help you to participate in such sports as skiing, camping, back-packing, golfing, swimming, horseback riding, water skiing, bicycling, as well as a wide variety of social events.*

*If you want to attend a SCISA meeting, the next meeting will be on Sunday, February 20th. If you are interested in joining SCISA contact Tom Clardy at (213) 498-3209.*

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

*Representatives from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company will be on campus March 3 & 4 to interview students with backgrounds in engineering. For more information, contact our office.*

### CLOSURE OF WEST CAMPUS DRIVE

Beginning January 31, 1976, West Campus Drive, from the 7th Street entrance will be closed to persons other than those with a key card. The gate will be lowered at 7 a.m. For those of you riding on buses, don't fret; the bus drivers will have key cards and will drive through campus. If you don't have a key card or have a hard time handling one, it is suggested that you use the Bellflower entrance.

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### CONCERNS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The Concerns for the Handicapped Committee will be meeting regularly once a month now. If you wish to get your opinions heard about architectural barriers, attitudinal barriers, service problems, or personal gripes about the school not meeting your needs, the Concerns Committee is the place to be. Faculty, Staff, and students meet in an open forum to share problems, as well as solutions. This does not mean that everything is immediately solved, however it does mean that your opinion will be heard. If you are really interested in your welfare and best interests while you are at CSULB, please drop into the next Concerns for the Handicapped Committee. Watch the 49er, RE, or call the office for the time and place.

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Brenda Premo, a blind student studying for her Masters at CSULB is running for Member-at-Large of the Board of Governors of the California Association of Physically Handicapped (CAPH).

LONG BEACH GRAND PRIX



Paul Miller, Coordinator of HSS at Fullerton, and I are working with members of the Long Beach Grand Prix Association in trying to arrange for special seating for the Grand Prix race. The price of the tickets will be \$15.00 and after viewing the course, the seats look pretty good.

We are looking into modified seating arrangements, special parking, accessible bathrooms, and other modifications to make the race more accessible and more enjoyable. The discount price also applies to attendants and assistants. If you are interested in attending the Long Beach Grand Prix, contact Randy at HSS office as soon as possible.

NEW EQUIPMENT TO SERVE YOU BETTER

We are in the process of ordering some much needed equipment. We have approximately \$3,600 to purchase special equipment to meet your needs while attending CSULB. After soliciting opinions from various students, we have drawn up a preliminary list that we feel should help meet the student needs. If you have any specific ideas about equipment that could assist you in your studies, let the office staff know.

READERS/ATTENDANTS NEEDED



Our reader/attendant files are rapidly growing thin and old. If you know anyone who might be interested in reading for our blind and partially sighted students, or would be interested in being attendants, please get in touch with our office.

LETTER FROM THE HANDICAPPED STUDENT ASSOCIATION

In the past several months the Handicapped Student Association has been working on a number of different projects.

First: Members of the Geography Students Association are working with the Handicapped Student Association in developing a Braille Orientation Map of Campus. This will be a great benefit to blind students who are attending CSULB for the first time and need orientation assistance on campus.

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He started to sing as he tackled the  
thing

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Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do  
that;

At least no one ever has done it";  
But he took off his coat and he took off  
his hat,

And the first thing we knew he'd begun  
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With a lift of his chin and a bit of a  
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Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
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There are thousands to tell you it cannot  
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one by one,

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*From the Associate Dean for  
Student Affairs*

*The Office of Student Affairs extends a sincere welcome to you for the Spring '77 Semester. We are all looking forward to the anticipated programs being currently developed. One major program in the planning stages is a Community Institute on Employability for the Handicapped - more on this later. The Harbor Chapter of NRA is currently seeking members to assist with on-going programs. Now is a good time for involvement. See you there.*

Stuart L. Farber

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## SPORTS FOR THE DISABLED

*Are you an inconvenienced sportsperson? If you think you are, then you might be interested in the Southern California Inconvenienced Sportsmen's Association.*

*The primary purpose of this organization is to provide disabled/inconvenienced persons an opportunity for physical activity and participation in sports. SCISA will help you to participate in such sports as skiing, camping, back-packing, golfing, swimming, horseback riding, water skiing, bicycling, as well as a wide variety of social events.*

*If you want to attend a SCISA meeting, the next meeting will be on Sunday, February 20th. If you are interested in joining SCISA contact Tom Clardy at (213) 498-3209.*

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

*Representatives from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company will be on campus March 3 & 4 to interview students with backgrounds in engineering. For more information, contact our office.*

## CLOSURE OF WEST CAMPUS DRIVE

Beginning January 31, 1976, West Campus Drive, from the 7th Street entrance will be closed to persons other than those with a key card. The gate will be lowered at 7 a.m. For those of you riding on buses, don't fret; the bus drivers will have key cards and will drive through campus. If you don't have a key card or have a hard time handling one, it is suggested that you use the Bellflower entrance.

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## CONCERNS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The Concerns for the Handicapped Committee will be meeting regularly once a month now. If you wish to get your opinions heard about architectural barriers, attitudinal barriers, service problems, or personal gripes about the school not meeting your needs, the Concerns Committee is the place to be. Faculty, Staff, and students meet in an open forum to share problems, as well as solutions. This does not mean that everything is immediately solved, however it does mean that your opinion will be heard. If you are really interested in your welfare and best interests while you are at CSULB, please drop into the next Concerns for the Handicapped Committee. Watch the 49er, RE, or call the office for the time and place.

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Brenda Premo, a blind student studying for her Masters at CSULB is running for Member-at-Large of the Board of Governors of the California Association of Physically Handicapped (CAPH).



LONG BEACH GRAND PRIX



Paul Miller, Coordinator of HSS at Fullerton, and I are working with members of the Long Beach Grand Prix Association in trying to arrange for special seating for the Grand Prix race. The price of the tickets will be \$15.00 and after viewing the course, the seats look pretty good.

We are looking into modified seating arrangements, special parking, accessible bathrooms, and other modifications to make the race more accessible and more enjoyable. The discount price also applies to attendants and assistants. If you are interested in attending the Long Beach Grand Prix, contact Randy at HSS office as soon as possible.

NEW EQUIPMENT TO SERVE YOU BETTER

We are in the process of ordering some much needed equipment. We have approximately \$3,600 to purchase special equipment to meet your needs while attending CSULB. After soliciting opinions from various students, we have drawn up a preliminary list that we feel should help meet the student needs. If you have any specific ideas about equipment that could assist you in your studies, let the office staff know.

READERS/ATTENDANTS NEEDED



Our reader/attendant files are rapidly growing thin and old. If you know anyone who might be interested in reading for our blind and partially sighted students, or would be interested in being attendants, please get in touch with our office.

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### STATEWIDE CONFERENCE FOR DISABLED

Los Angeles Community College District will host a two day state-wide conference on Career Education and Employment for the Disabled. The conference will explore new options and career opportunities open to the disabled.

January 27 & 28, 1977  
Hyatt House Hotel  
Los Angeles International Airport

A conference highlight will be the Job Placement Center where applicants and employers may meet. In addition, there will be workshops on and for the blind, deaf, orthopedically handicapped or health impaired individual.

Interpreters for the deaf, mobility aides, and facilities free of architectural barriers are being utilized to guarantee accessibility to all conference participants.

If you are interested in this unique opportunity to meet employers and explore new career opportunities, please contact Victoria Schmoeller, District Coordinator of Programs and Services for the Handicapped, 2140 West Olympic Blvd., Room 531, Los Angeles, CA 90006, Telephone (213) 380-6000, ext. 274.

Participation in the job placement center is free of charge. You should bring a resume, letters of recommendation (if available), and any information that would enable an employer to know your abilities.

### DISABLED PERSON PARKING PLACARDS

HSS office now has applications forms for Disabled Person Parking Placards. These placards may be used in addition to or in lieu of DP License plates. An advantage to the placard is being able to take it with you from one vehicle to another.

The cost of obtaining the placard is \$4.00.

### HIKING FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED

The Sierra Club is sponsoring a basic course in hiking for the visually handicapped. The fee is \$6.00 and includes 6 classroom sessions, textbook and 6 outings. Participants must be in reasonably good health.

The class will be on Monday evenings at Milligan High School beginning in January.

You may contact Penny Johnson at 424-6815 after 5 p.m. for further information. (You do not have to be a member of the Sierra Club to participate.)



### TRAVEL NEWS!!!

TWA has published a pamphlet entitled "Consumer Information about Air Travel For The Handicapped". It tells you what they can do for you while traveling, and it gives you helpful hints on how you can make your trip more pleasant. Handicapped Student Services has a copy of this pamphlet at the Center or you can pick one up at any TWA terminal. We also have a copy of a pamphlet entitled, "Access America". This is published by the Airport Operations Council International, Inc. It tells about the accessibility of all airport terminals concerning areas such as parking, elevators, ramps, special accommodations, rest rooms, phones and building entrances.

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VAN FOR SALE...It is a 1976 Ford Econoline 150 3/4 ton suspension, 351 V8, automatic, power steering and brakes, cruise control, heavy duty alternator, towing pkg., dual air conditioning, am/fm 8 track stereo, leveled and carpeted, insulated and paneled, captains chairs, 4 way driver seat, Ricon side left, sliding electric door w/ opener, 8 in. bubble top color coordinated, custom windows, mag wheels, new tires, custom

Van - continued

paint job, gold/tan color, 16,000 miles  
\$9,000. Has camper conversion.

If interested, contact Rick Lenarth  
(213) 372-9591

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## DIAL-A-LIFT

Handicapped students in N.W. Orange County have been provided with Dial-A-Lift service since October 8th. Three mini-buses with lifts are running five days a week, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Physically disabled persons using a wheelchair, crutches, heavy cane, or a walker will qualify for door to door service.

A one-way fare of 25¢ (and 50¢ for their ambulatory companions) will be charged. A subscription service and a \$10 monthly pass will be available for those who use the service regularly.

The service area includes: Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, La Habra, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Westminster and Yorba Linda.

Disabled riders must make 24 hour reservations in advance. For further information and reservations call OCTD Information at 547-3311.

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#### HOW DO STUDENTS FEEL ABOUT PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS?

The study was aimed at determining how students respond when in the presence of someone in a wheelchair, what their attitudes are toward proposals which would make accessible to persons in wheelchairs both public and private facilities, and what some of the factors may be which have influenced their responses and attitudes.

The survey was taken in class, immediately answered, and returned to the researcher. Thus there was a 100 per cent return. Questionnaires were distributed roughly half by the author and half by ambulatory assistants. A total of one hundred students were surveyed, fifty male and fifty female.

The following is a synopsis of the survey's discernible trends.

1. A good many college students (39%) have or have had a friend or relative who is or was confined to a wheelchair.
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4. Unfamiliarity with people in wheelchairs is a major reason for the discomfort of college students when in the company of such people. Unfamiliarity was cited by 43.3 per cent of those who were at all uncomfortable; 34 per cent indicated a feeling of pity.
5. College students overwhelmingly agreed that persons in wheelchairs should assume an active, unlimited role in society.
6. Seventy-five per cent of the students feel that owners of buildings open to the public should be required to make them accessible to persons in wheelchairs; 1 per cent think not; and 24 per cent feel the owner should decide. Of the less affirmative 25 per cent, a greater than proportionate share come from higher income brackets. Similarly, more of them are less than comfortable in the presence of a wheelchair-bound person.
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HANDICAPPED STUDENT SERVICES, CAL STATE LONG BEACH

JUNE, 1977

FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

There is considerable program activity this Spring for the handi-  
capped. The NRA continues to strengthen nationally with the appoint-  
ment of Fred Tamen as full time legislative worker for the  
Association. Fred, stationed in Washington, serves as Executive  
Board member of NRA and provides a needed legislative liaison.  
Diane Roup has resigned as Executive Director of NRA and is replaced  
by Dr. Amos Sales.

The Governor's Committee on Employability of the Handicapped met  
April 21-22. This meeting and the CAPED Conference provided some  
"warm-up" and preparation for the two major national meetings in  
May.

We are planning to carry the message of the local and state needs  
and concerns of the handicapped to these two national conferences.  
I'll have a report for you from the President's Committee in our  
next publication.

Stuart L. Farber  
Commissioner, CACH  
Executive Board, California Coordinating  
Council, NRA

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REGISTRATION REMINDER!!!!

THIS IS TO REMIND YOU THE COMPUTER ASSISTED REGISTRATION (CAR) IS  
FROM JULY 5TH THRU JULY 11TH, 1977. IF YOU ARE A REHAB CLIENT,  
MAKE SURE THAT YOUR COUNSELOR SENDS THE FEE AUTHORIZATIONS TO THE  
HSS OFFICE. THERE IS NO FEE INCREASE FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS. MAKE  
SURE YOU INCLUDE THE PRIORITY RESISTRATION FORM IN YOUR CAR PACKETS.  
IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE OR ADVISING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME IN  
OR CALL US.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
 TO PARTICIPATE IN  
 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

WHERE: CSULB Physical Education Department  
 WHEN : Fall, 1977  
 RSVP : Randy Woodard, HSS  
 Dr. Ruth Lindsey, W.P.E.

HSS representatives have met with Dr. Ruth Lindsey from Women's Physical Education and Dr. Robert Pestoleski from the Men's department in regard to involving more disabled students in physical education classes. Both departments are very receptive to the idea and are willing to help integrate disabled students into regularly scheduled classes. Two students have already begun participating in a physical fitness class in the Spring, 77 semester.

We urge you to sign up for a class of your choice when you register for Fall, 1977.

If you want any help in selecting a class contact Randy Woodard or Debbie Briscoe in HSS or go directly to Dr. Lindsey for guidance.

For those of you who feel your needs would best be met by a special class we suggest the following: Speak up and be counted! A class could be formed if there are participants. It is up to you to express your wishes and then follow through by attending class.

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The Southern California Inconvenienced Sportsmen's Association can be contacted for news on many activities available to disabled persons. They are involved in skiing, horseback riding, basketball, tennis, camping and bowling in addition to many other areas of interest.

Call or write to them at: 11023 Ocean Drive  
 Culver City, Calif. 90230  
 213--839-5486

**SPORTS**



**UNLIMITED**



SURF'S UP!!!!!!.....ACCESSIBLE SURF AT HUNTINGTON BEACH

With summer finally here, what better news than an access ramp at the beach for people who use wheelchairs!

An experimental access ramp at Bolsa Chica State Park in Huntington Beach has been approved by the Coastal Commission and is now ready for use. The official opening and publicizing of the ramp will be held in the near future.

The ramp is 10 feet wide and extends to within 20 feet of the water line where it is 100 feet wide. In addition to the ramp, the beach has many handicapped parking stalls available. For those who wish to contact the lifeguard station for any additional information the number is 714--536-8806 or 714--536-3053.

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GETTING AROUND TOWN  
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Pro's and Con's.....

First the Con's: The Los Angeles County Commission for the handicapped is surveying discrimination in the area of car insurance and self-service gas stations. It asks for information from handicapped persons who have been refused auto insurance or who have had problems at a self-service or automated gas station.



Write to: Barry Holliday  
C/O L.A. County Commission for the Handicapped  
769 Hall of Records  
320 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Now the Pro's: Reduced Handicapped Fares for busses and airlines are now in effect. Most airlines and bus companies require a physician's letter so plan ahead to insure a hassle-free trip.



ACCESSIBLE MASS TRANSIT  
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As most of you are already aware, Southern California Rapid Transit District (RTD) has ordered 200 wheelchair accessible buses. Barring misfortune, these buses are equipped with a passive lifting device, "kneeling" feature, 35-inch openings, and two wheelchair tie-downs.

According to Dennis Canon, consultant to RTD, the buses should operate at approximately 20-minute intervals. Unfortunately, due to the limited number of these buses and lack of qualified mechanics, routes with accessible buses will be in areas of high priority usage.

For time schedules of proposed routes call Westside Community for Independent Living at 213--473-8421.

HSS GETS BIGGER AND BETTER FACILITIES!!!

Next time you're on campus stop in and see the new facilities Handicapped Student Services has acquired. We are still in the same location but have enlarged into the adjoining offices. Randy has finally gotten out of the coffee shop and into a lovely private office with a patio view and natural light. Don't worry, he still has an open door policy and looks forward to seeing you. We now have a large resource center for the use of the students. The resource center contains much specialized equipment including:

- Appollo Laser Electronic Visual Aid
- TSI Talking Calculator
- Electric Typewriter
- Braille Typewriter
- Perkins Brailier
- Variable Speed Cassette Recorder
- 6, 12, and 24 volt battery chargers
- Talking Book Machine
- Many other helpful aids!

The resource center may be used as a study area or place to get together with readers, tutors, etc. in addition to using the various equipment.

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Handicapped Student Association made \$149.00 by selling tickets to The Long Beach Grand Prix. We wish to thank Brian Turner of the LBGP Association for bringing in the car, providing assistance, and having confidence in H.S.A.

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Richard Rose has moved on to better things and is no longer President of the Handicapped Student Association. Richard was hired by Long Beach City as an Outreach Counselor for the Disabled Resources Center. Richard set up a legislative file for our office, acted as wheelchair repair person, and assisted in many ways. Good Luck, Richard.

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OPEN LETTER

I would like to thank everyone that I have worked with at Cal State Long Beach. My experiences have aided me in getting a job as Outreach Counselor for the Disabled Resources Center in Long Beach.

The Disabled Resources Center is an Independent Living Center located at 601 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach. As an Outreach Counselor, Frances Miller, a handicapped Alumnus of CSULB, and myself are compiling a list of resources and referrals for disabled persons of the Long Beach community to use so that they can best attain independence.



Open Letter continued:

These services are provided for free and cover a wide range of topics. Areas covered range from recreation, rehabilitation services, education, adaptable devices, and financial and medical assistance.

Any person interested in contacting the Disabled Resources Center may do so by calling 437-3543 or writing to:

Disabled Resources Center  
601 Pacific Avenue  
Long Beach, Calif. 90802

Sincerely,  
Richard Rose

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HOMEMAKER/CHORE SERVICE

A crisis now exists in the L.A. County Adult Homemaker/Chore Service. As happened last spring, the County has run out of funds to pay attendants of disabled persons. Last year eleventh hour appeals to Governor Brown brought a release of special funds to continue the service. So far this year the state legislature has only rebudgeted \$3 million from the Aid to Dependent Children program to the Homemaker/Chore program for the month of April. Disabled persons who need continued support for their attendants should consider contracting their state representatives and the governor's office and letting them know how crucial uninterrupted attendant care is for the severely disabled.

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CALIFANO SIGNS SECTION 504 OF THE 1973 REHAB ACT

Section 504 was finally signed by Joseph Califano, Secretary of HEW. This landmark legislation prohibits discrimination on the basis of a physical handicap. Any program or agency receiving federal funds must comply under the regulations set forth in 504.

The act prohibits discrimination in employment, education, housing, and health, welfare, and social services. In addition, all facilities must be made accessible. Copies of this act are available in the HSS office. Handicapped individuals who feel they have been discriminated against by any recipient of HEW funds should file a complaint with :

U.S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare  
Region 9  
Office of Civil Rights  
100 Van Ness Ave. 14th floor  
San Francisco, Calif. 94102

or contact the HSS office.

## MANY U.S. SIGHTS ARE GEARING UP TO HELP HANDICAPPED VISITORS

(Reprinted from Newhouse News Service  
by Joel Slead)

Thousands of handicapped Americans are discovering that it's no longer much of a handicap to travel.

According to the United States Travel Service (USTS), more handicapped Americans are touring the nation today than ever before.

Uncle Sam and the travel industry have begun programs to help those afflicted with blindness, deafness, loss of limb, etc. says the USTS, the tourism branch of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

For instance, visitors in wheelchairs or with loss of hearing can experience attractions like Walt Disney World near Orlando, Florida.

Sign language has been added to the list of languages used by the park guides, and all six of the Disney World "Fantasy Lands" are readily accessible by wheelchair, as are such rides as the paddle-wheel boat and monorail.

Special earphones at the Williamsburg, Va. information center enable hard-of-hearing visitors to enjoy a free movie about the historic restoration. Wheelchairs also can be transported on the buses during sight-seeing tours of Williamsburg.

### "Touch and Feel Room"

Blind visitors at Badlands National Monument in South Dakota can experience the atmosphere of the park through a "touch and feel" room at the visitor center. "Touch and See" trails also have been added at George Washington National Forest in Shenandoah Valley west of Washington, D.C., and at Lincoln National Forest near Alamogordo, N.M.

The one in New Mexico is a nature trail designed to stimulate the senses for all visitors--not just the blind. Called La Pasada Encantada Trail, it features signs in large print and in braille. Listening stations along the path allow visitors to hear differences in the sound of tree limbs swaying in the breeze and to enjoy the various scents of the forest.

State facilities also are being geared to accommodate the handicapped. In Arkansas, a hiking trail and river-float excursion has been developed for the disabled at Pinnacle Mountain State Park near Little Rock. A park area for handicapped visitors only, called Will-A-Way, is part of Ft. Yargo State Park near Winder, Ga.

A guidebook for handicapped travelers includes such information as accessibility of an attraction by car, those that have paved walks and roadways and sites where interpretive signs are in braille. The guidebook can be obtained for 40 cents from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (stock No. 2405-0286).