

COUNSELING SERVICES

The Student Counseling Service is staffed by full-time professional counselors and psychologists whose services are available, without charge, to all students desiring assistance. Matters discussed by the student and counselor are held in strict confidence.

Educational Counseling. The Counseling Service assists students who are having academic difficulties, those who are uncertain regarding their educational goals, and those who need information about educational requirements and programs.

Vocational Counseling. The Counseling Service assists students in self-appraisal of their unique interests and aptitudes and determining their vocational goals. Psychological and vocational tests are used as needed. A career information resource center is available; also, each academic department provides vocational advising pertinent to its field.

Personal Counseling. Counselors and psychologists help students who are concerned about personal matters. The emphasis is upon the student's personal growth and development.

Group Counseling. The Student Counseling Service provides opportunities to enter groups of from 8 to 12 students sharing the desire to grow and develop in self-awareness and sensitivity to other people's needs and feelings, and to find meaning and relevance for themselves in their relationship to others.

Study Abroad Counseling. International Student Counseling Office—In addition to coordinating counseling services for foreign students, this office assists American students seeking to study and travel overseas. A library of information is available and applicants for California State University and Colleges International Programs and for Fulbright Grants apply through the International Student Counseling Office.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

The Educational Opportunity Program is designed to admit and retain students from minority and low income backgrounds who otherwise would be unable to obtain a college education due to socio-economic disadvantages. Criteria for evaluating applications include potential, motivation, and community involvement rather than past academic achievement alone. Supportive services include a readiness program for first semester students, tutorial services, academic and personal guidance, assistance in obtaining housing, job placement, graduate studies and career guidance. The program does not provide financial assistance but works closely with the Financial Aids Office in attempting to meet student needs in all matters concerning aid. (See *Financial Aids*.)

FINANCIAL AIDS

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

About 300 scholarships and grants totaling approximately \$75,000 will be available for the 1975-1976 academic year. About half of these scholarships, ranging from \$50 to \$1,000, are open to new students. The average scholarship is for \$250 for the year and covers the cost of material and service fees, student body fees, and a partial cost of books. Generally, upper division and specialized scholarships are in larger amounts. The scholarship program is designed to provide deserving students with educational opportunities not otherwise possible. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, consideration being given to scholastic attainment, academic potential, financial need, and character; some are available on the basis of outstanding accomplishment in specialized fields.

Scholarship awards are announced late in May of each year. Students, both entering and enrolled, must file applications with the Director of Financial Aids prior to March 1st. One application is sufficient for all available scholarships. A bulletin giving information on financial aids may be obtained from the Financial Aids Office. There are more scholarships available through various agencies and groups outside of the university. The student needs to apply directly to these organizations. There are resource books in libraries listing where to apply.