Health center doctor offers anonymity in VD detection

by JANET MABRIEN

No matter how liberal attitudes get toward sex and sexuality, having venereal disease will always carry a stigma. An ever increasing number of American women are carrying that stigma. According to Dr. Eugene Madsen of the Health Center, in the coming year three million Americans will contract the sexual disease, gonorrhea.

"The problem revolves around the fact that four out of five women are totally unaware that they are infected with the disease," explained Madsen.

"This creates a pool of approximately 800,000 women who unknowingly transmit the disease."

In the past there have been two alternatives open to women who believe the might be infected with gonorrhea. They could go to a VD clinic or a private physician for an examination. Each of these methods involves revealing herself as a potential VD carrier in public, being questioned on whether she might have been infected and a public examination to obtain a swab specimen to last. In the case of the private physician it is also costly.

"Neither method is exactly comfortable or appealing," said Madsen. "Ask yourself how often somebody would go through this entire process. Certainly not as often as necessary."

"To me both of these approaches are unsatisfactory, unsatisfactory and unproductive."

Madsen, because of his experience and training in public health at the University of Hawaii, has long been interested in developing better, more acceptable and less costly answers to health problems.

At the University of Massachusetts, he began work on a new method which would enable quick and easy identification of female carriers of gonorrhea with little expense or trouble to the women.

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Student supports lawsuit against 'adverse' policies

As a concerned student of this campus, I am overjoyed to hear that the ground work has finally been laid out for a federal suit against this administration's despicable methods it uses to weed out any faculty or staff members that do not adhere to its adverse policies to maintain the status quo. It is no secret that we all get an instructor who suggests implementing effective changes that could be beneficial to students, he is subtly gotten rid of or denoted.

Richard Gregowid of del Castillo's greatest sin against this campus in that he refused to get caught in a system that thrives on keeping things the way they are. His colleagues said he was hard to get along with and so evaluated him on a personal basis. Therefore, he was not recommended for reappointment. I challenge any one of Richard's former Cal Poly colleagues to make public how many times they visited del Castillo's classroom and evaluated him on his competence as an instructor. You can't blame Grissell of del Castillo for not wanting this kind of recommendation on his up to now unblemished record. The man didn't want to go, he was forced to leave.

Previously, Dr. Manuel Guerra's case against this administration and its policies concerning Chico State faculty and students, was completely in the hands of his attorney. Now that it has been made public we are faced with a situation that will directly affect the positions of every student on campus. As long as I have known Dr. Guerra, I have found him to be among the most competent persons I have ever met. His interest in his classes and personal contact with his students, as anyone of his former students will tell you, goes way beyond the concern of most professors. As a doctor in linguistics he possesses knowledge of eight different languages, and understanding of his field in foreign languages is truly outstanding.

Why then was a man like Dr. Manuel Guerra defaced and denoted from head of his department to a faculty position? Dr. Robert Kennedy explains it by saying, "Guerra did not carry out the functions of the department head; on other reasons were involved." If no other reasons were involved, why is there still a suit going on, and why have we not seen the Chicoan on campus railing behind Dr. Guerra to see this thing through?

Student upset over Smith controversy

As a concerned student of this course, I am a student in a sociology class taught by Brad Smith. The decision about his non-reappointment, in my opinion, is completely unfair.

The main reason, as was stated, for his non-reappointment was due to his selection of texts for the course. As a student I have read "The Capitalist System" and "The Halla of Yomran," which are believed to be books creating the controversy. These two books aren't the ordinary hum-drum textbooks you read for a class. These books have inspired many minds to think and want to know more about the systems in which we live.

President Kennedy stated that his relationships with Chicoans is satisfactory both in and out of class. The A.S. President Kennedy: Do you consider B.C.A. as one of those leaders, and if so, do you believe his statement is correct in regard to the B.C.A. leaders? Dr. Kennedy's only satisfactory relationships with Chicoans are with those Chicoans who are no more leaders than they are Chicanos.

Antony J. Dominguez

M.E.C.H.A. Member

Letters

Why can't a professor have his say in what is to be read in the class he is teaching? He is hired to teach so that the students will learn. But if he teaching is so maneuvered by department heads, insecure faculty, and administration, how can he perform as a real educator?

Brad Smith is a real educator. He has tried to show his students an understanding of the system, letting the students see which way to go.

Is this violating academic freedom? The collision rules seem to be saying yes to Brad Smith. But look again. He is not violating academic freedom. He is standing it.

Try giving the students a say in their own learning process. That is what Brad Smith is doing, and he is being unjustly punished for it.

C. Ericksen

Stolen posters stop publicity of ASI movies

In the past few weeks, a most disturbing situation has developed on this campus. This situation is the blatant theft of advertising material placed in campus by the A.S.I. Films Committee. A lot of effort has gone into the printing of the bulletin board posters and the making of the banners. In a way, we are pleased that people find our efforts more than satisfactory by wanting either one, or both. We must emphatically stress that in order to give full benefit to all.

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Plotkin advocates student participation on committee

On September 24 and 25, and again on November 19 and 26, I spoke—before the Board of Trustees and made a presentation on behalf of the California State University Student Presidents Association concerning the Board's right to have representation on the Presidential Selection Advisory Committee. This is the body that is formed whenever a University President resigns. We were opposed by the Trustees on both occasions. The following are excerpts from a lengthy letter I have written one of the Trustees, Mr. Roy T. Brophy, who is the chairman of the Committee on Faculty and Staff Affairs. I have provided it here for you to illustrate some of my observations and feelings toward the Trustees.

As a student leader, one of the main objectives of my short political career is to establish the 20,000 students of this system as a credible, intelligent, and responsible entity. One obviously does not accomplish this goal by argumentation, and belligerence—demands, shotgun approach—demands, and destruction of any organisation. I am Mid that past and present students have traditionally been the doom of the student body that is formed whenever a University President resigns. This is the Advisory Committee. This is the President of the Faculty and Staff Affairs and the plenary session of the Board of Trustees on the issue in September, we were asking for adoption of the Academic Senate resolution increasing the campus representation in a 15 faculty, one student, one staff) instead of 1 (1 faculty, 1 officer). You did take proper note of our concerns, and although rejecting our request, promised a review in one year. A any statement that was repeated time and time again, however, was that more often than not, if they so desired, the students always had a voice. If that is the case, I certainly do not know who has been left out all these years, a faculty member or a student representative?

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"The major age group that is infected is between the ages of 10 and 14," said Madsen. "Because of this we try to work through groups, reaching those that need it the most."

New program for disabled at Cal Poly

It has taken over a year and a half for the Disabled Students Services at this campus to create a program that attempts to alleviate problems daily for handicapped students.

Robert Bonds, advisor for the group, said these problems include orientation for incoming handicapped students and ramps for those confined to wheel chairs, in addition to other architectural barriers. Bonds also said that since disabled students are usually so young, they are often the butt of jokes.

Robert Raymond, John Neughein and Martha Borges work through the Student Community Services providing a consultation area which handicapped students can register at any time.

Bonds said that funds are available for volunteer students to help in these projects. These projects, according to Bonds, provide assistance and, on the use of dorms, the Cal Poly Theatre and University Stadium for the disabled student.

Bonds said that volunteers are constantly needed to aid the group. He may be contacted through the Activities Planning Center, or by calling 540-4097.

"In many locations this method is available because it is inexpensive and doesn't involve unavailable personnel. You could probably say the program is designed to go where the action is."

The Health Center is in the process of expanding and implementing the program for use on campus. Long range goals are expansion of laboratory facilities and establishment of a testing center.

"We don't know the extent of the problem on campus but it is tremendous simply because so many people don't know whether they have it or not," said Madsen.

"Our program is designed to help alleviate this mortal problem," he continued.

The spread of gonorrhea is on the upswing. It is second only to the common cold as the most widespread, communicable disease. It is the leading cause of sterility in females and is the major cause of acute inflammatory arthritis in the 10-14-year age group. This year alone 10,000 women will undergo an operation to remove all of their female organs leaving them sterile, disabled and dependent on hormones for the rest of their lives because of VD.

"The real tragedy is that usually they're so young," said Madsen.

And the odds don't stop there. If an infected woman becomes pregnant, the chances of her child also being infected or born blind are tremendously high.

"It's discouraging because we've known for sometime how to treat or cure gonorrhea," said Madsen. "The fact that it is such a simple disease is part of our problem. We've relied on curing the disease to control it—a method that has obviously failed."

Madsen also points to the fact that it "is taking an ever increasing amount of personnel to treat gonorrhea as proof that new methods of control are needed."

Ten years ago it took only 40,000 units to effect a cure, now it takes 4.8 million units—the maximum the human body can stand, as well as the minimum amount necessary to treat the disease.

Within ten years, a vaccine should be on the market but according to Madsen the problem of gonorrhea must be faced immediately.

"To stop the BOQ of the BOQ, the Vaginal Sampler Method stands for Save Ourselves," concluded Madsen. "That's the whole idea—not to replace clinics or doctors but to provide an alternate way for people who will not or cannot be treated otherwise."

Installation for SAM officers

An installation banquet will be held for the newly elected SAM (Society for Advancement of Management) officers this Saturday at the Golden Tree Restaurant at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Edward Myers, Vice- President of Southern California Edison Company. The new officers include Bob Burgin, President; Allen Vincent, Vice-President; Judy Brooks, Secretary; and Jeff Fodda, Treasurer. The new Region 1 Director Gary Baker was ejected from this campus chapter.

Buy Mustang Classifieds

We've stood our campus store line in order to expand facilities in our downtown store. Come see us there!
Summer work available for students in Europe

Temporary European jobs are available to students with a Mustang Job Card provided by Student Overseas Services. The card will list students to a paying job, and free room and board in a hostel, resort, office, restaurant or hotel in Switzerland, Austria, France or Germany. The European Job Card system puts the student's name on job lists and initiates processing of the job and necessary working papers. Paperwork, registration, job searches and initial processing are usually completed and the student is notified within two weeks after the form is received by the SOS Placement Office.

A fee of $50 is required with the completed registration form. The fee is refunded in the full if a job of the student's choice cannot be located. If the student is unable to take the job that has been located, the registration fee will not be refunded. If a job is located, the student will be required to pay $50. The European Job Card will remain valid for one year, or transferred to another student upon written request.

Since the job of the student's choice has been located by SOS, he will be furnished with a final placement form to be completed and returned with three copies and $50 for processing and working costs. Students interested in working in Europe should obtain the European Job Card well in advance of their anticipated departure. All arrangements are made on a non-profit, first come, first served basis.

Throughout the year, SOS conducts orientation periods in Luxembourg. This mandatory three-day European and job orientation begins upon the students' arrival in Luxembourg. The $50 fee includes all accommodations, meals, briefings, basic language instruction, final job arrangements, 400 miles of day trips, guides, entrance fees and entertainment.

SOS, following as the latest available openings: Switzerland provides a good central European location with resort host and restaurant work for students in Europe. Standard Swiss wages, tips and free room and board are provided. Hostel, resort and restaurant work are available in Austria for standard wages plus free room and board. Job sites are often at beautiful mountain and lakeside resorts.

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Volunteers bring cheer, sustenance to shut-ins

A lot of hearts have been warmed, not to mention stomachs, thanks to volunteers for the Meals-On-Wheels program in San Luis Obispo. The aim of the organization is to supply nourishing, hot meals at a nominal cost, to those who are unable to shop for and prepare themselves. Aged, disabled and non-ambulators, besides those who are covered by the county's social service agency and are on a sliding scale at the Salvation Army headquarters.

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Campus activities designed to stimulate the five senses

A meeting for anyone interested in working on Cal Poly's float entry in the Tournament of Roses parade, will be held tonight in Room 151 of the University Union at 7:30 p.m. The work on the float will take place over the Christmas vacations at Cal Poly Pomona. Rides and housing for participants will be arranged at the meeting.

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Bank lists rules of safe check writing

Reckless treatment of your checking account could prove costly to you, since cheques written on your account may use fraudulent means to defraud you.

Checking account holders can avoid the checks or such a mishap by religiously following "The Ten Commandments of Safe Check Writing."

The following are the pamphlets issued by the United California Bank (UCB):

1. Never carry a check made out to "cash" in your pocket or purse. Such checks can be cashed and the money quickly taken.
2. If it should be necessary to mail a check, destroy it immediately by tearing or burning it, without any attempt at recycling.
3. Always make a check payable in the order of a specific amount.
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Auditions for 'An Enemy of the People'

Director Michael Malkin keeps notes during the audition.

Nan Plummer and Paul Manning try out for parts in the play.

From left to right Jamie Rabin, Mark Ditchfield, and Sue Frahns read their lines while Director Malkin listens.

Susan Knowles knits while her husband, Bob, practices his lines.

The roar of the crowd and the smell of the greasepaint drew theater afficionados from all corners of the Cal Poly campus to audition for 'An Enemy of the People' shortly before the Thanksgiving break.

The Henrik Ibsen-Arthur Miller drama is the second production of the 1974-75 Cal Poly Theater Season, which is sponsored by the Speech Communication Department.

"An Enemy Of the People" is an exciting and disturbing drama about the conflict between business and public health in 1868. This vivid play about moral integrity foreshadows many of today's ecological and political concerns.

"This is a difficult, gutsy play" said Mike Malkin, who will direct the director and actors, "extremely challenging for both the director and actors."

"I could have cast this play twice over without any loss to the drama," he said.

"An Enemy Of The People" will be presented Feb. 9-11 in the Cal Poly Theatre.

Nan Plummer and Lori Cliff practicing their parts.

Text by FRAN NOLAN
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Poly bags the Tigers

Poly guards lead a 75-65 win Tuesday

by PETE KING

The Mustang basketball team tried to keep its guard strength a well-guarded secret. But Tuesday night against the University of Pacific two catalysts—one quick the other cool—got out of the bag.

Freshman guard Brian O'Flaherty and senior point guard Gary Orgill led Cal Poly to a 75-65 loss of the UOP Tigers in a non-conference contest.

Poly coach Ernie Wheeler had warned about the shape of his guard play going into the 1976-77 season since he lost the services of Pussy Williams, the most valuable player in the CCAA last year.

But after the UOP game all he could say about O'Flaherty was "How quick is quick?" And Orgill's statistics spoke for themselves.

The senior hit for 18 points, had six assists and was the focal point of the Mustang outburst which put the team in the lead stretching and winning Tuesday night against the UOP Tigers.

Super-quick guard Brian O'Flaherty shoots against UOP.

O'Flaherty came off the bench after swing man Gerald Jones was whistled for three first-half fouls. The freshman hardly set down after that as his quick-handed defense helpedaney the UOP offense while he added 11 points and some nifty ball handling to the Mustang offense.

It was O'Flaherty who gave Cal Poly the lead with 8:13 left in the first half when his eight-foot jumper and senior play maker Jones ended with 9:12 left in the game. But the momentum soon shifted and the Tigers started a long comeback climb that peaked five points short with four minutes left.

With the score 61-56, Cal Poly hit for eight sudden points. Two of the baskets were on fast breaks that Orgill set up with some nifty passing. Orgill's steal and long feed to Jones who scored on a simple layup made the score 65-56 and the Tigers were bagged.

The Mustang defense, which looks like a sieve but works like a man-to-man set up, kept the Tigers running in circles all night.

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UOP shot 45 percent from the floor while the Mustangs came around with 46 percent.

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