HIV testing becomes home option
Over-the-counter test kits now widely available

By Selene Luy
Daily Staff Writer

The thought of getting an HIV test can be intimidating or outright terrifying. However, the thought of the test only needs to be taken once.

One solution to this problem may come in a box at the local drug store.

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Utilidor creating problems for many disabled students

By Gil Sery
Daily Staff Writer

For most students, getting around the Utilidor construction sites isn’t much of a problem, but the same can’t be said for many disabled students.

"I think that for the visually impaired students and those students with very significant mobility impairments, it creates an added burden," said William Bailey, director of the Disability Resource Center.

One big problem, especially for wheelchair-bound students, is that they have to learn new ways of getting to class.

Deby Ryan, the Utilidor public information coordinator, agrees.

"We’re extra sensitive to the disabled because it’s got to be even more difficult (for them) to get around," she said.

"If we know that a disabled ramp out of a building is closed, I go ahead and notify DSS (Disabled Student Services, now called the Disability Resource Center)," Ryan added.

According to Rex Wolf, university representative for the Utilidor project, the project’s goal is "to not cut off the only... See UTILIDOR page 7"
CYPHERS makes for happy students

NATHAN PONTIOUS*

Perhaps some students may view a spectacle over the Ebonics issue. To sum up what could be a potentially overstated, trite column: They're wrong, it's a dialect. Yet this is beside my point.

The examples are obvious: words like "random," now describe the ordinary; phrases like "twenty-four-seven" remind us of all important time element in our lives and adding the prefix "hooLA" to anything can make it bigger, wider, harder, easier, cooler and just about any other extremity meaning one can think up. In short, this is only part of the amalgam of in-the-edge, hot college lingo. (Almagam, in fact, being a case in point.)

So, for this, I can see a very intimidating thing. Picture your phone, if you will, yourself as a foreigner to the United States. Aside from the fact that you probably couldn't speak the language, the idioms of the Cal Poly student would baffle you. Seemingly harmless to you and me the simple catch phrase, "that's butt," could take on a much more grotesque meaning than intended. Similarly, the statement if someone is "bookin'" to class, are they studying?

Of course, the incoming freshman and foreigners alike fit in, saviors are the keepers of the sacred words. They're answers where these terms originate. WOW council's phrase and quality education of this I'm confident.

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I thank God for keeping me safe on Skid Row, all of my friends who pray for me and I'll thank you again for reading this article.

Kaleem Kazarian

Chair, Academic Senate GE&B Committee

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to the responding article Jan. 23 Academic Senate creates committee to change GE&B. In fact, there are two misinterpretations of facts concerning the state of GE&B and quotes attributed to myself that are erroneous. I realize that throwing a reporter into a senate meeting at which a complicated issue is discussed is a formidable task. So rather than harping on the errors in the article, I would like to simply clarify the situation.

The current chair of the Academic Senate's General Education & Breadth Committee. It was established approximately 18 years ago, its function is to oversee Cal Poly's GE&B program. As Cal Poly has evolved, various groups have made recommendations on how to improve the GE&B program. With these recommendations, the Academic Senate created an ad hoc committee on GE&B at the start of the 1995-96 academic year to review the governance and curriculum of GE&B. At its last meeting, it presented a proposal for revamping GE&B that my committee felt was seriously flawed and strenuously opposed.

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VERSE FROM THE CITY

Skid Row opens eyes to the plight of the poor

Kaleem Kazarian

Bums, tramps, hobos, beggars, panhan­
diers, homeless, poor What are they? Why are they? Who are they? I've wondered about these things since I was a small child, just as you probably have. I set out this weekend to answer some of the questions by plunging right into the heart of Skid Row.

Trash littered the busy Los Angeles streets, and merchants, tourists and the homeless wandered about. I was scared of this area — I always have been — yet that is where I was to spend the next 24 hours. I was thankful that I wouldn't be alone, as an experienced friend would be with me. We词used in dirty old clothes, we wan­
dered the streets among the masses. I was four-striken as my companion headed for Fifth Street. This was it, Skid Row!

The sidewalks were lined mostly by African-American males who seemed to be busy in conversation. Others were selling, begging or just wandering about. I was really to be attacked or harassed. I was expecting the worse. I was focused, as we passed one cluster of easy-looking men at one time. I was on a mission. "I did it!" thought to myself as we rounded a corner to a safer area, "I bowed Skid Row!"

To my great surprise, the disguises worked, and many of the men we spoke to were quite polite. I was fooled by those who passed by, just as I fled. The more we walked the streets the more comfort­able I felt. As we walked we saw plastic fashioned into tents on the sidewalk, cardboard structures, cardboard mats, old blankets and sleeping bags, each one serving as a "home" for someone. I couldn't believe that the city would allow these tents to stay up permanently. I couldn't believe they didn't seem to ever clean the streets. I couldn't believe that dirty port-a-potties were the only place these people could go to the restroom. I couldn't believe that human beings would subject themselves to this dirty,这一年 even for the cripples, for the prostitutes and the prostitutes. For the cripples, for the prostitutes and for the cripples. For the cripples, for the prostitutes and for the cripples.

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If that life? I'll ask you again, is that life? Was it all that some could hope for. Is death, the freedom from this misery, was all that some could hope for. Is that life? I'll ask you again, is that life? Has anyone ever noticed the homeless? I mean really stopped to ponder what their life is like? Are we these people to you? What if that was your mother, your father, your brother, your sister, your grandpar­
tent, your cousin, your friend; would you do anything else? Where is your compassion? You won't even give that homeless person a minute of your time, or a dollar of your money, because they are all good for noth­
ing. Rocks, bricks, right? Then don't. Rather, give them a meal, give them an open ear. Most impor­tantly, give them a friend and help break the cycle of homelessness. Don't push your own religion or your coldstand­ing attitude, instead, come to them with love and compassion and a true desire to help and see what you can.

One more thing: if you were going to refer to a homeless person in some other way than "homeless," please use the right word. A hobo is a person who wanders, and, what's necessary; a tramp is a person who wanders, but doesn't work, and a bum is a person who doesn't wander at all. I thank God for keeping me safe on Skid Row, all of my friends who pray for me and I will thank you again for reading this article.

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In Your Words

"I'd take all the people who 'd like to be my friends.

David Gilmore and Roger Waite, the lead members of Pink Floyd, so they'd lend their differences and make music together again.

Joshua Kitzler, Biochemistry and microbiology senior

"I'd probably tackle candy or pizza, because I like sweets."

Jodie Snouberger, Biology sophomore

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By Steve Moore

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Fred Stultz, professor of psychology and human development, agrees that the tests do provide an additional option for those who are reluctant to get tested for HIV.

But he said that a phone counselor won't be able to see physical signs of shock or body signals from an HIV positive person.

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ditioning and graphic arts build-

ings and is mostly reserved for
disabled students. Students with physical dis-
abilities can also park in general, staff, sponsored guest and metered parking spaces (without using the meters). The only two types of spaces they cannot park in are the passenger loading and red zones.

Cindy Campbell, parking and consumer services administrator with Public Safety Services, said that in order for disabled students to park in these spaces, they need to display both a valid campus parking permit and a disabled student placard.

"This is a pretty powerful thing to find out about through the phone," Stultz said.

Although many continue to question the effectiveness and appropriateness of such take-

home tests, need appear to agree on one thing — if they are the only way people will get tested for HIV, then they are better than nothing.

WAGES from page 1

Corral could achieve this by hiring fewer students. Cowley also said if expenses keep going up, El Paso would have to give performance-based raises to students and full-time employees.

"The increases will have a dra-
matic effect on Foundation and its operation," said Joanne Petree, human resources manager at Foundation. Petree also said the increases will force Foundation to make the most effective use of funds.

Campus Dining will also offer less part-time jobs, but due to a reason other than wage increases.

"The possibility of less univer-

sity enrollment (next school year) may lead to fewer part-time employees of Campus Dining," said Alan Cushman, associate director of Campus Dining.

However, since the wage increases will cost the Foundation-affiliated organization a total of $300,000, prices will probably increase, Cushman said.

Campus Dining did not raise any prices this year, he added. "We've raised prices for non-

student services like classes and use fees," said Marla Circs, a employee at ASI Craft Center. Manager Mike Campbell said that those price raises may partly to the minimum wage increase. Campus also said that if ASI doesn't

n't allocate more money to the Craft Center in the next fiscal year's budget, student prices may rise and fewer students may be hired.

Kevin Brown, general manager of Second Edition said prices for a sheet of white and colored paper were raised by one cent and next quarter the price for class notes will increase.

Brown said he was concerned that the increase may result in wage discrepancies.

"It might happen that man-

agers who have more responsibil-

ity will be paid the same as the regular customer representa-

tives...and that could cause a lot of friction," he said.

That concern was also expressed by Jason Meyer, ASI vice-president of finance.

"Someone who's been working for three years might only be making five cents more than someone hired yesterday," Meyer said, citing a possible implication of the minimum wage increase.

Bill Ashby, ASI business man-

ager, said that during the next few years ASI will cost the association $300,000 to be in com-

pliance with the minimum wage increases.

"Our priority is to avoid reduc-

ing services or hiring fewer work-

ers," Ashby said. He said that ASI business most strongly affected by the increases are the

Children's Center and Rec Sports, where many employees are at a minimum wage level.

Ashby added that some prices at ASI businesses will be raised. For example, the fee for intramur-

al sports will be increased due to the higher cost of hiring volleyball referees.

"We don't want to affect any-

thing dramatically," Meyer said.

He added that ASI is looking into options to cover the cost of the minimum wage increase, but that definite plans won't be available until March or April when the budget for the next fiscal year is completed.

EBONICS from page 1

If approached correctly, stu-

dents will express themselves cre-

atively, said education graduate student Craig Stewart.

"If teachers can make an effort to approach students at their level, then it's easier for students to learn using their own language and expressing themselves natu-

rally in creative pieces," he said.

"Ebонics is a new teaching tool, but it may not help everyone," Ruanda said.

"If a number of children who need this kind of transitional pro-

gram might actually be pretty limited, because large numbers of African American children learn standard English without any special help," she said.

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Men's tennis has high hopes for season

By Jennifer Canales
Daily Sports Editor

The men's tennis team finished last season with a 16-4 record, its first NCAA ranking (50th) and fell just short of earning a berth in the NCAA tournament.

And there's no better way to follow that up, than to start this season against the best: UCLA ranked No. 2 and Pepperdine ranked No. 6.

Cal Poly didn't fair too well against either team Jan. 10-11, losing 7-0 to both, but it did give them an idea of what the "best" is made of.

"The only thing that will get us to the next level," said head coach Chris Eppright, "is playing better teams."

No. 1 singles and doubles player Chris Magyary said their performance definitely gave the team something to shoot for in the future.

"Everybody recognized they're a level above us," Magyary said, "but everyone is making an effort (this season) to rise to that level."

In doubles, Magyary paired with No. 2 singles player Tony Piccuta, and nearly pulled off an upset of Pepperdine's No. 1 doubles team, but a few untimely errors cost them the match.

Nadare Izadi, who played No. 6 singles, felt the team competed well and said the matches were much closer than the scores indicated.

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"The Mustangs showed me that the top teams in the nation really aren't that much better than us," Izadi said, who then added sarcastically, "they're just faster at it."

The Mustangs look to see if they can continue to put Cal Poly to sleep with their map and improve on its pre-season ranking (50th).

"If we stay consistent and best who we're supposed to beat and pull off an upset, the NCAA should have no problem ranking us higher," said Eppright.

The Mustangs impressive season last year sets them up with a tougher schedule this year, facing teams like UCSD, Boise State and Pepperdine.

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The Cal Poly women's basketball team will have its chance to take on one of the top teams in the Big West Conference Saturday as it hosts the Long Beach State 49ers at 7 p.m.

The Mustangs (2-3, 1-3) faced Long Beach last year, and although they lost both times, head coach Karen Boeker said she feels the team has a good amount of confidence going into this game.

"They don't have a lot, but neither do we," Booker said. "It should be a really good game—one we can all have fun playing and have a good showing against a Pac 10 team."

Long Beach is tied for first place in the Big West along with Santa Barbara and UC Irvine.

Boeker said the 49ers top point guard and post player graduated last year so they have a whole new look with a group of young players. But they still have two strong seniors who are leading the team in scoring.The 49ers have five players averaging in double figures right now.

To shut them down successfully, the Mustangs will have to play like Taryn Sperry, the freshman, against the seniors, leading the team with 5.8 rebounds per game, and junior teammate Chasity Young, who is starting at point guard. Murtilasta had eight assists and one turnover against Cal State Fullerton last Sunday, scoring 15 points and grabbing five rebounds.

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Booker also remained positive, as the Mustangs sit in the infant stages of the season.

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Booker said, "Our conference is good for us to work in and build in because we have the talent and the ability to shoot threes and come out ahead."

Saturday's game is student appreciation night and the Mustangs will hand out different gifts that are targeted towards students to let them know how much the team appreciates their support.

"We want as many students as possible to come and support us," Booker said. "There are a lot of things we want to accomplish as a team this year, and we are ready to make our mark in the Big West."

"We want our tradition to begin now."