HIV testing becomes home option

By Selene Lay
Daily Staff Writer

The thought of getting an HIV test can be intimidating or outright terrifying. Whenever the case may be, the health community simply wants people to get tested.

However, some people allow fear and embarrassment to keep them from testing for HIV.

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

Confide, developed and marketed by a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson called Direct Access Diagnostics, and Home Access, manufactured by Home Access Health Corp. of Hoffman Estates in Illinois, are two take-home HIV test kits now available across the nation.

In San Luis Obispo, local stores such as Thrifty Drug Stores, Longs Drug Stores and Payless Drug Stores stock the kits for about $38. They report that few kits have been sold.

Each Confide take-home kit has a 14-digit personal identification number. The kit includes tools needed to collect a blood sample from a fingertip. After the blood sample is collected on a test card, the consumer mails it to a certified laboratory and calls in to get the results after seven days with professional counseling provided.

Clinical studies have shown that the Confide HIV test is more than 90 percent accurate.

The other option, Home Access, has a four-step procedure. First, the consumer must call a toll-free number to register the kit’s code number and enter the code number. Then, a home Access test kit will provide results within seven days.

Both of these tests are said to provide more than 99 percent accuracy.

Accuracy may be important, but some people find that privacy is even more important when it comes to getting tested for HIV.

Both Confide and Home Access provide qualified counselors on the telephone. See TEST page 2

Cal Poly Student arrested in El Corral backpack theft

By Brad Davis
Daily Staff Writer

A Cal Poly student was arrested Thursday Jan. 16 while attempting to sell stolen books to an off-campus bookstore.

Cal Poly Public Safety Investigator Roy Berrett remembered seeing Cal Poly freshman Evan Watson two days prior to his arrest while at El Corral Bookstore looking for an individual suspected of stealing backpacks.

"Mr. Watson was in the area and his presence seemed kind of suspicious," Berrett said. "I kept an eye on him for a while and then left on a call."

Berrett said that after he left, another backpack was reported stolen along with a calculator and checkbook. The backpack was later found in another building on campus that same day.

On Jan. 16, Berrett received another report of a stolen backpack. About 20 minutes after speaking to the owner of the pack, Berrett went over to Aida’s University Bookstore buy-back. Not a moment later the suspect came walking through the front door.

"Watson walked in carrying three books," Berrett said. "They looked to be the same as the ones that were missing."

Berrett identified himself and placed Watson under arrest. Watson’s vehicle was searched and the backpack, books, a calculator and check book were recovered.

"I believe it was a 100 percent recovery," Berrett said. "I also found marijuana in his pocket."

Watson’s Trinity Hall residence was searched where Berrett discovered alcohol and drug paraphernalia.

Watson was transported to San Luis Obispo County Jail where he was booked on two counts of stolen property and one count of possessing a controlled substance. He has been released from custody pending a court date.

Berrett warns that backpack theft has been an issue in the past and encourages students to write codes on their possessions in case they may later have to identify them.

"During one quarter last year we had over 40 backpacks (report­ed) stolen," Berrett added.

He explained that money is the key motivation and that it takes little time for someone to swipe an unattended backpack.

Berrett recalled one theft he witnessed Jan. 15 on videotape in which a person set a backpack down in front of the El Corral lockers and returned two minutes later to discover it missing.

"It didn’t take more than 20 seconds for the thief to pick up the backpack and walk away," Berrett said.

According to Berrett, most backpacks are stolen from the Rec Center. One was stolen from there Jan. 15 with a valued loss of $200 and another was taken that following day. The most recent backpack theft was this last Tuesday. The local store estimated for that backpack was $800.

Berrett added that no back­packs have ever been reported stolen from secure lockers.

Berrett assured that measures have already been taken to pre­vent future thefts at El Corral. Surveillance cameras have been installed and officers regularly patrol the locker area.

Minimum wage increase may affect campus jobs, prices

By Maggie Long
Daily Staff Writer

Part-time jobs on the Cal Poly campus may be limited next school year.

The federal and state increases in the minimum wage may cause some campus businesses to hire fewer students and raise prices.

Federal legislation raised minimum wage from $4.25 to $5.15 per hour, and March 1 of 1998 when the wage in California increases to $5.75 per hour.

"The increases will really hurt students," said Frank Cawley, director of El Corral Bookstore. Cawley said El Corral will have to reduce its student staff next school year because it will cost the bookstore $30,000 to increase wages.

"We would rather offer the same services than raise prices," Cawley said, adding that El Corral will likely raise prices even more.

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Students, doctors discuss HMO's impact on industry

By Heidi Lourenco
Daily Staff Writer

"We've gone back to our roots," said Michelle Stimson-Groff, the head of San Luis Obispo County's Home Health Agency.

Where doctors used to make house calls in the middle of the night, these days nurses are running the show at patients' homes. "Fifteen years ago, you'd see a patient with multiple lines, two or three IVs and lots of antibiotics in the hospital," Stimson-Groff said. "Now, these patients are at home."

"I love walking in from room to room and helping the patients solve their problems," Dr. Paul Gallagher, a primary care physician and regional medical director for such HMO insurance groups as Monarch and Blue Cross California Care, has also gone back to his roots.

He's doing general surgery in his office such as removing moles and colposcopies, a procedure where dye is shot into a woman's vagina and her cervix is examined. Why these changes? What happened to the days when doctors would send you to a dermatologist or a gynecologist to have these things done?

HMOs, health maintenance organizations stepped in. "Wednesday night at Chumash Auditorium in the California Primary Care Consortium, an alliance of insurance companies (including many HMOs), professionals and organizations such as the California Nurses' Association, hosted a panel discussion. One doctor and two nurses came to address about 40 students about the health care profession. The money is supposed to cover the patient's care for everything. If it doesn't, the doctor has to cover the costs. That includes sending patients to a specialist.

"I think it's the only system that's going to work, as health care costs are outrageous," Gallagher said.

Indeed, HMOs are eclipsing old-style insurance companies. Gallagher said 80 percent of all insurance groups in San Luis Obispo now have this kind of "gatekeeper" model. "Gatekeeper" refers to the primary care physician who may or may not recommend a patient go to a specialist. With traditional insurance, every time you go to a doctor, the insurance company pays the doctor a set amount for services rendered. The doctor, however, is not a primary care physician, but a general practitioner who can check off a list, either a specialist or a generalist.

Why are patients going to HMOs? Money. Traditional insurance usually costs big bucks. If employers offer insurance, employees will pay almost twice as much for traditional insurance.

Not only are HMOs changing the landscape of the doctor's office and home health care, they're also changing hospitals. Gallagher said in the past, for every 1,000 Medicare patients, 1,400 days were spent in the hospital. With one of today's "tightly-managed" HMOs, those 1,000 patients are only spending up to 350 days in the hospital.

The panelists agreed that hospitals can be nasty places," referring to the potential for contracting infections during one's hospital stay.

In addition to that, Stimson-Groff said, "Patients would rather be at home. They're more comfortable in their own surroundings."

The panelists also praised HMOs because they focus on preventive medicine. Gallagher said the traditional insurance doesn't pay for preventative medicine. In the almost two-hour discussion, only about 10 minutes were spent encouraging the students. "I don't think you can find a field as fun as family medicine," Gallagher said. "I love walking in from room to room and helping the patients solve their problems."

Nurse practitioner panelist Claudia Hall said, "I concentrate on my love of working with people."

When the students asked about community responsibilities for exposure to the medical field, the responses were scant. Gallagher said in more than 21 years of practice, he's had about six students come in and shadow him during his work day. He said such mentoring has its drawbacks.

"Some of the patients are kind of uncomfortable bearing their souls in front of a college student," Gallagher said.

Stimson-Groff offered Volvo's Glass With Purchase of a Pint-All Game Long!!!
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".

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Calphonics makes happy students

NATHAN PONTIOUS

Perhaps some students have already studied a course on the topic of the Ebonics issue. To sum up what could be a very intimidating subject, may not have the know-how that is key to understanding such a complex element in our lives and adding the prefix "hella" to our vocabulary. What is the correct spelling? Perhaps some students have noticed a spectacle being used in the classroom, the "Calphonics". The examples are obvious; words like "random," "random," "random," "random," "random," and "random." We can call it...Calphonics.

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Cal Poly should offer a Calphonics 101 class for all students. For or even better, they should include it in the foreign languages and literatures department, though as far as literature goes, this would be limited to the "hella" version of Shakespeare and the expressiveness on the bathroom stalls in the U.L.A. A clunk of the other classes can be created to support Calphonics — on wait, WOW already is this class. I guess that answers where those terms originate. WOW, counselors are the keepers of the sacred words. They're slightly saner versions of Monty Python's "Knights

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access to a building.

If a ramp is blocked off due to construction, another one is usu-

ally created in the same general area, Wolf said. However, things
don’t always run so smoothly.

“The one time we failed in our goal (last quarter) was when we
blocked off (the) engineering west (building), and the people that
needed to get through were escorted by Deby or one of the
contractors, but it’s back now,” Wolf said.

Despite this failure, no stu-
dents filed complaints about the
incident, Bailey said.

Another sensitive issue is dis-
abled student parking. Both park-
ing lot H-10, between the math
and home economics building and
University Drive, and lot C-5, be-
tween the air conditioning
building and the old power plant,
is unavailable because of the con-
struction.

But lot C-5 has moved and is
now located between the air con-
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, neat appear to agree
on one thing — if they are the
only way people will get tested for
hiv, then they are better than
nothing.

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Cornel could achieve this by hire-
ning fewer students. Cowley also
said it makes sense keep going up,
El criteria was given to all students
in the test.

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 at Campus Dining,”
said Alan Cushman, associate
director of Campus Dining.

However, since the wage
increases will not cost the
Foundation-affiliated organiza-
tion 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
campus activities,” he said.

Cushman said the
price increases were partly due
to one cost and

the minimum wage increase.

Campus also said that if ASI does-
not 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 manag-
er 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-
ger, said that during the next
few months, the increase will cost the association $300,000 to be in
compliance with the minimum wage increases.

“It’s our priority to avoid reduc-
ing services or hiring fewer work-
ers,” Ashby said.

He said that the
ASI businesses most strongly
affected by the increases are the

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If approached correctly, stu-
dents will express themselves cre-
atively, said education graduate
student Craig Stewart.

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

rally in creative pieces,” he said.

EBONICS is a new teaching tool,
but it may not help everyone, Robbins said.

“Many 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.

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

“We don’t want to affect any-
thing dramatically,” Meyer said.

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**SPORTS**

**Men's tennis has high hopes for season**

By Jennifer Conrad
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. 16).

Cal Poly didn't fair too well against either team Jan. 10-11, losing 70-to-70, 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 on 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. The Mustangs and Piccuta had double match points on their opponent, but a few untimely errors cost them the match.

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

"We have a lot of guys that can step in and fill a position, if need be," Magyary said.

The team has found combinations that really work, said Piccuta, who added that he and Magyary are becoming more comfortable playing with each other and assures they will get an NCAA playoff berth.

At the No. 2 spot, behind Magyary and Piccuta, is Reyes and Zenopoulo. Masi and Jason Devens round out the three doubles lineup. Eppright said this is the best combination for doubles and doesn't plan to change it in the future.

"The No. 2 is simple in that the win against Oregon didn't matter, it's just good enough," Magyary said.

The Oregon Ducks are coming off a big win last week, where they defeated Oregon State University (OSU) in their annual Civil War match. OSU, ranked No. 17, defeated Cal Poly by a close margin in the No. 6 slot with a 13-2 record, is off to a tough start, but confident he will turn it around.

"It should be a really good game, people are excited to play. They don't have a lot of size, but neither do we," Booker said.

"It is a big game in the Big West," said Eppright. "We want our tradition to begin looking like that."

**Women's hoops face Long Beach**

By Megan Lehtonen
Daily Staff Writer

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 State earlier this season, lost their last game, and although they lost both times, head coach Karen Booker said she feels the team has a good amount of confidence going into this game. "They don't have a lot of size, but neither do we," Booker said.

"It should be a really good game—one of our toughest games so far this season."

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

Booher said the 49ers top point guard and post player graduated last season 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 capable of double figures right now.

To shut them down successfully, head coach Karen Booker plans to players like Taryn Sperry, the freshman guard from Long Beach State, leading the team with 5.8 rebounds per game, and junior transfer Jackie Marisela, who is a starter at point guard. Marisela had eight assists and one turnover. Cal State Fullerton last Sunday, scoring 15 points and grabbing five rebounds.

"As long as we come out and play as a team, we will be very effective against them," Sperry said. "If we do the basic things, we will end up with a win." Booker also remained positive, as the Mustangs sit in the infant stages of the season.

"We match up real well with any of the teams in the Big West."

Booher said, "Our conference is good for us to work in and build on, 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 they appreciate their support.

"We want as many students as possible to come to our games," 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."

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