Health Center offers oral HIV tests for students at no charge

By Michelle Boykin
Daily Staff Writer

Anxiety is nothing new for a college student. But imagine the stress of being unsure if you are infected with HIV or not. The worry doesn’t have to occupy your mind so much that you need to be tested just so you can sleep at night.

Cal Poly’s Health Center has offered 10 free anonymous HIV tests per week since April, using the OraSure HIV-1 Antibody Testing System. The program is funded by the California Health Department. To complete the test, patients must place a cotton testing wipe between their cheek and gums, hold it there for two minutes until it is moist, then deposit it in a vial to be preserved for testing. In about one to two weeks, patients receive results which are more than 99 percent accurate.

Determining whether or not a person is infected, however, is only half of the testing process. "Our role is to prevent the spread of disease, by having everyone who is tested be counseled so that if they engage in sex they will act responsibly," said Marina Perez, one of two nurses practitioners who administer HIV tests at the Health Center.

Anyone who calls for an anonymous appointment is given a 30-minute time slot for pre-counseling, during which the patient’s sexual history and goals for safer sex are discussed. The person administering the test also asks if the person has any questions about HIV or how it is spread.

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Scholarship scams on the loose

Six signs that may indicate a scholarship scam

1. The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.
2. You can’t get this information anywhere else.
3. May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship?
4. We’ll do all the work.
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by Martha Blockwell
Mustang Daily Contributing Writer

What if you could wake up ten minutes before class started, step in front of your bathroom mirror to run a comb through your hair, throw on last night’s outfit that’s lying at the end of your couch, grab a glass of juice from your kitchen fridge, and still be able to hear the openings words from the professor’s mouth because you’d made it to class on time? That’s lying at one mouth because you’d made it to campus.

Apartment-style dorms could bring students back to campus

By Morto Blockwell

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Class on time, you’d made it to Apartment-style dorms could bring students back to campus.

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That’s lying at one, you’d made it to campus. And still hear the opening words from the professor’s mouth because you’d made it to class on time.

Well, if you lived on campus you might be able to do this someday soon.

Currently, students who live in the on-campus residence halls enjoy the luxury of being able to hit the snooze button a few more times than, say, a student living out by Laguna Lake.

However, these on-campus students do not enjoy the private bathroom, kitchen and couch that can make the student’s on-campus experience more than just a place to live.

This could change if a proposed housing development plan for on-campus apartments gets the official okay.

“We’re looking at moving forward and expanding the housing situation for Cal Poly students,” said Preston Allen, director of housing at Cal Poly. “The development all depends on the student’s needs.”

And students need a place to live.

Last fall, enrollment at Cal Poly increased by around 1,000 students, and on-campus housing occupancy was 100 percent full and tagged with a 500-person waiting list.

Campus-wide enrollment is lower than past years, but on-campus housing is full.

The high enrollment patterns and full on-campus housing makes finding a place to live around the Cal Poly area quite a challenge.

Campus housing assists students in locating an off-campus place to live through their web site, apartment information and automated housing phone line. Despite this help, Allen said finding housing off-campus is getting harder to do.

“We recently had an off-campus housing facility, 61 Broad, tell us that this will be the last year it will be available to students,” Allen said. “Prices are going up for off-campus housing, and finding or affording places to live can be very difficult.”

City councilman Bill Roalm said he believes Cal Poly should be able to provide housing for more students. “It would be desirable to have 20 percent of the student enrollment living on campus,” Allen said.

Allen said he proposed the building of a housing environment that would be attractive to returning students.

Currently, the North Mountain halls are designated for returning and transfer students and are modeled after apartment complexes.

Sierra Madre and Yosemite halls host a First-Year Experience Program for students, and the six South Mountain dorms “red bricks”) each host a Living-Learning program that could be done in programs are ideal for students who enjoy the conveniences of on-campus living. He urges new students to go through the first-year experience program, which integrates them with the community and campus, and then return for a second and possibly third year on campus in either the South Mountain or Sierra Mountain halls. This could then be followed by another year when the option of moving into an on-campus apartment would be available.

Among the California State Universities, Cal Poly has the second-highest on-campus housing occupancy rate at 17 percent. Humboldt State finishes in the lead with 19 percent occupancy, though its enrollment of 7,000 students last fall quarter was much less than Poly’s 16,800.

“The housing department’s goal is to have 20 percent of the student enrollment living on campus,” Allen said.

Allen said there is an over-demand for places to live. Allen said: “Anything that could be done to relieve that is going to help.”

“System would support our campus housing program in a different way than it’s being supported now.” Allen said. “As long as the programs on campus are strong, students will continue and there will be a need for more housing for the students.”

According to Allen, the housing department would have to take out a loan to fund the development, which would be paid off over time with student housing fees.

“What we charge for students to be here is what it will cost to pay off and maintain the units,” Allen said, emphasizing that the housing complex is not out to make money.

This year’s on-campus housing units have 2,800 bed spaces, 2,100 of which are filled by new students.

“Housing costs are so high, I’m not sure if I’m going to want to live on campus again, but I’m sure I’d check the new complexes out.”

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ever get their money back," she said.

People often don't get their money back, and there's a further problem: Most scamming services never get caught and continue to collect money.

Most victims of phony scholarship services do not contact authorities because their losses usually are less than $50, and rarely exceed $200, said Patricia Leigh of the FTC's Seattle regional office.

Student complaints to Cal Poly administration about bogus scholarship services are rare. "Once in the last couple of years, I had a student report a problem. The student had paid money and could not get it back," said Laura Domeit, assistant director of scholarships and special programs in the financial aid office.

But for the phony company, it all adds up. The typical scholarship scam receives 5,000 to 6,000 sales responses, according to the FTC. Even at a minimal $20 fee, the scholarship company has duped students out of $100,000, with one little scam.

The FTC reports those types of scams have proliferated as college costs have increased at nearly triple the growth rate of median household incomes. It estimates that consumers lose "tens of millions a year" to financial aid service frauds.

Scam businesses are easy to set up because "they can be run out of the trunk of a car," Leigh said. "It is difficult to catch a good scam artist. They change business names often, use post office boxes, and keep moving."

As part of the "Project School­scam" campaign launched last year, the FTC is pursing and

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"Two-bedroom apartments are all we have now," Frichette said. "There's currently 123 students on the waiting list for an apartment."

Frichette agreed with Allen's plan to designate the Cal Poly development for upper-division students only.

"It's much easier to build the needed base community in a typical residence hall, rather than an apartment complex," he said. "When freshmen move directly into apartments, it's hard to get to know anyone."

To assist him in investigating the level of interest among students and the overall opinions about the proposal, Allen said several on-campus organizations like ASI and the Interhall Council will be talking with students and reporting back to him.

"I welcome any students to offer input," he said. "I want to know what the students think."

Samuel Tang, an architecture senior, and animal science senior Lori Newhouse approached the topic of the proposal with different thoughts.

"I think it will be beneficial because a lot of students are having trouble finding housing," Tang said. "Though I was ready to get off campus, I wish I had the conveniences of being on campus again."

Newhouse, on the other hand, expressed concern about building more housing on campus land.

"I think more housing is needed," she said. "But I think they should build them off campus instead of taking away more of Cal Poly's agricultural land."

The current proposed sight for the new housing is behind the North Mountain halls, toward Poly Canyon.

Councilman Roamlain's statement about the need for more student housing addressed the idea of zoning city land for Cal Poly to build, but he said the impact on traffic and air pollution would cause the process to develop very slowly.

"The best location for student housing would be on the jobs are, and students' jobs are on campus going to school," Roamlain said. Updated information about the housing development project is available on the web at www.housing.calpoly.edu or by phone at extension 65700.

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**Warrants reveal suspected porn link in Ramsey case**

By Jennifer Mears

**BOULDER, Colo. — From the beginning, authorities suspected JonBenet Ramsey had been sexually abused and examined whether there was a link between her death and child pornography.**

Investigators seized computers, disks, keyboards and other computer equipment from the Ramsey home in the days following the slaying, because "the relation of computers to crimes of a sexual nature is common," says one of the warrants.

So far, however, investigators have failed to turn up any evidence of child pornography, according to the district attorney's office.

The 65 pages released Monday reveal an early suspicion that 6-year-old JonBenet was the victim of a sex act. It also reveals that investigators had an immediate — and unusual — interest in the family, said University of Colorado Law Professor Christopher Mueller.

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I wrote this on my laptop while listening to Dvorak symphonies on CD. The incredible developments in micro-electronics that make that all possible is a direct consequence of the space race, our nation's need to beat the Soviet Union to the surface of the moon.

October 4, 1957. I remember well the day that I became the defining moment in science education in this half century. I was in high school. I had a date, which in itself was a very rare event. While waiting for her to arrive, I heard the announcement. The news was on the television in her living room. The Russians had successfully launched an artificial satellite.

Tracking stations monitored its passing every 90 minutes. It was in orbit. I was in shock; excited, enthralled and fascinated. It is hard to find the words that come close to expressing the feelings. For the first time in history, man had just broken free of earth's gravity. (That was not really true, of course, but I did not know it at the time.) It was just as Isaac Newton had conceived it nearly three centuries prior. If an object was given a high enough initial speed and the proper trajectory, it could be in a continual state of freefall. The immediate reaction, however, was typical of the way we always react to news of monumental events especially ones that are perceived as catastrophic. Denial.

Those of us that remember November 22, 1963 will forever recall the helpless feeling at the initial news reports of that day. Surely it could not be true. It was the 20th century, after all. And presidents do not get shot in the 20th century. The reaction to the news of an orbiting Soviet satellite was similar.

It must be a hoax, I thought. Man has never sent anything into space before, at least not outside our atmosphere and certainly not into orbit. Our rockets are not that powerful. Surely their technology is not superior to ours. They must have made the announcement to the world to gain an enormous propaganda coup, to frighten eastern Europe into submission to the great Soviet superpower.

But how would we ever know? Even the Russians claim that the satellite is no larger than a grapefruit. How would we possibly know if they were telling the truth? That must be it. They claim to have orbited a satellite and will forever claim to have been first, even after we actually accomplish the task. And we will not be able to deny it. But we have tracking stations picking up radio signals exactly as they had said. How did they do that? Could they have also tricked our tracking stations into believing they had detected a signal from an orbiting satellite?

Those were my initial thoughts, as well as those of an entire nation in fact, of the entire free world? Why? Because this was the very same Soviet nation that tested megaton yield thermonuclear devices, had only one year earlier rolled their tanks into Hungary and whose Premier would say on the floor of the United Nations "We will bury you!" And we knew that any country capable of placing an object in orbit around the earth just as the moon is in orbit around the earth could also launch the very same rockets laden with warheads that could conceivably bury us.

With all of that in mind, I still hoped that the news was true. To me, it was one of the most exciting events imaginable. I did not yet know that I wanted to be a physicist. I had not yet conceived that I would spend my entire adult life at a university. But the idea that man could not only understand why a satellite could orbit the earth, but could also DO it so intrigued that it drove science education for the next two decades. It drove students to want to participate in the adventure. It drove colleges and universities to revise their science curricula. And it drove the government to increase its funding for both pure and applied research as a way to regain our technological advantage over the Soviet Union.

I, and probably most of this country's science and engineering faculties, can trace much of our academic and professional interests and opportunities at least in part, to October 4, 1957.

Ronald Brown is a physics professor.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Too many important decisions made during the summer months**

**Editor,**

A number of things disturb me about Cal Poly's decision to give Pepsi the soft drink beverage monopoly on campus.

The decision was made during the summer when most faculty and students are not on campus or in town. All President Cindy Estani said every effort was made to notify student groups affected by the decision. She was a student of mine, and I have no doubt that she is being truthful. But the university sought bids on this particular contract. At least not earlier, so that student and faculty might have had some input into the decision! I have been a faculty member for 27 years and by remarkable coincidence, controversial matters are routinely made during the summer.

There seems to be little attention focused on the reasons behind the Pepsi deal. The reason that is the Ozie Smith proposal is to participate or raise some $1 million for the Cal Poly sports complex fell apart. Moreover, to put it kindly, the university officials were not entirely forthcoming about the real nature of the Smith contract.

I think that the Athletic Program is a huge drain on Poly's and financial resources. Some of the great scientific university have long recognized this. As far as I know, MIT and Cal Tech have no regrets about not having inter-collegiate athletics.

Brent Marcus (September 25) complained about paying for something and not getting it. He forgets that the taxpayers subsidize all students by 83% of their cost of his education. But students are (implicitly) right about not having more faculty so that students can graduate before they become senior citizens.

Carl Lutrin is a political science professor.

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**Student pleads to Utilidor: safety first**

**Editor,**

Please, please, please do something about the dangerous situation at California Boulevard behind the football stadium.

Since connecting it through to Perimeter Drive the volume of automobile traffic has increased tremendously.

Add to it the construction of a parking structure on the old tennis courts and Utilidor activities, the road has become increasingly hazardous.

I suggest a few crosswalks be put in for the multitude of pedestrians crossing there daily. Bike lanes should also be added to this stretch.

Eric Covington is an environmental engineering student.
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"To sell Guy" Frank Colobrese shows his stuff just like he does on the new Discovery Channel TV show, "Gimme Shelter."

"Everything's going really well, and we're all quite happy with how it's turning out," Baer said.

Calobrese is happy too. And he hinted at the possibility of going on to bigger and better things.

"This might be a break for me. That's what I'm hoping," Baer said. "I'll have a tape of myself on the Discovery Channel in ten weeks which will be seen by potentially 65 million people. So I'll be able to go to a producer and say, 'well, do you have any roles for such and such, or is there a TV show I could get on.' You never know."

But Calobrese is quick to say that he's not expecting to turn Mr. Hollywood.

"I'm definitely not Tom Cruise. I mean, I just turned 51, I'm bald. I'm middle aged — for me, this is kind of like a mid-life crisis." Calobrese said. "Only I didn't go out and buy a Jaguar, and I don't have a 22-year-old in my arms."

Boulder home on Dec. 26, about eight hours after Patsy Ramsey said she found a ransom note demanding $118,000.

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Health Center head nurse

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the spread of HIV. Then, she tells them the result. If it is negative, Cirone tries to reinforce the safer sex goals the patient first discussed in pre-counseling. If it is positive, she assists the person in getting a medical evaluation to see where to begin treatment.

"The people who find out they are negative are really pleased," Cirone said. "They say they'll really start taking care of themselves, and won't repeat any risky behavior. They take it as a preventive measure."

Of the 10 anonymous tests done each week since April, no one has tested positive for HIV. But Perez cautioned students against developing a false sense of assurance by assuming everyone is "clean."

Cirone said the number of people who seek testing is split because that's the crime scene." She doesn't assume the viewer knows everyone who comes in is a student, since they never ask, but Perez said that even though she has tested appears to be a student. Cirone said "The people worry about their privacy truly being protected."

"Confidentiality is the most important aspect of our license," she said. "And we'd not want to violate that." Other HIV testing options include confidential testing, where the patient makes an appointment using their name, and takes a blood test at the lab. The charge is about $10, and there is less pre- and post-counseling for the patient. The results are put on the patient's chart, but are not released, even to insurance companies, unless the patient gives permission.

Free, anonymous testing is also available at the County Health Department.

HIV tests should be taken six months after risky behavior, which would give the body enough time to build the antibodies which the tests detect.

One Cal Poly student, a nutrition science junior, took the confidential test recently, because she said she had been careless in the past, and needed peace of mind.

"Just in case I wanted to start something with someone else, I wanted to know if I was clean," she said.

During her annual gynecological exam at the Health Center, she requested an HIV test. She was told it would take a week for the results, and while she could get all her other test results over the phone, she would have to come in for her HIV test results.

"During that week you think of all the possibilities," she said.

Getting her negative result brought a lot of relief. She said she promised herself she would adopt more careful habits and stay clean with her new lease on life.

"Don't be scared (to get tested)," she said. "Once you get a negative result, you can breathe a sigh of relief and get on with your life."
Doctors find new AIDS drugs don't work in about half of all patients

By Daniel Honey
Associated Press

TORONTO — Widely heralded new AIDS treatments that seemed to stop the virus' advance and revive patients from near death are now beginning to fail in about half of all those treated, doctors said Monday.

The disappointing reports suggest the tough virus is coming back after being knocked briefly into submission, just as many experts feared it would.

"Over the past year, we had a honeymoon period," said Dr. Steven Deeks. "The epidemic will likely split in two, and for half the people we will need new therapeutic options."

Deeks presented data from the University of California at San Francisco's large public AIDS clinic at San Francisco General Hospital.

Prescriptions of so-called three-drug cocktails — two older AIDS drugs plus one of the new class of medicines called protease inhibitors — have clearly revolutionized AIDS care. In many places, more than 90 percent of AIDS patients are taking these combinations, and typically people start on them as soon as they learn they are infected, even before they get sick.

Patients whose disease-fighting T cells were ravaged by HIV have gotten out of bed, regained normal lives and even gone back to work. However, many worried from the start that the virus would eventually grow resistant to the protease inhibitors and resume its insidious destruction.

The latest data, presented Monday at an infectious disease conference sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology, suggests this is indeed happening regularly.

Deeks and colleagues reviewed the records of 136 HIV-infected people who started on protease inhibitors in March 1996, when Crixivan and Norvir, the first two powerful protease inhibitors, came on the market.

Most patients responded dramatically. Their virus levels dropped so low they could not be found on standard tests. But since then, the virus has returned to detectable levels in 53 percent.

Although this is ominous, no one knows exactly what causes it.

"All of our failures are clinically feeling very well," said Deeks. "It's very important to understand we have no idea of the prognosis of people who have resistant virus."

Deeks said other large AIDS clinics are having similar experiences, although his is the first to present the data publicly.

"There is a whole mixture of explanations" for the failures, said Dr. David Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City.

He said that for people who had relatively low virus levels when they started taking the drugs and had not used other AIDS medicines, failure almost always means they did not take their pills on schedule. Even missing a few doses can ruin the treatment.

"Compliance is absolutely critical," Deeks said. "When we say compliance, we mean rigid adherence to over 20 pills a day."

Also at high risk of failure are those who were on other AIDS drugs before starting protease inhibitors or whose T cell counts were very low.

Deeks said his data are far different from the carefully controlled drug experiments sponsored by pharmaceutical companies to demonstrate the medicines' potential. These studies show far more encouraging results.

Among the longest-running of these is a study of 26 patients who have been taking Crixivan, AZT and 3TC. Dr. Roy Gullik of New York University said Monday that after almost two years, the virus is still undetectable in 22 of them, or 79 percent.

Deeks said real-world experiences are not as promising as the trials because patients in the studies are less sick to start with and are highly motivated to scrupulously follow their drug regimens.

By Joseph Scannell
Associated Press

PARIS — Investigators Monday broadsided Princess Diana's wrecked Mercedes back to the tunnel where she was killed in an apparent attempt to reconstruct the fatal accident.

The tunnel was reopened to traffic at 1:30 a.m. — 5 1/2 hours after the reconstruction began — and investigators left without comment.

Reconstructions are typically used by French authorities to resolve inconsistencies in testimony and test various theories.

Police are looking into the possibility that a second car was involved in the crash. They are searching for the owner of a small car, probably a Fiat Uno, that may have sideloaded the Mercedes, causing it to veer out of control.

In an effort to keep onlookers and journalists away, police closed off sidewalks near the tunnel Monday evening, parked large trucks to block the view and even searched nearby bushes to make sure no one was watching.

The approach to the tunnel was blocked off all the way back to the Place de Concorde — not far from the Ritz Hotel, where the Mercedez began its fateful journey. Traffic was backed up on an adjoining road and some cars slowed down to watch the operation — causing at least one minor collision. No one was hurt.
Crime committed by seniors rising

**Advances in technology blamed for increase in elderly crime**

By Cassandra Sweet
Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Though still uncommon, crimes committed by people over 60 are on the rise in California.

According to state Department of Justice statistics, 3,967 crimes were committed by senior citizens last year — up from roughly 3,500 in both 1994 and 1995.

In California, seniors — representing 14 percent of the population — accounted for less than one percent of arrests involving major crimes. Of 448,849 felony arrests in the state in 1996, just 3,967 involved seniors.

Experts say these offenders are usually either first-time offenders or chronic criminals. The frequent criminals are the easy ones to figure out.

"There are career criminals who keep going like the Energizer Bunny into late age," said John D. Conley, senior assistant district attorney for Orange County. Among those was Joseph Titton, 71, of Anaheim, who was shot and killed by police last year after allegedly robbing a bank. Titton had pleaded guilty to a bank robbery in 1988 in Buena Park and was indicted on check-forgery charges in 1983.

But first-time offenders such as Ray Roeger confused authorities. Last week, the 77-year-old former Seal Beach planning commission member was arrested for robbing a Huntington Beach bank at gunpoint. He has no criminal record and robbed the bank after drinking with friends all afternoon.

As with younger offenders, alcohol and substance abuse, and certain medications can prompt erratic behavior, but the motivations are usually more complex, experts say.

"It seems like a breakdown in community for the older person," said Fred Young, an assistant professor of gerontology at the University of Southern California. "If they were connect ed to their friends and family and being cared for, you wonder if these desperate measures would be their first choice."

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Vey iz Mir: Jewish astronaut settles in aboard space station

By Moroa Dunr
Associated Press

He just started his four-month stay aboard Mir and already he has a holiday coming up. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

Astronaut David Wolf's mother doubts her son — the first Jewish American to live on the Russian space station — will be able to take time off to observe Rosh Hashanah this week or the rest of the Jewish High Holy Days.

"Maybe he'll get a vision of the High Holidays closer to heaven," thought.

And mezuza. She was more interested in whether he remembered to take his screwdriver for the inevitable space station repairs. He did.

When he flew on space shuttle Columbia in 1990, Wolf took up a Torah pointer and a shofar, the ram's horn that is blown to announce the new year, for Indianapolis' Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, where he had his bar mitzvah 28 years ago.

This time, the synagogue gave him a mezuza, which he will return early next year and affix to a new educational wing. "Since Mir is going to be David's home, we thought it would be appropriate," said Rabbi Sandy Sasso.

She and her rabbi husband, Dennis, offered a special prayer for Wolf during a Sabbath service attended by the astronaut's parents and grandmother on Sept. 20, five days before he left for Mir aboard space shuttle Atlantis.

The opening verse of the Shema, the prayer that is tucked inside the mezuza, is, "Hear, O Israel, the lord our God, the lord is one" — an especially fitting line considering how borders and divisions are invisible from space, the rabbis said.

Wolf also took up a mezuza for the Jewish nursing home in

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Trial begins for teen charged in boarding school killing

Associated Press

WAYNESVILLE, Mo. — A California teenager faces life in prison with no chance of parole if convicted of killing a classmate at a Baptist boarding school for troubled youths in southeast Missouri.

Jury selection was completed Monday afternoon in the first-degree murder trial of Joseph Stanley Burris, 16, of Granada Hills. He is the second teen to stand trial in the death of William A. Futrelle II, 16, of Boca Raton, Fla.

Anthony Gene Rutherford, 19, Solso Springs, Ark., was convicted in a bench trial in May and sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole. Burris, who was 15 at the time of the killing, has been certified to stand trial as an adult.

State law prohibits the state from seeking the death penalty for those who are younger than 16 at the time of the offense.

Futrelle was attacked on March 25, 1996, at the Mountain Park Baptist Church and Boarding Academy near Patterson, about 110 miles south of St. Louis. His throat was slashed with a pocket knife and he was beaten about the head, apparently to keep him from disclosing a bizarre plot to take over the school, authorities said.

Authorities said the boys killed Futrelle because they thought he would get in the way of their plans. Burris pleaded innocent and innocent by mental disease or defect.

"The primary emphasis will be on the not guilty by mental disease or defect," said Burris’ lawyer, James Bowles of Piedmont.

The trial, which is being held in Pulsaski County on a change of venue from Wayne County, is expected to continue through Friday.

Wayne County Prosecutor Joe Kiser said he expects to call to the stand a dozen witnesses. The evidence will be similar to that presented in May during Rutherford’s trial.

In that trial, Kiser relied heavily on a pocket knife believed to be the murder weapon and the videotaped confession that Rutherford gave to police. Rutherford admitted hitting Futrelle with a brick, but said it was Burris who cut Futrelle’s throat.

Burris was ruled likely he would call five to seven witnesses.

A third suspect, also from California, has been committed to the Missouri Division of Youth Services until age 18 on the charge of felony concealing a crime.

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KSA will be conducting interviews at Cal Poly.

October 21 and 22, 1997
Lights out for the Boston Garden

By Richard Lent
Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston Garden is officially in the hands of the wreckers. Two years after the old arena was closed to the public, its maintenance crew turned off the lights and locked up its last time before the yearlong demolition begins.

"That's it," said Rudolph "Spider" Edwards, as he reengaged a pulley on the doors leading to the floor where he had watched Bill Russell and Bobby Orr play.

Edwards spent 33 years on the Garden crew before moving to the adjacent FleetCenter, along with the Bruins and Celtics on Sept. 29, 1995.

Mustang Daily Sports
Giving you all the news on Cal Poly Sports

Longtime electrician Bobby Hall clicked off the main lights, bank by bank, until only a pale glow shone over the peeling yellow paint, stacks of chairs and empty trash cans.

Cables that had held up the scoreboard hung limply in the center of the arena. The FleetCenter management is looking to give the arena new life.

By day's end, workers were to begin sawing off the building for removal of asbestos and other materials.

The building itself is scheduled to be ripped apart section by section in January. Nine months later, it should be reduced to a vacant lot.

A high-rise hotel, residential, office and retail complex is expected to rise in its place.

The Garden was dedicated Nov. 14, 1928. President Coolidge switched on the lights from the White House. A boxing match opened the arena a few days later.

The Bruins and Celtics were the main tenants, winning enough championships over the years to give the Garden mythical status. Elvis Presley played there. No one did the Beatles, and almost every other top pop act of the 1960s, '70s and '80s.

"You don't see arenas like this any more. They're gone, the way of the past," Hall said. "Like everything, the time has come. You've got to go with the new."
SPORTS

Mustangs overcome doubts

Johnson, McCoy suspended by UCLA

Marked Quares, Harry Hudly, Brett Sogaser and Osbaldo Orozco tackle the Mustangs' opponent to the ground when Cal Poly defeated Western New Mexico, 24-14 on September 20.

By Kimberly Kanny
Daily Sports Editor

Undaunted, but many still question if they are unbeatable. People have underestimated the Cal Poly Football team, which improved to 4-0 for the first time since 1990.

It is also the best start since moving to Division I-AA in 1994.

Since moving to Division I-AA, the Mustangs are 11-13 against Division I-AA schools. Cal Poly has played only one Division I-A school, Idaho in 1990. The Mustangs lost the game 38-23.

Against Division II schools, Cal Poly is 6-2 with losses coming against Humboldt State in 1994 and U.C. Davis in 1995.

Many say the real test will come this weekend when the Mustangs head to Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Saturday's game against St. Mary's was the first Division I-AA team the Mustangs have faced this season. Cal Poly won the game 24-14 despite turnovers and penalties.

The Mustangs held St. Mary's to just 80 yards rushing.

Some wide receiver Kamal Lord became Cal Poly's all-time career touchdown receptions leader with his 26th career touchdown reception in the second quarter. He broke Debbie Martin's school record of 19. Lord also tied the school record for career receptions with three in the game, giving him 145 for his career. He is already the school leader in career yards with 2,538.

As Cal Poly began its 79th year of football, controversy surrounded the selection of head coach Larry Welsh in the spring to lead the Mustangs after former coach Andy Patterson took a position with the New England Patriots.

Critics, including players, doubted Welsh's ability to adapt to a college football program from the high school level. Welsh, the fifth winningest coach in California High School history with a compiled 192-75-1 record in 19 years at Atascadero High School, has continued his winning ways.

The last four head coaches have enjoyed winning seasons in their first years at Cal Poly. The Mustangs' winningest coach of all time, Joe Harper was 7-3 in his first year as coach back in 1965. Lyle Netserich was 7-3 in 1987, and Patterson was 7-4 in 1994.

Everything isn't perfect on the Mustangs' sidelines. Sophomore defensive back Kiko Griffin, who leads the team with two interceptions, injured his shoulder vs. Western New Mexico and is questionable that he will play at New Mexico State University. This Saturday, junior linebacker Kevin Rideout is out with a knee injury in the first game.

The key is that the Mustangs have managed to come through when the heat is on. Cal Poly has come away with points in 10 of 14 tries when inside the opponents' 10-yard line. On the flip side, the Mustangs' defense have held opponents to just five scores in 10 tries when inside the Cal Poly 20-yard line.

Cal Poly is ranked second nationally in kickoff returns and third in net punting. Junior punter Alan Beilke leads the Mustangs in kicking. He is 4 for 6 in kicking field goals this year including 2-for-2 last week vs. St. Mary's. He is the seventh Mustang in history to kick 10 field goals in a season (1990).

Los Angeles — Swingman Kris Johnson and center Jalani McCoy, who helped UCLA within a victory of a Final Four berth last season, have been suspended indefinitely from the team.

The players were suspended for violation of athletic department policies and team rules and will not be allowed to participate in any team activities, director of athletics Peter T. Dalla said Monday in a statement.

There is a possibility the two may be reinstated at a later date, the statement said, adding that university policy precludes discussion of details regarding the suspension.

"Kris and Jalani have the support of our basketball family, as well as of the athletic department," UCLA coach Steve Lavin said. "My hope is that they will do what is required of them so that we will be able to consider reinstating them at a later date.

"Obviously, they were a key part of our nucleus for the upcoming season. Our two remaining seniors—Toby Bailey and J.R. Henderson will have to lead what is suddenly a very young team, but we are used to overcoming adversity." According to Levon's latest year's team is guard Brandon Loyd, who played in 35 games last season as a reserve, and Sean Furrham, who played in just nine games.

Incoming scholarship freshmen are point guards Baron Davis and Karl Watson, shooting guard Rico Hines, swingman Billy Knight, and forward Travis Reed.

In addition, the Bruins will have transfer Kevin Daley, a forward who sat out last year after playing at Nevada for one season.

Johnson, a 6-foot-4 senior, played in 31 games last season despite being bothered by a nagging ankle injury. Used primarily as a sixth man, he averaged 10.3 points and 3.0 rebounds and led the Pac-10 in free throw percentage at .815 percent.

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