

# Health Center advocates help before illness

by JANET McBRIEN

Preventive medicine is especially important to the students of today because they will be the leaders of tomorrow.

This is the philosophy that is guiding the Health Center in its attempt to broaden its public health education and treatment program.

Staff physician Eugene Madsen explained, "If students are provided with a learning experience in health they will carry that knowledge with them and as they grow older it will continue to affect them and their total family environment."

"Instead of just reaching a single personality we feel we will have reached many."

Government encouraged programs known as Health Maintenance Programs have discovered that preventive medicine pays big dividends in areas other than better health. It is a practical way of combating ever rising health care costs.

"Early detection and prevention can prevent the costs of hospitalization or a lengthy illness," said Madsen, explaining how the system worked.

"For example we can prevent strep throat from turning into rheumatic fever by simply detecting it early enough through throat cultures," he continued. "We can do 1,000 throat cultures for much less than it costs to care for a single patient with rheumatic fever."

The Health Center is following the national trend towards preventive medicine and has already set up many programs to deal with it. Some of these include a campaign against venereal disease, a program designed to submit suggestions to coaches to lessen the number of athletic injuries, a display on crabs (a disease that has reached epidemic proportions here), an effort to educate students of the possibility of genetic damage by continued use of alcohol or drugs as well as a program headed by Dr. Grant Miller to ease the apparent tension on campus evidenced by the recent rash of suicides.

"There are many areas that (continued on page 3)

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Cal Polys' award-winning Mousetrap.

photo by JOHN GORDON

## 'Trap snaps up Princess prize

The combined effort of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Pomona resulted in the award of the ninth major prize in ten years at the 86th annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

The Cal Poly entry, "Building a Better Mousetrap," was awarded the Princess Award for the best use of animation in the parade. The float depicted a scholarly professor attempting to capture an elusive mouse with a complex mousetrap.

According to Bob Indergand, chairman of the committee which prepared the float, funding was provided by both school student bodies and through money raised by fund raising activities.

Indergand said that the Poly entry was the only one built from the ground up and decorated by students that volunteer their time.

The 100 Poly students from both campuses volunteered an average of 280 hours in the construction and preparation of the entry. These individuals donated weekends as well as part of their Christmas vacation time getting the float ready for the 5-mile long parade down Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena New Year's Day.

Not only does Cal Poly build the float but also grows most of the many varieties of flowers used in its decoration.

## Poly term papers 'clean'

The illegal activities of a Los Angeles-based firm which sells term papers and other written materials students can submit for academic credit have not been a problem at Cal Poly.

Dr. Everett M. Chandler, dean of students at Cal Poly, said he has not been able to locate any cases of such material having been turned in for credit, but quickly pointed out that any such reports would have to come from the university's faculty.

"Since they are the individuals who would have to recognize illegally prepared material, we have to rely on their judgement in reporting such instances," Dean Chandler said.

One reason the activities of Research Assistance, Inc. and Berkeley Research Library, a subsidiary, have not been a problem at Cal Poly is their advertising material has not been accepted for publication by Mustang Daily.

"When advertising was first submitted, we pointed out that the activities of these and similar firms are illegal and the editorial and advertising staff of Mustang Daily cooperated by refusing them," the dean added.

The legality of the operations of Research Assistance, Inc., came to question again in early December when a preliminary injunction against the Los Angeles

firm barred its selling written materials which students might submit for academic credit.

The action was sought by the Board of Trustees of The California State University and

Colleges against Research Assistance, Inc., under 1972 legislation introduced at the request of the trustees.

Norman L. Epstein, vice (continued on page 2)

## New limits on vet benefits

Veterans planning to travel or establish residence overseas should first check with the Veterans Administration on what benefits are available. Under law, the VA cannot provide certain benefits in foreign countries.

The Veterans Administration also advises vets to obtain a statement of their service-connected disabilities from the VA office. In an emergency, an eligible veteran is entitled to VA-paid hospitalization for service-connected conditions if the veteran or a representative presents the VA statement and an application for medical services to the U.S. embassy or consular office within 72 hours after hospitalization.

In the United States, veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities are eligible on a space available basis, and only if they

are unable to pay for private treatment. Overseas however, care for veterans with non-service-connected disabilities is available only in the Philippines at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Manila.

Other conditions for overseas veterans are as follows: Only veterans who are retired service personnel are eligible for medical benefits from military hospitals and clinics.

Education benefits are available overseas to eligible veterans, spouses, widows, widowers and children pursuing degrees in VA approved foreign schools.

Compensation and pension checks may be mailed to most overseas addresses, but G.I. home loans are not available to veterans living in foreign countries.

## The community calendar

The selection process for a new department head, senior projects and internships will be explained at the Journalism Dept. meeting tonight at 7:30 in Library 126.

New faculty members will be introduced and the editors of Mustang Daily and Outpost, and the manager of radio station KCPR will explain how each organization functions.

The meeting is sponsored by the campus chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, Society of Professional Journalists. All students are invited. Refreshments will be provided.

"Barber of Seville," one of Gioacchino Rossini's greatest works of opera, will be staged at Cuesta College by the Western Opera Theatre Saturday 8 p.m. in the Cuesta College Auditorium.

Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and children. Tickets are on sale at the Cuesta College Community Services Office, or at the door the evening of the opera.

Charlie Chaplin comedy, starring the dawdling man with the famous moustache, derby and cane, will begin a matinee series this Sunday in Chumash.

The opening films for the Chaplin series are The Kid and the short comedy The Idle Class. The three-month film festival will continue its 2 p.m. matinees every other weekend until March. Student admission is 75 cents and general \$1.50 for all others.

A multi-media presentation on envy and self-acceptance will be shown tonight.

The presentation, in the Cal Poly Theatre, is sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ. The public is invited. Admission will be free.

Dan Pryor, student chairman for the event, says the 84-minute show will be presented at 3 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

Titled "Empty Pockets," the multi-media presentation explores various levels of social envy through slides, film clips, cartoons, lighting effects and a soundtrack of contemporary music.

**Term paper**

**Group eyes thrills**

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 chancellor and general counsel of the state university and college system, said the injunction opens the way for legal discovery of the firm's list of customers, who may include students.

Adventure and interaction is the theme of a new kind of group experience sponsored by Cal Poly Outings.

The group will explore the

potential of creative human energy. According to Clint Callahan, organizer of the learning adventure, the group members believe that the human

spirit is capable of behavior unlimited by defined societal standards. We have this philosophy that there are no fundamental rules by which to live.

"The purpose of our first meeting will be to acquaint interested individuals with an environment in which they are able to channel thought energy into exploring new ideas," Callahan says.

The meetings, which will

continue throughout the year, will open tonight in Rm. 220 of the University Union at 7 p.m.

The meetings will be structured on a basis of sharing and communication. Included in the initial meeting will be an introductory discussion and a short movie entitled, "The Art of Adventure."

Included in the group's projected goals is an extended learning experience next Fall, which will combine an atmosphere of survival, interaction, and sharing skills on a cooperative basis.

"Our experiences and adventures together throughout the coming year will be limited only by the imagination of the individuals participating, which I hope will not be limited at all," says Callahan.

In addition to recreation and adventure, the group intends to explore human values and vitality. Ideas, skills, books, and projects will be among the interests of sharing and exploration.

"We are looking for adventurous and unconventional human spirit," Callahan says.



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# Frats to end beer sales at TGIFs

Note: This letter was originally directed to Kevin O'Connor, ASI Rep for City-County Affairs.

Editor:  
After the TG conference on Friday the 13th of December and the statement by the police chief that he has no alternative but to enforce the law regarding TGIF gatherings, Inter Fraternity Council has chosen to modify the approach to TGIFs. Starting this quarter, the hosting fraternity will refrain from selling beer on their premises. This will be an experimental attempt to see if such an action will help in improving student-community relations.

In changing the approach to TG's we will not sell any beer. Students will be responsible for providing their own refreshments, and upon arriving at the Greek house a small cover charge will be collected to cover related expenses, e.g., band and incidental damages. We realize that this action will cause inconvenience to some students and will considerably lower the possible revenues from such activity. However, we would like to continue to provide a place on Friday afternoons where students can get together, dance and generally have a good time. At the same time, we do not care to risk fraternity involvement in possible legal action. In view of the police chief's statement, it seems prudent to take the actions outlined above.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your suggestions and assistance in approaching this delicate problem. It is our hope that the ASI and the fraternities can continue to work together to improve the image of students, especially fraternity members, in the community.

Sincerely yours,  
Dee Blayman, President  
Inter Fraternity Council

# Poly students to man polls

When Santa Margarita, a small community north of San Luis Obispo, elects members to its new Advisory Council next Tuesday, Cal Poly student volunteers will be manning the polls.

Citizens from Santa Margarita have asked the Political Action Club at Cal Poly to provide students to help supervise the election.

The Advisory Committee is being formed to contribute community representation in matters of planning in Santa Margarita.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and students will work in four-hour shifts.

# Preventive

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need attention," said Madsen. "Our problem is simply to identify them and organize treatments."

"I guess simply stated it's a case of relevancy."

To determine which problems are most prevalent and deserve the most attention on campus, student input is necessary.

"Today we're in an era of consumer advocacy," said Madsen. "Doctors are sharpening their listening abilities and hearing what patients are saying. It's sort of the old suggestion box bit."

According to Madsen, the Health Center learned a lot, that big chunks in their program were missing.

"We had assumed that student interest in cancer, for instance, would be low," he said. "After all it isn't a problem that generally affects this age group. But students are asking why wait until it happens to learn about it."

Another area of great interest were problems directly related to the female. La Femme clinic was the direct result of a need expressed by female students to have a place where they can discuss and care for their personal problems.

Included in this clinic is a program for planned pregnancy. "It's not birth control because we're not trying to 'control' birth," explained Madsen.

Madsen regards an unwanted pregnancy as a failure on the part of the Health Center to reach people but also a failure on the part of the individual to take advantage of the available information.

"It's a mutual responsibility," he said. "Our job is to make the student aware of what is available but the student also has to make an investment."

To reach students the Health Center relies heavily on the mass communications. "It's obviously the most efficient manner," said Madsen. "The Health Center is trying to go out so it won't be necessary for a patient to come in for information."

At the present time the Health Center is working on developing video tapes that can be shown on television sets set up in the lobby. Already tapes are available in the La Femme clinic on how a woman should inspect her breasts for cancer.

"The Health Center is an ever dynamic, changing facility," concluded Madsen. "The new

facilities, convenient hours, as well as respect for the individual all have to deal directly with our program of preventive medicine.

"We want to encourage students to come in and find out about their problems before they can interfere with their education."

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# OSU grapplers here in crucial

In the final match of their sink or swim week the Mustang wrestlers will host always tough Oregon State Friday night.

The match will begin at 8 p.m. in the Men's Gym with the 19th ranked Beavers shooting for an upset of the 11th ranked Mustangs.

The duel with the Oregon State crew will wind up a grueling week of wrestling for Vaughan Hitchcock's team. Last Friday they dropped a 20-15 decision to No. 1 Oklahoma State in the night's final matchup.

Wednesday night they wrestled Oklahoma, the defending NCAA champions. The results were unavailable at press time and will appear in tomorrow's Mustang Daily.

If the score is close the matchup at heavyweight could be the key to victory for either team. If that's the case Oregon State should have a definite advantage.

Larry Bielenberg, who finished second in the Pac 8 and fifth in NCAA championships last season, would be up against Poly's mini-heavyweight Mike Bodine.

Bodine, who is just now managing to tip the scales at the 200 mark, has a 1-1 record going into Wednesday night's match with Oklahoma, after taking over for the injured Randy Hudson. His loss was to Oklahoma State's 280 pound Jimmy Jackson in the key matchup of the duel.



PHOTO BY MAX BOVERI

An Oklahoma State wrestler finds himself in a dangerous predicament in last Friday's match here. The top ranked cowboys de-

feated Cal 'Poly 20-15. The Mustangs wrestled Oklahoma Wednesday night and will host Oregon State in another crucial Friday at 8 p.m.

## Women's basketball team opens play at Chico State

Hoping to emulate its successful male counterparts the women's basketball team will open its 1978 campaign today.

The Mustangs will be at Cal State Chico for the tipoff tournament.

Head coach Mary Stallard will have a crew vastly lacking in game experience. Only two returning lettermen are on the ten woman squad. They are junior Cynthia Estrada, 5-10 forward from Los Angeles, and senior Vickie Wilson, 5-4 guard from Turlock.

Five freshmen are on the squad including Kathleen Bierman, 5-9 forward from Oakland, Barbara Brose, 5-5 guard, Santa Ana.

Sheryl Fertitta, 5-6 guard, San Rafael, Heather Herman, 6-0 center, Los Angeles, and Nancy Wilkins, 5-7 forward, Wasco.

There are two soph in the squad; Chris Kosik, 5-11 center from New Jersey and 5-2 guard Linda Wilson of Escondido. The lone junior is 5-10 center Kathy Scott from Orange.

The Mustangs are members of the Southern California Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCWVAC). The conference has a tournament at the end of the season with the winner advancing to a regional tournament and a shot at the national title.

The Mustangs will host a four-team round robin tournament in Crandall Gym Jan 17 and 18.

## Qualifying meet season opener for Poly spikers

A strong Cal Poly track squad will open the '78 season Saturday at the trials for the 6th Annual Examiner All-American Games at Hayward.

Meet finalists will qualify for the Examiner Games which will be held at the Cow Palace in San Francisco January 24.

Coach Steve Simmons team is coming off a third place finish in the NCAA College Division last season. The spikers set nine school records, one American Collegiate Record and three NCAA College Division Records.

Mustangs and the events they will be competing in are:

Clancy Edwards, Jim and John Pickard—60 yard dash; Mike Bartlett, Gilbert Proctor, Kerry Gold and Curtis Byrd—mile relay; Russ Grimes and Mark Davis—long jump.

## Beginning keypunch classes offered through Wednesday of next week

Beginning keypunch classes will be offered by the Association for Computing Machinery Thursday through Wednesday in Rm. 102 of the Computer Science Building.

The 15 minute sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sign-up sheets are located in the com-

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