VD: the needling dilemma

Though 50 million Americans have herpes, with an additional 300,000 cases reported each year, Cal Poly students as a whole have not had any significant problems with the venereal disease, according to the Health Center Director.

"Students are reasonably sensible," said Dr. James Nash. "Venereal disease is not a problem here...but that's not because the students have no sex life."

Nash said he was not certain why students at Poly are in a lower percentile of having VD as compared to other California universities. He noted that many Poly students are high-achievers and their drive for success gets first priority in their lives.

"Many people can't afford to goof off," he said.

"I am especially aware of that when I see the lights on in the arch building at 3 a.m." He added that students who come to San Luis Obispo to goof off are "dummies."

No Playboys

"You can't come to Poly to be a playboy," he said.

Of all the venereal diseases which are nationwide problems—gonorrhea, syphilis, scabies, crab, herpes—Dr. Nash said he does not treat the "really serious venereal diseases.

"We do have some herpes here...but personally, I don't consider it a major or serious medical disease," he said. Nash admitted the disease can be "considerably painful."

Herpes is a virus which causes infections that appear as sores. Sores about the lips are the result of Herpes I, or labial herpes. Those appearing on or around the sex organs are genital herpes, or Herpes II. Once the virus enters the body, it becomes an active infection which is capable of being passed from one person to another through sexual contact. The sores itch and burn and are often painful. Nash said they could also be accompanied by swollen glands, general muscle aches and fever.

Herpes II, the genital virus similar to the facial sores of Herpes I, has no cure at present. The disease enters the body upon direct contact with someone who is infected and shedding. There is, however, significant evidence that the disease may be contacted from toilet seats, according to Nash. He added that studies have shown it may also be transmitted through medical instruments, and the disease can survive several hours in gauze.

"The toilet seat excuse is a poor one concerning gonorrhea and syphilis though," said Nash.

Story by Jeanette Van Berkel
Photos by Alan Kennedy

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Pope closes mission to Britain

CARDIFF, Wales—Pope John Paul II closed his historic British voyage of reconciliation Wednesday as he began it, with prayers for peace in the Falkland Islands and plans for Christian unity.

"I came here as a herald of peace to proclaim a gospel of peace and a message of reconciliation and love," he said on departure for Rome after six glowing days in nine British cities—the first papal visit in the history of this predominantly Protestant nation.

Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, spiritual leader of the Church of England, said the pope came to Britain "with the grace of a pilgrim and a prophet. He has conquered hearts by his stoicism and humility."

An estimated 3 million people saw John Paul as his demanding schedule of appearances took him from churches to stadiums and ports across Britain with words of religious brotherhood for Protestants and Roman Catholics alike. Of 2.7 million Welsh men and women, 370,000 are Catholic.

Hinckley rejects offer to testify

WASHINGTON (AP) — John W. Hinckley Jr. turned down a chance to testify in his own behalf Wednesday as the prosecution began presenting evidence designed to show his attack on President Reagan was not the product of a psychotic impulse he couldn't control.

"I have no intention now of taking the stand," Hinckley told U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker.

"I have just been advised by counsel that I have no intention of taking the stand." The judge pressed the point.

"Well, is that your desire? Are you following advice of your counsel? Are you considering the advice of your counsel or are you independently making a judgment?"

Said Hinckley: "I believe both."

Reagan sets off to Paris summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan set off Wednesday on his most ambitious foreign trip, seeking to shore up the North Atlantic Alliance, win public support for his arms control proposals and stem complaints about U.S. interest rates.

"I can only tell you that I shall be more proud than I have ever been of anything to be there representing the United States," Reagan said as he left Washington for Paris and the eighth annual economic summit of the world's major industrial democracies.

In a farewell speech to top government officials, including his Cabinet and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the president joked, "Well, I've got everything packed and Nancy is upstairs unplugging the toaster. I guess we're ready to go."

During the 10-day, 10,680-mile trip, Reagan will confer with Pope John Paul II and Italian leaders in Rome and with Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in Britain. He also will attend a summit of the leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations in Bonn and visit the Berlin Wall.

The journey, Reagan's fourth out of the country during his 16½ months in office, was seen as offering the president a chance to defend his economic and explain his efforts to persuade the Soviets to join in arms reduction talks by first building up U.S. defenses.

British tighten ring on Stanley

British governors and commandos tightened the ring of fire around the Falklands capital of Stanley Wednesday and the heat of U.S. attempts to arrange a cease-fire faded.

With British ships reported hitting three miles from Stanley, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told Britain's Independent Television News, "I don't think there is anything more I can do" to avert a major battle.

In a separate interview with the British Broadcasting Corp., she said if Argentina agreed "to withdraw within the next 10 to 14 days, then there would be no need for a battle."

But she added: "I could never see that he [Argentina President Gen. Leopoldo F. Galtieri] would withdraw. That view turned out to be right. I am not very optimistic now but I never lose hope."

British war correspondents, in concealed dispatches, said some marine commandos and paratroopers were within seven miles of the Argentine defense perimeter around Stanley.

Oil companies raise gas prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Some of the nation's major oil companies raised wholesale gasoline prices as much as 2 cents a gallon Wednesday in what analysts said could be the first in a round of price hikes.

The higher prices, which consumers were expected to see soon at the pump, came as gas supplies in the United States were dropping to unusually low levels for late spring. As summer nears, demand for gasoline is expected to zoom even higher and a few large oil companies raise prices more in coming weeks, analysts said.

Warren Shimerman, who follows the U.S. oil industry for Bear, Stearns & Co., said some major retail gasoline prices to rise "a few cents" a gallon over the next several weeks as refiners try to increase profit margins.

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Student victims of VD: scared, angry, and frustrated

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Feelings of guilt
He said he has heard several patients with herpes who have had no sexual contact. Nash said those people are very hard to deal with. "They are scared and angry...who wouldn't be?" he asked. "Maybe they have these fantasies, but no sex, and now they have to feel guilty about having the disease."

Wendy Holaday of the County Health Agency said there are "a great many Poly students who come in" for checks on herpes. Though she said she felt the majority are embarrassed to go to the Health Center on campus for fear of being discovered, most come in because of ignorance.

"We have those who have had the symptoms before, and they know what's up right away," said Holaday, who is the Communicable Disease Investigator for San Luis Obispo. "Most of the people we see don't wait too long—if they've had the symptoms the first time, they come in faster the next time."

Holaday said that although the county health department "sees a lot of herpes," there's not a lot they can do about it as there is no cure. "We just try to educate some of the people and hope they'll be more careful in the future."

- Herpes is a virus which lodges in the nerve tissues of the body, according to Holaday, and the virus can come either as stress or neglect to the body. "Once you have it, there's always the chance that it's going to pop up again," she said.

A Cal Poly sophomore said he was in "tons of pain" and knew "pretty much about VD," he said. Nash said students in general didn't seem to have this attitude that "I'll never get it through some of these kids' heads that VD is a result of sex with a person who is a carrier of it. Everyone seems to have this attitude that "It will never happen to me.""

- Dr. Nash said he felt the same way concerning people who are promiscuous as an auto accident or pregnancy—it will always happen to somebody other than you. "Everyone knows...the myth about VD," he said. Both Nash and Holaday agreed that promiscuity is the major cause of VD.

Such is the case with one Cal Poly junior who said she was surprised at having caught the "social disease."

"I mean, I'm a nice girl, right?" she asked, then laughed quietly. "But then, that's everyone else's line, too. I don't know. It's like what if my parents found out? I was really surprised this guy had it, and that was one of the worst things, calling him. She said she was not so much embarrassed to go to the Health Center as she was concerned about the disease."

Not alone
"I couldn't believe it! VD killed you or not, or left you blind..." She said she was glad to have finally gotten it through her head that she is one of many in the new epidemic. "It still doesn't make up for my actions, but it helps to know that you aren't the only one, either," she said.

Nash said students in general didn't seem very interested in learning more about VD. The numerous pamphlets in the Health Center library are scarcely picked up, and the few formal seminars held in the past about VD have had little attendance. "But if Nash added, "just wait until it happens to one of them, then they want to know everything about it, plus some more..."

At present, there are no statistics about the number of people at Poly who have herpes. Nash said he is aware of
**Poly Notes**

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Ignorance and misinformation snarls VD treatment

Cal Poly student Joyce Smith peers at a seminal discharge under a microscope to detect whether a patient has contracted gonorrhea.

"It's like I can never get it through some of these kids' heads that VD is a result of sex with a person who is a carrier of it. Everyone seems to have this attitude that 'It will never happen to me.'"

Wendy Holaday
County Health Agency

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No magical cure

Holaday said people are surprised there is no cure. One Cal Poly student said he went to the county Health Department to find out if his assumption at having herpes was correct. "I was really bummed out," he said. "I was really bummed out with my girlfriend, and "contact" is the more accurate word." He said he was also advised to contact his partner or partners.

Since venereal disease is a communicable disease, it must be reported to those persons involved with the carrier. Holaday said she makes "quite a few calls to people." She said her policy is to let the patient tell his or her partners, but if the situation is too awkward or embarrassing, Holaday makes the call.

"Most people are really good about it," she said in reference to making the phone calls. "They are glad that I've contacted them and given them the word."

Freaking out

Holaday said a common venereal disease is condyloma acuminata, or VD warts. "These take up to six months of weekly treatments to be cured, but Nash said they are not always transmitted by sexual intercourse. "People freak out about them," he said, "and I've run across many who aren't sexually active who have VD warts."

Gonorrhea and syphilis, perhaps the most well-known types of VD, and also the most serious, are not "real major problems" at Poly, according to Nash.

"They're scarce," he said of the two different diseases, "but they are certainly not unheard of." Syphilis is caused by a germ called spirochetae and can involve every part of the body. It can be treated and cured, if caught early enough. Insanity, crippling paralysis, heart disease, blindness and deafness are likely to develop in its further stages. Yet, there are many who shrug it off, according to Holaday. "They just don't understand the seriousness of it," she said.

Gonorrhea, or "the clap," is a very common venereal disease, according to Holaday. It is caused by a germ called gonococcus, and it is localized in the body, unlike the spreading syphilis.

Women have a harder time detecting the signs of it, but Nash said there is a misnomer about gonorrhea and men, too. "Yes, symptomatic gonorrhea is very painful," said Nash, "but a large percentage of men have no symptoms and that's where the problem is.

Gonorrhea's problems

Nash said in the past 10 years asymptomatic gonorrhea has become more prevalent, and it is causing significant problems. Sterility can be one of the results, according to Nash. "And that's not to mention that the treatments are miserable," he said.

Women can also become sterile if the disease goes undetected, and gonorrhea can cause inflammation in the fallopian tube. "It's a painful thing all around," said Nash.

He added that many with gonorrhea in California are "part of the gay community and there are homosexuals." "It's been reported that the average repeater has eight cases of gonorrhea a year," said the Health Center director.

Gonorrhea is a curable disease, however, if it is caught early enough. In San Mateo County, gonorrhea has become more prevalent, and it is causing problems. "They have the classes...it's not a taboo subject anymore..." he said. "I guess it's the only way to go, but some people still aren't listening."

He added he was certain college educated people are less likely to contact venereal disease. "The Poly people who are sexually active are calm and sensible for the most part, an intelligent person does not have to get VD," he said.

A patient endures the longest wait of her life—waiting to hear from a Health Department counselor about the results of her venereal disease tests.

"We have to polish up our image of being pure, a simple agricultural community...and compared to other campuses in the state, we are,"

Dr. James Nash
Health Center Director

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Solar activist/department head to retire in August

BY DEBRA KAYE
Staff Writer

After teaching 38 years at the Cal Poly campuses, Environmental Engineering Department Head Walter Holtz will retire in August. He will return to teach one quarter a year, however, as provided by the Faculty Early Retirement program.

"Professor" Holtz has devoted his adult life to engineering education and made a major impact on not only the San Luis Obispo campus, but the Cal Poly Pomona campus as well," said Dean Robert Valpey of the School of Engineering and Technology.

"He brought a new awareness of the relationships between solar and more traditional heating systems and led his department into the new technology...he has been a very valuable member of the school, that's for sure," he added.

Holtz's career started after he earned his bachelor of science and master's degree in mechanical engineering and serving as a weather officer in the Army Air Corp during World War II. He worked in the aerospace and heating/air conditioning industries for five years before deciding to teach. He entered engineering education, he said, "because I felt it presented challenges and rewards unattainable in other endeavors.

Two years after he began teaching mechanical engineering at the San Luis Obispo campus, Holtz was asked by then University President Julian McPhee to serve as coordinator of engineering at the new Cal Poly Pomona campus.

In 1967, Holtz became involved in planning the new campus, $92.5 million engineering center. His duties also included engineering curriculum development, recruitment of faculty, and equipment purchasing. At Pomona he served as head of the Mechanical Engineering Department for the next 11 years, taking time out to earn a master's in nuclear engineering under a National Science Foundation fellowship and to plan a mechanical technology curriculum as a member of a Cal Poly team of consultants to the Dar-es-Salaam Technical College in Tanzania, East Africa.

Holtz is also a past member of the Academic Senate and served on the board of directors of the Cal Poly Foundation for Pomona and San Luis Obispo.

Because of enrollment restrictions, the department has not grown significantly in the number of students or staff. Holtz said, but it has expanded its offerings from concentrations in air conditioning and refrigeration and air pollution control to two options which include solar energy systems and water pollution control.

Department relations with industry and government are "very close," he said, citing as examples the recent donation of a microcomputer and software by Carrier, a nationally known firm, and air pollution monitoring equipment from the California Air Resources Board. Several scholarships at Cal Poly are also funded by industry and professional societies for air conditioning and refrigeration students.

He added that the majority of the environmental engineering students have also had job offers by graduation, not only in California but throughout the West.

Despite the problems faced during his career, Holtz said the rewards overshadowed all. He felt the greatest rewards in his time with the two campuses were "observing the growth of confidence and maturity in students as they progressed through the program...learning of the successes of our graduates in industry...and having worked with "a dedicated faculty and staff."

Any other retirement plans for this hard-working department head? "Just fishing, traveling—all the things people usually plan for retirement," he said with a shrug and a smile.

Carr leaves ASI office with satisfaction

BY PETER HASS
Staff Writer

"There was never a day that I hated it," Michael Carr said of his year as ASI Vice President. "It'll be sad to leave."

Reflecting on the past year as chair of the Student Senate, Carr said his main goal was to deal with the senators "in a personal approach."

"I think it was very successful," said Carr, known for punctuating Senate meetings with witticisms. "Everyone was very open and not intimidated by ex-ecs (officers) as they were in years past. I am confident of my rapport with each and every senator," he added.

Carr said he wanted to avoid manipulating members of the Senate. "Usually, the chair says 'hey, follow me. I'm your leader.' I think the chair should follow what the Senate wants rather than manipulating them."

Addressing his relationship with ASI President Dennis Hawk, Carr said, "Socially, we've been very close, but I don't think being 'on the outs' (as their relationship was characterized in a Mustang Daily article about Hawk) is the best term for our working relationship."

"I've tried to play devil's advocate to him so that he can break down decisions more. He can become aware of more ideas and cogitate that we may be wrong."

Carr added that the Senate has represented student views better than ever before Hawk because the senators have had input from their school councilors. Carr commented Hawk's statement that the Senate has not helped in finding the needs of students by saying "it's
tronic that Dennis is putting down these things to him from information. The Senate is probably the closest representative constituency, his closest source of student input."

"My approach to leadership is probably different than Dennis'," Carr continued. "I want to hear everyone's position, no matter how long it takes."

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One of Carr's disappointments was that student government didn't take the chance to flex its muscles by saying there are problems in the athletic budget on the minor sports issue. Carr said that task force took too long to look at the issue, but he said the senators surprised him in knowing more than they realized before the task force was created. The senators kept wanting "more educated" on the subject, which took up extra time, he said.

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By Tony Cockrell
Poly singing a happy track tune in Utah

BY ANDY BERGER

Sports Editor

"There are 16,000 fans in the track. Singing do w do dally dally then dally do dally dally. It's all those people singing."

Singing do w dally dally then dally do dally.

"If you're good we get classes that are good.

And we're good too."

Poly's women's track team, fresh from humiliating the Division II national meets last weekend in Sacramento, will send nine athletes this week to Provo, Utah, and the Div. I national championships.

The Mustangs' men's team, which got an unexpected victory Sunday in Ketlham City when the coaching staff discovered that Poly finished second, not third, at Sacramento, will have long jumper Ron Waynes as its sole representative this week at Brigham Young University.

The NCAA barons announced Saturday that Cal State Los Angeles had finished behind Allison Christian in the men's team standings, one-half point in front of the Mustangs. But head coach Tom Hender- son and assistant cross country coach Manny Bautistaversus returned the favor and found that Los Angeles had 80 points, not 95 as it was credited with. A check with Poly sports information director Steve Rutledge during a lunch break in Ketlham City verified the foul-up, and Tuesday Sacramento State sports information director Mike Duncan confirmed the final points total. Allison Christian remained the 1982 champion with 130 points, followed by Poly with 94 1/2, Cal State Northridge with 85, and Los Angeles with 80.

Mustangs women's coach Lance Harter has three Div. II national champions and nine All-Americans in his company for the four-day Div. I meet, which has the finals on Friday and Saturday nights.

Leading the Poly contingent will be Karin Smith, the 1981 and 1982 Div. II national champion and the United States collegiate record holder with a Poly best of 1:54.5. Smith's lifetime best is 1:53.8, and while she will not run the Div. II title last weekend with a head of 191-1, and all five of her legal throws surpassed the best of the secondplace finisher.

Also competing in the javelin is Danielle Barree, who finished third in Sacramento with a best of 1.974. Barree's lifetime best is 1.942, set earlier this season, and she隽 shu should be in the top six at Provo.

Amy Harper and Eileen Knaer will resume their friendly dual meet in the line. 1,000. The two had a wire-to-wire race last week, with Knaer winning her third NCAA individual championship with a lifetime best of 4:19.86, and Harper finishing an inch back in a personal record of 4:19.86.

Ester Scherzinger, the school record holder and defending Div. II champion in the 800, will put her best of 2:07.2 on the line in Utah. Scherzinger is undefeated in heats and finals in the last three weeks.

THE PEOPLE CONNECTION

Leading the Poly contingent to the national meet this week in Provo, Utah, in the background is Eileen Knaer, who is entered in the 1,500.
So now Hawk has eaten too many cookies, and rather than being constritive, he’s trying to blame someone else for his stomach ache.

ASI President Dennis Hawk’s use of a charge card for travel expenses has resulted in the Student Officers’ account being overdrawn by $1,343. ASI Controller Charles Dickey said that amount will be “about $2,000” by the end of Spring Quarter.

When confronted with the error, Hawk said the overexpenditure was Dickey’s fault. Dickey disagreed, saying, “Only one person is responsible for the travel account, and that is the person holding the card. No one can authorize the use of the charge card,” he added. “How can anyone be responsible, but the user of the card?”

The Mustang Daily Editorial Board echoes Dickey’s sentiments. Everyone who has a checking account is expected to maintain a balance that will ensure no checks bounce. This is each individual’s responsibility. Hawk’s reasoning that his overspending is Dickey’s fault is like saying that the organization you work for should be held accountable if you go on a spending spree.

To top things off, the Student Senate voted to bail out Hawk without so much as an informal reprimand. Hawk was requested to appear before Tuesday’s meeting of the Finance Committee, which he did, but the committee has not yet conclusively determined “the appropriateness of...the overexpenditures.”

Finance Committee member Steve Hausler asked Hawk: “Why didn’t you come ask for more money?” “I didn’t know where the account stood,” Hawk replied.

It doesn’t seem to be asking too much to expect someone to keep a simple running list of expenses, which in Hawk’s case included dinners at the Cigar Factory and other restaurants and bars—vaguely dubbed in the account books as “public relations.”

Hawk should be reprimanded and forced to justify the overexpenditures. Such a blatant misuse of student funds is irresponsible and immoral, and should be denounced as such.

Letters and press releases may be submitted to the Mustang Daily by bringing them to the Daily office in Room 226 of the Graphic Arts building or by sending them to: Editor, Mustang Daily, GRC 226, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. Letters must be double-space typed and include the writer’s signature and phone numbers. Editors reserve the right to edit letters for length and style, and to omit libelous statements. Letters should be kept as short as possible.

The Mustang Daily encourages readers’ opinions criticisms and comments on news stories, letters and editorials. To ensure that letters will be considered for the next edition, they should be submitted to the Daily office.

Letters
Down the drain?
Editor
The bottom line(s) to the argument about fees and tuition at the CSUC is so aptly detailed in the two rival letters by Dr. Devor and Mr. Popin may be the following:

1) Who is going to support the CSUC system? Is it going down the drain relative to where we’re at? Taxpayers (students’ parents included) supported Proposition 13, and the results are now severe budget cuts. If nothing supplements these, then...

2) What is following is a reduction in services (i.e., classes) everywhere, including here. Just come to an introductory physics class and see the students we turn away each quarter. I estimate the average student entering Cal Poly now will lose at least one quarter due to this effect. As a yearly salary of graduation of any at $15,000, this is a loss of about $4,000! I dare say there will be engineering students who will be delayed a year, thereby losing $35,000!! Could they pay an extra $100 per quarter to have the classes? So we are cutting away the academic roots of our society, and at best, students are losing money and perpetuating increased fees in a genuine false economy. The solution will come only if we all work together to convince the taxpayers that education is worth something even if it means paying for something else’s in the form of taxes.

A. J. Bevila, Ph.D. Professor of Physics

Iraqi attack
Editor
It is somewhat difficult to understand the true reasons behind the Iraqi attack on Iran because of the distortions of the mass media. But the fact of the matter is that after the superpowers failed to penetrate into the Islamic Revolution of Iran, through their economic sanctions, coup d’etat and military invasion, they decided to provoke one of their puppets in the region. The dictatorial regime of Iraq, attacked Iran in order to ruin the Islamic Revolution in Iran. The following is a list of reasons behind the Iraqi attack:

1) The superpowers had lost their interests in Iran.
2) The foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran promises neither an East nor West policy.
3) There was existence of American-oriented groups inside Iran, who tried to create chaos in order to weaken the Islamic revolution of Iran.
4) The existence of Bin Ali, the ex-president of Iraq, created a disharmony between the military and the revolutionary organizations.
5) The ideology of Islam fights against tyranny and colonisation, and becomes a turning point for the freedom and independence of all the people of the world.
6) There was the provocation of an Arab-Persian race game in order to stimulate 150 million Moslem-Arabs against Iran.

Police arrested the people that Iraq received from the military advisors of NATO promised a short victory over Iran, because Iraq enjoyed a well-equipped classical army.

With all these factors, Iran’s were only able to capture two of the border cities of Iran. At that point, they started bombing the residential areas of the cities, and wounding and killing thousands of innocent people. Meanwhile the western news media and the so-called human rights organizations remained silent.

Name withheld by request.

Is your actually graduating after all these years?
I don’t know... I’ve got a final on Wednesday.

Editor

So you’re actually graduating after all these years?

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