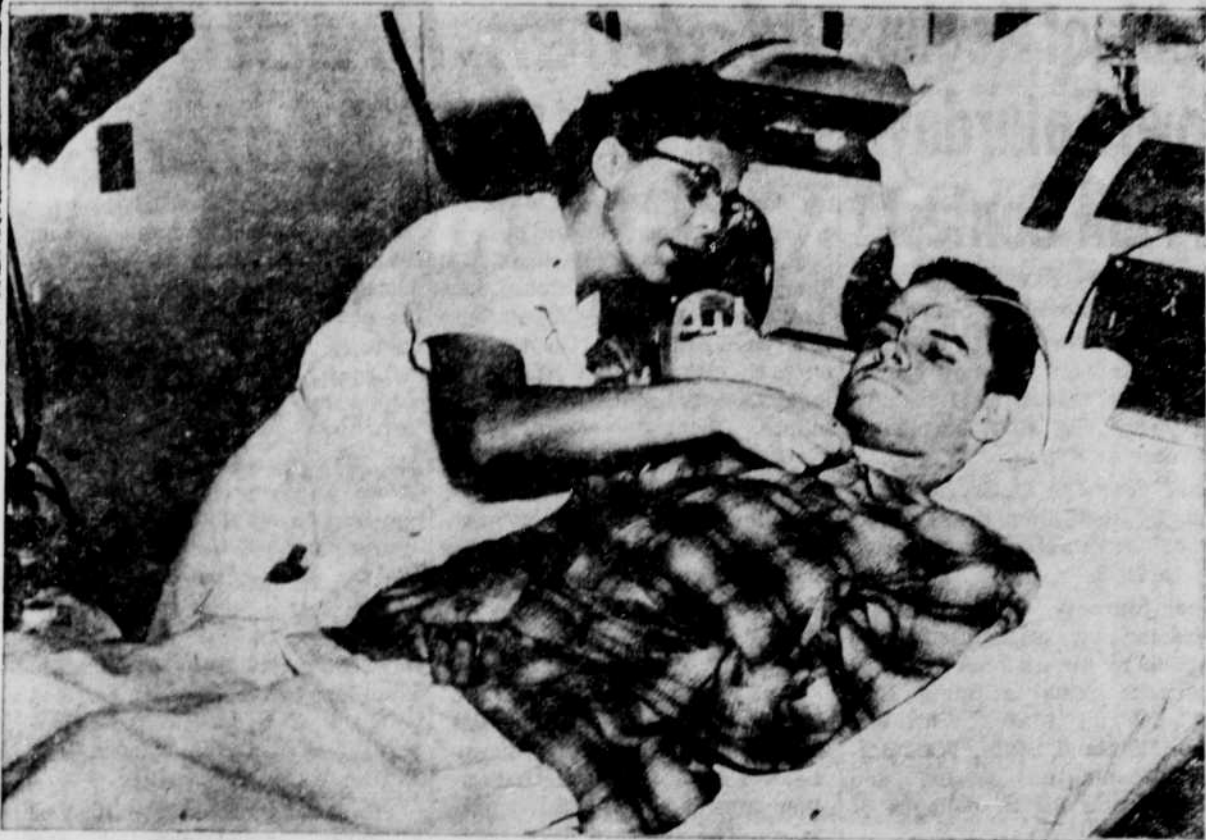




BOB DAVIS, UNIVERSITY SOPHOMORE stricken with polio early fall term, is now at Fairmont Hospital in San Leandro, Calif., receiving treatment. Bob is paralyzed in all his limbs and must be fed through a nasal tube. He is progressing, however, according to Head Nurse Ruth Griswold, who assists him. (Photo by San Francisco Call-Bulletin)

University's Polio Shot Program Unique in US

By PENNY HAYS
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The polio shot program at the University Health Service was the only one put into effect this fall in U.S. colleges, according to Health Service officials. But now, Dr. Fred N. Miller, director of the Health Service and instigator of the program, is receiving letters from other health services asking for data on setting up this benefit for students and additionally has earned high commendation for his plan.

Students at the University are offered the series of three shots for \$1 each, the cost of the serum only. In a doctor's office, the cost ranges from \$3 to \$5.

Despite this inexpensive protection, only 2035 students on this campus, or about 40 per cent of the student body, have been immunized, although the figure rises some each day.

Mrs. Caloma A. Dodge, R.N., and director of promotions for the shot program feels that the main reason students fail to come in is "because they're dilatory. They have the letters signed by their parents, but they don't come in. They procrastinate."

Shot is Painless

"Also, I think they're afraid of getting a sore arm and some are just afraid of injections. This one is painless, though," she pointed out.

If these are the reasons that many University students have failed to get their shots, perhaps they have not thought of this angle from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis:

"The hope of rapidly eliminating paralytic polio from the American scene has been seriously cut down by failure of a large percentage of Americans up to age 40 to secure vaccinations for themselves and their children."

Every shot given lessens the chance that the recipient might be a carrier of the polio virus, although he is not seriously affected by the paralyzer.

"The mere fact that we have a vaccine would indicate that we should use it — polio is in the category of a preventable disease now," says Dr. T. F. Brinton, M.D., and public relations chairman of the Lane County Medical Society.

Last year there were 15,400 cases of polio in the United

States, and 29,270 cases in 1955.

Salk vaccine has been praised by doctors to be as safe as any other immunizer. Occasionally, a person receiving a shot does contract the disease but only because of the rundown condition of his body. Even so, the person has benefited from the shot, because it guarantees that he will not be paralyzed.

University students who act now in getting their shots will be immunized during the coming summer months. There is still time for two of the series of shots with the third to be given next September at the Health Service. The fee of \$1 per shot will be taken from the breakage fee paid when the student registered. If under 21, the student

Polio Victim Davis Still in Iron Lung

By CORNELIA FOGLE
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Four months ago, Bob Davis was a University college student, a Phi Kappa Psi sophomore interested in the things which interest all college men, without a care in the world. But that was four months ago.

Since that time he has had a constant visitor, an unwanted visitor—polio. This visitor is with him 24 hours a day.

In September Davis was stricken with the dread disease while he was living at his fraternity house. He was taken immediately to Sacred Heart Hospital where his illness was diagnosed as polio. There he stayed for 11 weeks, spending the entire time in an iron lung.

Flown to California

On Dec. 1, doctors let him be moved to Highland Hospital in Oakland, Calif., near his home in Walnut Creek, Calif. He was moved in his iron lung by a Military Air Transport Service plane, which is fitted especially for medical air evacuation.

The flight, arranged through the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, was by a MATS plane due to the fact that civilian airliners are not allowed to haul anyone with a contagious disease.

By this time, Bob was so paralyzed he could not swallow.

is also required to have his parent's signature.

One final note: "It's not a question of getting the vaccine to the people. It's a question of getting the people to the vaccine."

An Army polio specialist, four attendants, and the portable iron lung saw Bob safely to Highland Hospital in Oakland. On Dec. 11 he was transferred to Fairmont Hospital in San Leandro, Calif., a polio respiratory rehabilitation center nearer his home.

Foundation Pays Cost

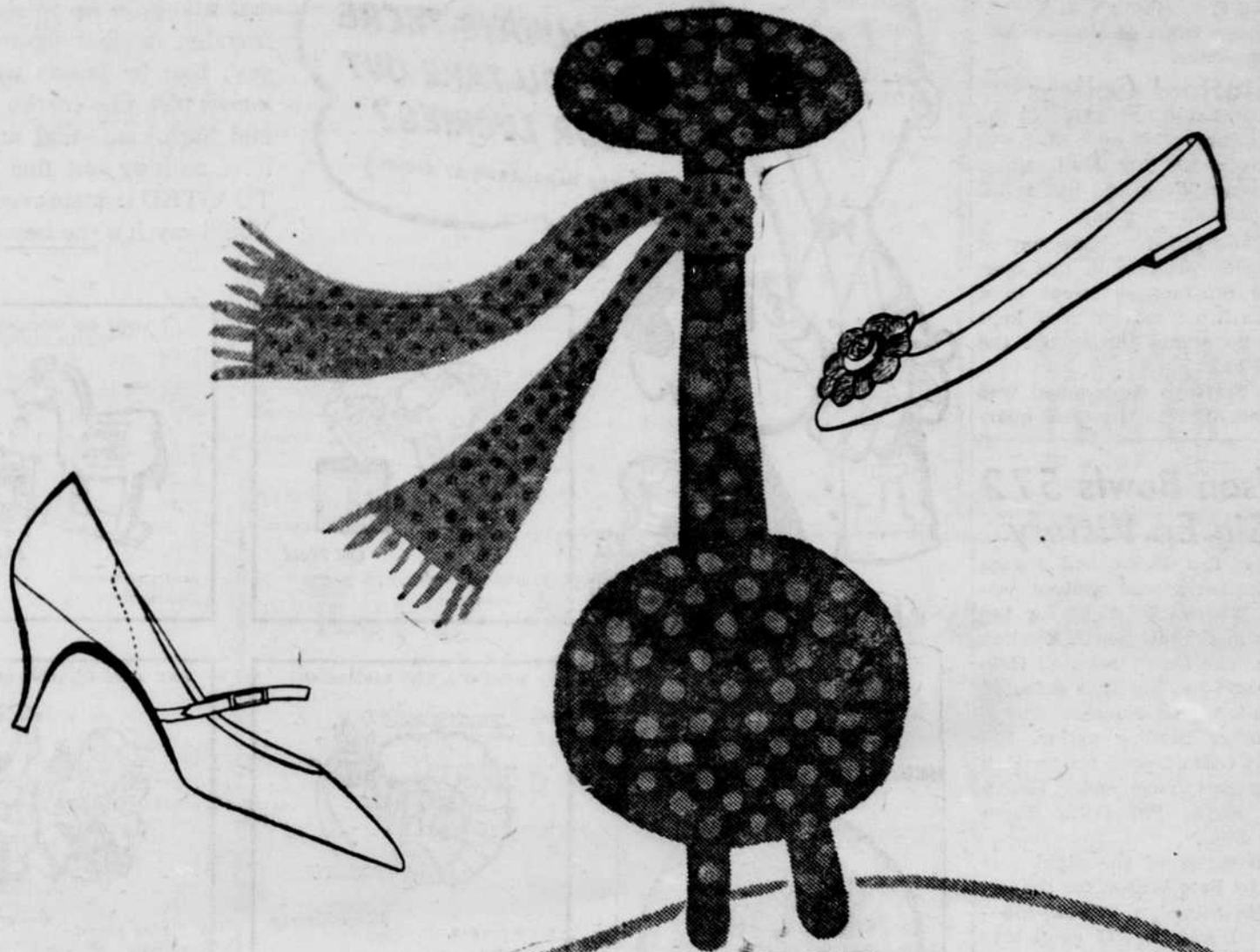
Fairmont is one of 14 polio centers in the United States. Here 34 patients are given the essential, expensive treatment necessary for survival. Cost of such treatment at Fairmont is paid for by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Stanford University and Alameda County.

Bob is progressing at Fairmont, even though he is paralyzed in all his limbs and must be fed through a nasal tube. Head Nurse Mrs. Ruth Griswold says that "He can now spend several hours a day outside the tank."

Bob spends his days watching television, reading letters, and looking at a scrapbook "from some kids at college I don't even know."

But the sound of the iron lung is always in the background.

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