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1985/86 Season

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Room 206, Dalplex
Tuesday, Sept. 17
7:00 p.m.

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ALL WELCOME

AIDS info in campus kits

OTTAWA (CUP)—University students are the latest targets of a federal government information blitz about AIDS. Half a million AIDS pamphlets will be included in the "grab-it" coupon packages distributed at university bookstores this fall.

AIDS — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome — is a condition that weakens an individual's immunity system, leaving the body vulnerable to severe illnesses and infections.

Kim Ellmslie, information officer at the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control in Ottawa

(LCDC) says the decision to target students wasn't made because of a higher incidence of AIDS amongst students.

"We are trying to reach a greater number of people by using our funds in a most cost-efficient way, and that's why we are including our pamphlets in those coupon kits," Ellmslie said.

Dr. A.J. Clayton, head of the LCDC and member of the federal advisory committee on AIDS, said the pamphlet: *AIDS in Canada: What you should know* dispels myths and misconceptions that have created fear about AIDS.

According to the advisory council bulletin, as of March 1985, 196 cases (105 deaths) have been reported in Canada. Gay and bi-sexual men constitute the largest group affected by AIDS (70 percent). Other high risk groups are intravenous drug abusers, Haitians, and hemophiliacs.

Dr. A.J. Clayton says students should be aware of AIDS because the disease is moving into segments of the population who have multiple heterosexual relationships.

"Since many students are sexually active with more than one partner there is a greater risk of contracting AIDS."

Dr. Clayton suggests students should decrease the number of their sexual partners.

"We are not trying to moralize, we are just saying that if you have a lot of sexual contact with more than one partner then the risk of getting AIDS is greater. Be as sexually active as you want — but be responsible."

As a doctor, Clayton receives calls daily from people who are frightened because of these myths.

"There are still people who believe that you can contract AIDS through casual contact, but that's a big myth. One caller asked if she should disinfect the seat in a bus, before sitting down, and another thought you could get AIDS from a toilet seat. AIDS is not spread by shaking hands or working with or eating food prepared by a person with AIDS.

The latest studies show AIDS is caused by a virus, which is transmitted in semen and blood. And AIDS can only spread where bodily fluids from an infected person enter into another person's bodily fluids.

Clayton says it is not only the general public that are over-reacting to AIDS. "There are dentists and pathologists who refuse to treat AIDS patients, which proves more information and education is needed," says Clayton.

By Elizabeth Donovan
of Canadian University Press

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