

WELL NOW

A Student Health Center Newsletter

AIDS

Fact and fiction abound on the subject of AIDS. We hear the "latest" on television, in the papers, and in everyday conversation. The current state of knowledge does, indeed, change with each new discovery. But because so many unknowns remain and this particular disease's virulence, each new discovery evokes sometimes conflicting emotional responses in the listener.

Is this obsession with AIDS just a form of American germ-phobia? A product of media hype? Or is the entire population at risk? Should I avoid public contact with strangers; maybe even with friends? Who should I believe anyway?

In this issue of the Well Now, we will examine the "state-of-the-art" knowledge on AIDS- some of the myths and the facts that, as a student, you may be concerned about and some resources for finding more information.