

Fear of Sex: Much Talk, Little Action

When we decided to do a cover story on how AIDS—and the fear of it—were affecting sexual practices, we weren't sure what we would find. Some publications have detected a pronounced chill in the sexual atmosphere, leading to a great deal of abstinence and the virtual cessation of casual sex. That, however, is not what we discovered on college campuses. Rather—as you'll see in the package of stories that begins on page 12—

what we found was a lot of talk, some fear and relatively little change in behavior. The AIDS virus has already surfaced on campus—and we bring you the profile in courage of one afflicted student. Still, as experts concede sadly, most students will not shed their feelings of immaturity and immortality until more of their number contract the disease—and start dying.

We're proud of the sensitive way our reporters covered this difficult topic. NEWSWEEK's de-

sign rules don't allow us to give them all bylines. So, as we close our last issue of this academic year, we'd like to thank the correspondents who reported this crucial story. In alphabetical order, they're from the following schools: Berkeley, Brigham Young, Columbia, Dartmouth, Duke, Georgetown, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New York University, Pennsylvania, Stanford, Syracuse, Texas Tech, Tulane, UCLA and Wellesley.



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