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More partners, more risk: Social scene on Ft. Lauderdale beach (top), handing out condoms on the street nearby

apparent are more likely to practice safer sex. Younger students often believe their risk of being infected is not great if they stick to partners their own age who, they think, are less likely to have been exposed. When 20-year-old junior Michael Kaminer came out of the closet a year and a half ago, he set an upper age limit on the men he would date: "I decided I wouldn't sleep with anyone over 22."

Some students are also less defensive about virginity these days. One 18-year-old UCLA freshman says she intends to remain a virgin until she meets Mr. Right. "I've changed my whole attitude," she says. "You really think twice before you do anything. Sleeping around isn't worth it. You can get killed." That attitude, however, has also brought a new twist on the old double standard: men declare they won't sleep with women who have bad reputations, but see no problem in sleeping with numerous "good girls." Says UCLA junior Bob Ronyak: "If a girl's easy with you, chances are she has been easy somewhere else."

Inexperience wanted: The tables may be turned, however. The campus stud, once considered a desirable catch, may soon have a tougher time finding notches for his belt. According to Blotnick's study, more and more women are looking for inexperienced men. The psychologist says that 22 percent of college women today say they want their next lover to be a virgin, compared to 9 percent in 1977. College women, he finds, are saying, "If his sexual résumé is really long, I'm concerned." Since women have traditionally sought a more sophisticated man, says Blotnick, "that's a startling turnaround." Laura Askins, a 19-year-old freshman at Texas Tech, says AIDS has already affected her attitudes. "If a guy goes out with a different whore dog every weekend," she says, "then I wouldn't go to bed with him." A guy who is used to having a good time may have his own problems adjusting to the new order. UCLA senior Mike Fisher tells the story of one friend who "used to be a big-time womanizer" and would often see three or four women at the same time. Then he developed symptoms of herpes and went to the doctor to be tested. The results were inconclusive, but Fisher's friend nonetheless made drastic changes in his behavior. "He became a recluse," Fisher says.

Some of those who feel insecure about the singles scene are joining fraternities and sororities—where women can celebrate such romantic traditions as wearing the frat pin of a steady beau. In part, the Greek revival is motivated by the more general return to traditionalism. But these groups also provide a comfortable place to socialize with potential partners. "People want to know more about their bedmate than they did in 1977," Blotnick says. Students who turn to fraternities and sororities may sometimes be lulled into a false sense of security, however. On any given weekend or



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