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## College students in danger of spreading AIDS

Doctor informs audience about risks of irresponsible drug use, sex

By Stephanie Holland  
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College campuses are prime spots for the future spread of the HIV virus, said Dr. Richard Keeling, chairman of the National AIDS Task Force, in a speech Monday night.

Keeling, who directs the Student Health Center at the University of Virginia's medical center and who is also the American College Health Association's chairman on the National AIDS Task Force, told his audience in the EMU that AIDS cases are decreasing among homosexual men, while cases are increasing among heterosexual people and IV drug users.

"Major, very impressive changes in sexual behavior and in community standards about sexual behavior, based on pride and self-esteem in gay communities, have resulted in tremendous drops in infection rates, which are now paying off in great drops in the rate of diagnosis of AIDS," Keeling said.

Public health services expect the future heterosexual transmission of the HIV epidemic to focus in two places, he said.

The first is among the sexual partners

of IV drug users. "And then ... their sexual partners — and then ... their sexual partners," Keeling said.

The second is among sexually active people between 16 and 28 years of age who have more than two or three sexual partners every five years. "That describes a lot of people on college campuses," he said.

"So the major concern of people at the public health service is that both by way of age and by way of probability, college campuses are a likely spot for further spread of the epidemic of HIV," Keeling said.

"For most people on college campuses, though, the issue is not so much preserving life or productivity in the face of known HIV infection, the issue is preventing HIV infection in the first place."

The sexual transmission of HIV is mainly conducted by anal or vaginal intercourse, Keeling said. The exact risk level of oral sex is unclear, though it is assumed to be lower than that of intercourse.

"The bottom line is whether you are male or female, gay or straight, active or passive, having anal or vaginal sex if the other person involved has HIV and you don't use protection, you may be

infected," he said.

In a study by Gray and Saracino in July of 1988, 450 Oregon State University undergraduates were surveyed on their sexual knowledge and behavior, Keeling said. Eighty-one percent of the students said they were sexually active and 60 percent said they had sex without using a condom in the year prior to the survey.

The study showed that most of the students surveyed could answer basic information questions about AIDS, but the group as a whole demonstrated no sense of being at risk of contracting HIV.

"Why did they not do what they knew? The problem is there was no personal sense of risk," Keeling said. "Invincibility. The sense that we won't be the one to get caught interferes with our personal assessment of our own risk," he said.

Many problems interfere with students' abilities to make responsible decisions. Alcohol often is related to risky sexual behavior on college campuses.

"Don't have S.U.I. — Sex Under the Influence of alcohol. S.U.I. is dangerous. Drunk sex can never be safe sex," he said.

"What do you say to him when he



Richard Keeling

says, 'I don't have a condom.'? You take a deep breath and say, 'Go get one,'" Keeling said.

"What do you say to him when he says, 'If you make me wear a condom I won't feel as much.'? You say, 'If you don't wear a condom you won't feel anything,'" Keeling said to laughter from the audience.

"This is a skill and it requires assertiveness and self-determination, the most important parts in prevention of AIDS," he said.

## Casanova Complex nears finish

By Ashley Conklin  
Emerald Sports Reporter

Oregon athletic director Bill Byrne has gone a long way in building Autzen Stadium into a complete athletic facility.

First was the completion of nine skyboxes and one master sky suite on the north side of Autzen for the 1988 football season. Now, the first phase of the Len Casanova Complex has been completed with the entire project to be finished in early 1991.

Named for Oregon's longtime football coach and athletic director, the two-story structure will provide bigger and better locker rooms and weight rooms as well as offices for all Duck ath-

letic personnel.

The complete project of the skyboxes, sky suite and Casanova Complex will cost nearly \$14.5 million once completed, with the Casanova Complex project costing an estimated \$10 million.

Oregon has always lagged behind other Pacific-10 schools, such as USC and UCLA, in terms of adequate or quality athletic facilities, Byrne feels the Casanova Complex should remedy that and pay dividends.

"We've fallen so far behind the other schools in facilities that this brings us up to where the other schools already are, and it should carry us

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Photo by Andre Ranieri

The Len Casanova Complex at Autzen Stadium nears completion of the first phase of construction. The second phase, which includes locker rooms, will begin this spring.

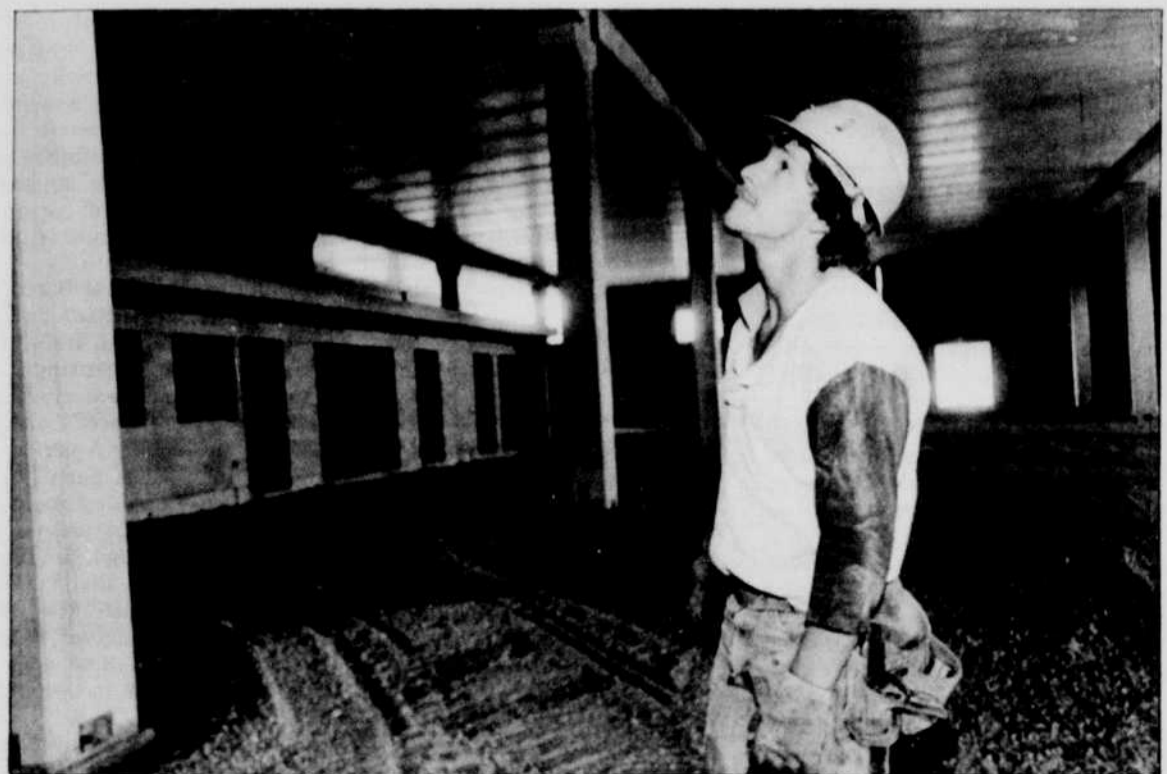


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When finished, the Casanova Complex will house all University athletic personnel and improved weight and locker rooms.