

though it might prove to be controversial, Moffett said.

"In my day these kinds of issues weren't openly talked about," she said. "But that has to change. The alternative is that people are dying."

Other task force plans range from workshops supporting

peer health advising to a spring advertising campaign in the *Oregon Daily Emerald*, Moffett said.

Although the Gay and Lesbian Alliance is supportive of the task force's efforts, GALA complains that the task force's media plan fails to specifically tar-

get lesbians, said Laurel Sharp, GALA co-director.

"The myth that lesbians don't get AIDS is very strong," she said. "Those who don't direct information to lesbians will be responsible when lesbians are at risk."

The task force's mission,

however, is to inform the entire campus community, Moffett said, adding that a lack of finances also limits its activities.

The task force hopes to target lesbians within its overall information drive, she said.

Past task force accomplishments are the introduction of condom machines in University dormitories and an earlier advertising campaign, also in the *Emerald*.

Plans for the spring ad campaign and the sex-shoppe cart face the task force's biggest obstacle — a lack of funding.

"The student health center has been very supportive," Moffett said, explaining how the task force has managed to operate without a budget.

Nevertheless, the educational task force's parent group, the University AIDS Task Force, recently requested funds from several different administrative departments.

The University AIDS Task Force is a larger group created

in February 1987 as "a central coordinating group ... to review and discuss the broader issues related to the HIV infection and to insure that this campus is prepared ... to limit increased infection and address community health and AIDS education," according to minutes from a recent task force meeting.

The University AIDS Task Force's first goal was to develop the University's AIDS policy, said Roger Morris, task force secretary.

The University AIDS Task Force has channeled its energy in several directions. Past efforts include introducing AIDS information into the University's required health classes, and evaluating how the AIDS issue may affect student health insurance programs in the future.

Both the 30-member University task force and the seven-member educational task force are composed of students, faculty and staff.

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gone to, the students just aren't receptive at all," she said. "It's really scary because here are these people and you know what they're doing on the weekend, but they won't talk about it."

### Sex as the taboo subject

Students clam up about sex because society always has treated it as a taboo subject, Myllenbeck said.

"We talk about the anatomy and how it's done and when it's done, but you don't talk about responsibility," she said. "You can't talk about it at school because then you're promoting it, but what we want to be promoting is responsibility."

And students need to factor in the role alcohol plays in sexual situations, Myllenbeck said.

"It's hard at 2:30 in the

morning after you've had a few beers to know how to put on a condom, let alone make really big decisions about it," Myllenbeck said. "And right now, college students are getting exposed to HIV, and if they're not taking precautions, they're going to pick it up."

"If college students say that this doesn't concern them because it's another group's problem, they're going to disassociate themselves from the whole epidemic," she said. "And that's deadly."

Students should consider using a condom or dental dam, which is preferable to death, Tobias said.

"It's disgusting and it's sickening to see a 22-year-old person wither away and die," he said. "Use a condom; it's that easy."

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