

Speak Out

An Interview with Four
Jefferson High School Students
About AIDS

With the AIDS dilemma being so prevalent in today's society, do you think this problem will affect your future, and if so, how?

by Arnold Pitre



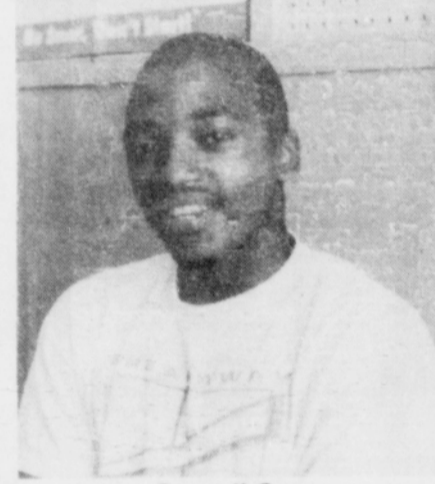
Nilesch Ayal
Student



Joie Harold
Student

AIDS has been around a long time. The number of people with it is increasing. Now there is a big scare because of the increase. You can't isolate all of the people with it; we just have to deal with it. If one of my friends had it, I would not shun him/her. I would just deal with it. I'll live my life, and if it should happen to me, I will deal with it.

It kind of bothers me. It's gonna affect everyone in the future, and people will have to take it more seriously. I don't want to catch AIDS, but I don't think I will. If you take precautions, you should be alright. People with AIDS should not be alienated from society as long as they don't use it as a weapon against other people. I'm not really frightened about it all, I'm just careful.



Cornell Gary
Student

I have to take a tighter role. I can't be as open a person as I would like to be because of AIDS. I have to ignore certain things at certain times. It forces me to be more mature and protective of myself. I am leary of meeting new people. It will make me more of an independent person. You never know who has it. This disease can make a person narrow, shorten their life zone. It's hard on the person who has it, and the people who don't have it. Scary is not the word — it's "pathetic".



Beth Sperry
Student

What if your husband has AIDS, or your fellow worker, it's very scary. I'm scared that I'm going to get it, so I just don't mess around. It's going to take away from your plans and goals. You have to be more cautious. People who have AIDS are ashamed and maybe won't let people know, because of the fear of being outcast, but continue to spread it. Teens don't really think about it, until the subject is brought up, like now, and that makes it even more scary.

1987 St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive

St. Vincent de Paul is once again preparing for its annual Christmas Food Drive, the largest door to door food drive in the U.S. Last year, more than 5,000 volunteers distributed 332,000 pounds of food to feed 8,414 needy families.

Contribution of non-perishable food will be collected by volunteers in Portland neighborhoods Saturdays, December 5 and 12.

Food will be delivered to needy families Saturday, December 19.

St. Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to help answer phones and sort and pack food. To volunteer, call St. Vincent de Paul at 235-8431.

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Lutheran Family Service, Unaccompanied Minors Program, is currently receiving applications for Foster Care Homes. Homes for young people coming from refugee camps in Southeast Asia. Financial assistance and social work support is provided by the State of Oregon and Lutheran Family Service.

Two sibling groups from Vietnam are arriving. One group is a girl, age 16 and her brother, age 12. The other group is an uncle, age 15 and his nephew, age 8. Also arriving is a Vietnamese boy, age 15 and a Laotian boy, age 17. These young people are arriving in September and October.

These young people need families and individuals who can provide the emotional support, love and guidance necessary to become members of our American communities.

People in the N. Portland area are encouraged to apply to be foster parents.

If you think you can give one of these young people a beginning in our country, please call Ned Landis, Lutheran Family Service, 605 S.E. 39th Avenue, Portland, OR 97214, 231-7480.

State Official to Speak on Welfare Issues

Freddye Webb-Petett, administrator for the State Department of Adult and Family Services, will discuss the impact of changes in welfare laws at a noon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Portland this month. Ms. Petett will address housing, health care, "workfare" and related issues, as well as questions raised by the audience. The public is invited to join League members for lunch on Wednesday, October 14, at the Portland Red Lion Motor Inn, 310 S.W. Lincoln St., Portland. Lunch reservations should be made by calling the League Office (228-1675) by noon, Monday, October 12.

Halloween Costumes Available at University of Portland Theater Sale

The Department of Performing and Fine Arts at the University of Portland will sponsor a costume sale Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17, in the lobby of Mago Hunt Center from 1-4 p.m.

Costumes created for university theater productions will be priced to sell, along with retail clothing, hats, shoes and wigs.

Free design consultation will also be available for those who want assistance in putting together a special look, according to Jill Peterson Hoddick, associate professor of performing and fine arts.

The university is located at 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. For more information, call Jill Peterson Hoddick at 283-7230 or 283-7392.

Fundraising Brunch Scheduled

The St. Vincent de Paul International Champagne Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, October 18. All proceeds from the event will benefit St. Francis Dining Hall.

This is the second year the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has sponsored the brunch, which this year will be held at the Veracruz Restaurant, 217 N.W. Second in Portland. This year's "South of the Border" brunch will feature traditional Spanish cuisine, accompanied by classical and flamenco guitar music.

Tickets for the event are \$25.00 per person, with seating at 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:00 p.m. A trip for two to Mazatlan, Mexico, will be raffled at the event.

For more information or ticket orders, call St. Vincent de Paul at 235-8431.

Fall Blood Drive Scheduled

The American Red Cross will hold its fall blood drive at Mt. Hood Community College Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the coffee shop, near the Town and Gown Room.

A registration table will be set up in front of the Vista Dining Center Oct. 12 and 13 for those wishing to donate. Volunteers are asked to eat a big breakfast the day of the blood drive and to be in good health (no colds, flu, etc.) when donating. Also, the requirements for donating blood are that a person be between 17 and 65 years of age, and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Donations from new and past donors are greatly appreciated by the American Red Cross. For more details call MHCC's Student Health Center at 667-7600.

Coats for Kids

Portlanders can help keep needy children warm this winter by taking children's coats to 40 area dry-cleaners between October 12 and 30.

In the first annual Coats For Kids drive, area dry-cleaners will collect donated coats, clean them and distribute them to needy children through The Salvation Army.

The event is sponsored by the Oregon Drycleaners' Association and KXL Radio.

The Salvation Army will give the coats to children at the Greenhouse center for street youth, White Shield Center for teenage mothers and through five family services offices.

People wishing to donate a coat should look for the Coats For Kids sign in their neighborhood dry-cleaner's window or call 234-0825.

Let's Go to the Zoo

Oct. 31

Pumpkin Party, Washington Park Zoo. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free with regular admission. By following a Halloween zoo map each child will receive a treat at "trick and treat" stations around the zoo.



Nikki Giovanni, prize-winning poet and syndicated columnist for the New York Times, will keynote the Oregon Council of Teachers of English (OCTE) inservice conference on October 9, 1987, at Rex Putnam High School in Milwaukie, Oregon. Ms. Giovanni, writer, poet, recording artist, journalist and lecturer will appear at Session V, at 2:05 p.m., in the cafeteria. For more information, call Dr. Rick H. Hardt, OCTE Executive Secretary, 464-4677.

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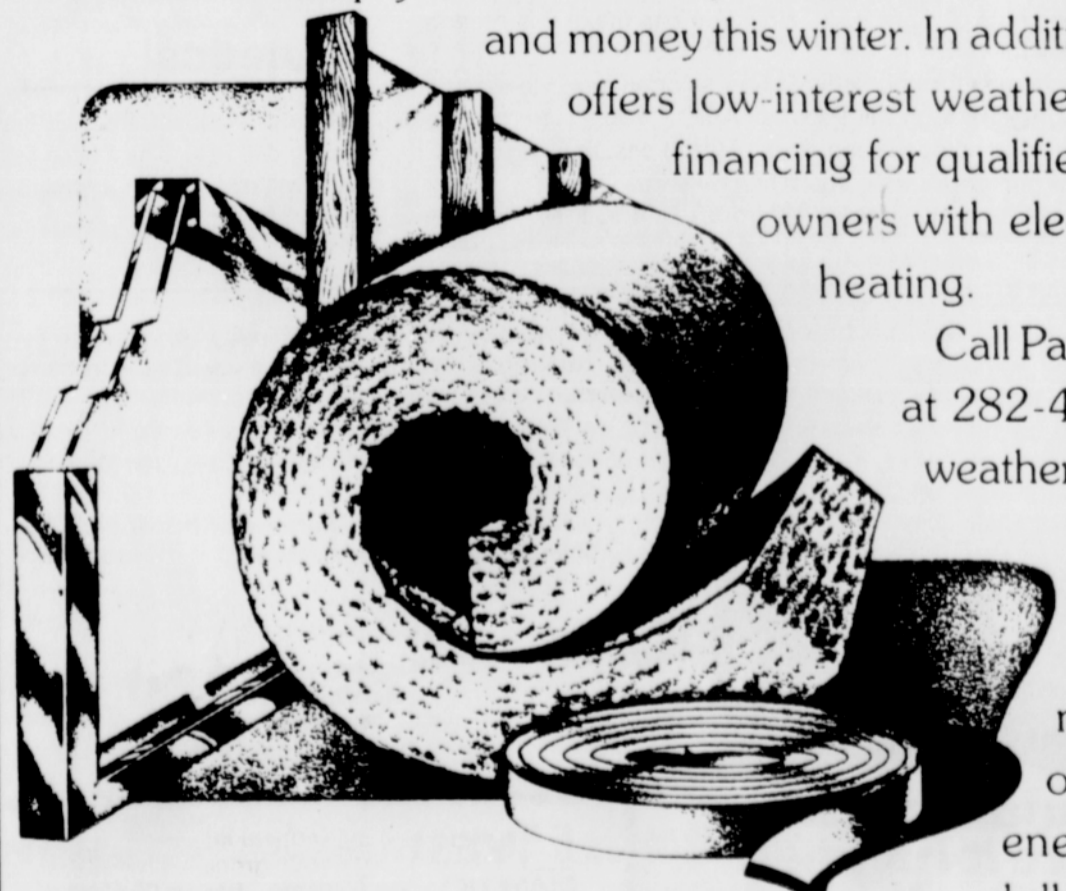
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