

Sex therapists defend published findings on AIDS

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In the face of heated criticism generated by their recently published book on AIDS, noted sex therapists Masters and Johnson are standing by their findings, said William Young, deputy director of the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis.

"It (the criticism) is something that was expected," Young said. "We would like to be proven or disproven."

Dr. William Masters and Virginia Johnson, who co-wrote "CRISIS: Heterosexual Behavior in the Age of AIDS" with Dr. Robert Kolodny, have defended their work, Young said.

"We would like to see a full-blown study to prove that our findings are incorrect," he said. "Our figures are similar to many of those which have been released recently."

According to "CRISIS," 200,000 heterosexuals have been infected by acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), while the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta recently estimated that 157,000 hetero-

sexuals had been infected. The book has come under fire because it is based on what has been called non-scientific research. "I don't find it terribly helpful," said Peter Drotman, medical epidemiologist for the AIDS program of the CDC. "By their (the therapists') own description, this is not a scientific study."

Within a sample of 800 men and women between the ages of 21 and 40, Masters and Johnson looked for the AIDS virus in two groups: those who were monogamous and those

who had at least six heterosexual partners annually.

According to the study's findings, out of the 400 heterosexuals with multiple partners, 7 percent of the women and 5 percent of the men tested positive for the AIDS virus, while only one of the 400 monogamous subjects tested positive for the virus. These rates of infection are higher than those for designated risk groups.

"Experts generally are gravely underestimating the degree to which

the AIDS virus has spread into the heterosexual community," Masters and Johnson said in their study. The virus is "now running rampant in the heterosexual community," they said.

Some of the language in the book could be misleading to the average reader, Drotman said. "Many readers will end up with some degree of confusion. If they're going to buy a book on AIDS, this is not the one."

Also controversial are the therapists' findings about the transmission of the disease through means other than sexual intercourse.

"Virtually any sex act carries with it a certain degree of risk," Masters and Johnson wrote. Manual stimulation of the genitals could result in infection if vaginal secretion, pre-ejaculatory fluid or semen comes into contact with a sore or rash on the partner's hand, the study said.

Also, in a study of 45 AIDS patients and their spouses, 12 of 26 spouses who engaged in repeated oral sex contracted the virus during the study, while only 2 of the 19 spouses who were uninfected regularly participated in oral sex.

Victory

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defensively," Westhead said. "We were getting hurt on both ends. We usually can absorb our opponent's scoring, because we'll get it back. Because we were unable to match baskets, it just made it double jeopardy."

Well, Alex Trebek may not have been around, but the Tar Heels certainly did show the Lions how much they knew about destroying an overplaying defense. Loyola plays hard man-to-man and tries to double team every chance it can get. But because the Lions work to deny so hard, they become vulnerable to the back-door layup and the lob pass off the inbounds.

"We watched a few minutes of film and saw the way they played defense," said UNC's Jeff Lebo, who had 19 points on 6-of-9 shooting and distributed seven assists. "They really played their man tough and made the pass hard and denied on the wings, but they really didn't help off too much, and Coach (Dean Smith) had said that our back-door plays would be open. But we didn't know that they would be open that often."

Indeed, the Tar Heels kicked the door open and kept it that way all game long. UNC, which scored on its first seven shots, began the game with a Scott Williams to Lebo back-door. Three minutes later, Pete Chilcutt found Lebo all alone again and then hit Rick Fox for the easy two. Williams followed with another pass to a cutting Fox, and the ensuing layup put UNC up 18-9. The Tar Heels never had it so easy.

"We executed them well," Lebo said of the back-doors. "We kept going to those plays until they really wanted to stop us, and I don't think they really did, so they worked pretty much the whole game."

Westhead echoed Lebo's sentiments. "The back-door cuts hurt us deeply," the coach said. "North Carolina is excellent at stepping up and cutting back, which is a very excellent technique against the overplay."

The Tar Heels were able to beat the overplay because they were patient offensively. UNC had trouble beating the Lion press, particularly in the first half. But once established in their halfcourt offense, the Tar Heels sliced the Loyola defense into tiny pieces. Of the 62 shots UNC took, only one, a Steve Bucknall jumper in the second half, was not a trey or in the paint. Perhaps it wasn't a coincidence that Bucknall missed the shot.

"With their style of play, they want to give you a quick shot to get the ball back so they can run down court and get a three-point shot," Lebo said of the Lions. "Ranzino (Smith) and I were free to take the three-pointer if we were open, but once we got the ball into the halfcourt offense a lot of things opened up for us. It was tough to get it across halfcourt, but once we did there were a lot of layups."

Aside from Lebo, the main recipients of the Lions' defensive beneficence were J.R. Reid and Smith. Reid dominated the paint, ripping down 15 rebounds and scoring 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting. Smith, meanwhile, played the game of his career, hitting 11 of 14 shots, including three treys, and scoring 27 points in 18 minutes.

Loyola did very little well Saturday, save perhaps for its offensive rebounding. The Lions grabbed 17 offensive boards in the first half and finished with 28, but those rebounds never translated themselves into baskets. The Tar Heels were fresher, more disciplined and followed their game plan to perfection. The final score was therefore unsurprising.

"North Carolina came ready to play ball, and they hurt us, inside and out," said Hank Gathers, who was Loyola's only inside threat with 17 points and 12 rebounds. "They were so good at what they were doing that when they got a big lead like that we just weren't able to come back."

UNC led 65-40 at intermission and kept the pressure on to start the second half. Tar Heel coach Dean Smith made sure there were always fresh bodies on the court, and UNC took its time on offense, pounding Loyola on the anvil of the uncontested layup. The final outcome was never in doubt during the last 20 minutes.

"We ran into a team that got a lead and knew how to hold it," Westhead said. "Once we got a little tired, they kind of squeezed us a little bit. They sure know how to drain every ounce that you have left out of you. It was very precise basketball."

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