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Never utter these words:
"I do not know this, therefore is is false."
One must study to know, know to understand, and understand to judge.

Shirley MacLaine

UNC Administration Issues AIDS Guidelines

The General Administration of the University of North Carolina has issued recommended guidelines for the handling of AIDS cases on its 16 constituent campuses. A Jan. 17 memorandum signed by UNC President William Friday was sent to UNC-CH Chancellor Christopher Fordham.

The 4-page memo announced a meeting at each campus with a team of specialists equipped to assist the chancellors and their colleagues in dealing with the subject of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

The memo urges Fordham to appoint "a standing advisory committee of senior representatives from...the areas of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and personnel." It also suggests designating "one senior administration official to serve as the exclusive spokesperson for the campus" to answer any questions about campus policies and practices related to the AIDS epidemic.

Friday's memo lists basic policies for the chancellors which are to be "adopted, publicized, and implemented" on the UNC campuses: 1. Each campus will conduct "an ongoing educational campaign" to provide information.

2. People infected with the AIDS virus will not be excluded from enrollment or employment unless judgements in individual cases establish this is "necessary to the welfare of the individual or...of other members of the University community."

3. Persons who are infected with the AIDS virus are urged to share the information with Student Health. The information will then be sent to the chancellor in order to implement these policies.

4. Persons who suspect that they are infected are urged to seek expert medical advice.

5. The University will observe and publicize guidelines for the handling of blood and body fluids.

Friday urges the chancellors to purchase bulk quantities of an American College Health Association pamphlet on AIDS and includes a copy of UNC's official response to AIDS [see accompanying article in this issue].

Friday's assistant, Richard Robinson, is in charge of this policy.

For Your Own Sakes, Learn My Name

My mother is Joanna, a woman of strength and determination. Her gifts to me are a sharp tongue, a slicing wit, and boldness in the face of adversity. Her mother was Charlotte, a high yellow. Charlotte raised 14 children in rural North Carolina and counseled her 8 daughters to steer away from this path. Herman was her husband. He worked his land while Charlotte raised her children. He drove a truck when the land provided too little. He died old and alone in a housing project.

My father is Robert. He has picked cotton, raced cars, played in a jazz band, and worked as a janitor. He knows what it is to be hungry. He hasn't become quite accustomed to the idea of being "well

off." His gifts to me are tenacity and a respect for hard work. My father's mother worked as a domestic. I have never asked her name. Calling her "Daddy's Moma" always seemed like enough. She died when my father was a child. My grandfather left before my father was born. His name died with my grandmother. Big Moma took in Robert, my father, her nephew. She owned land in Huntersville, which she refused to sell. It was insurance for her children's future. Her husband was Mr. Pete. He was a farmer and a gentle man.

My parents know who Jim Crow is and how to keep Miss Ann and Mr. Charlie off their backs. This is their power. They also

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