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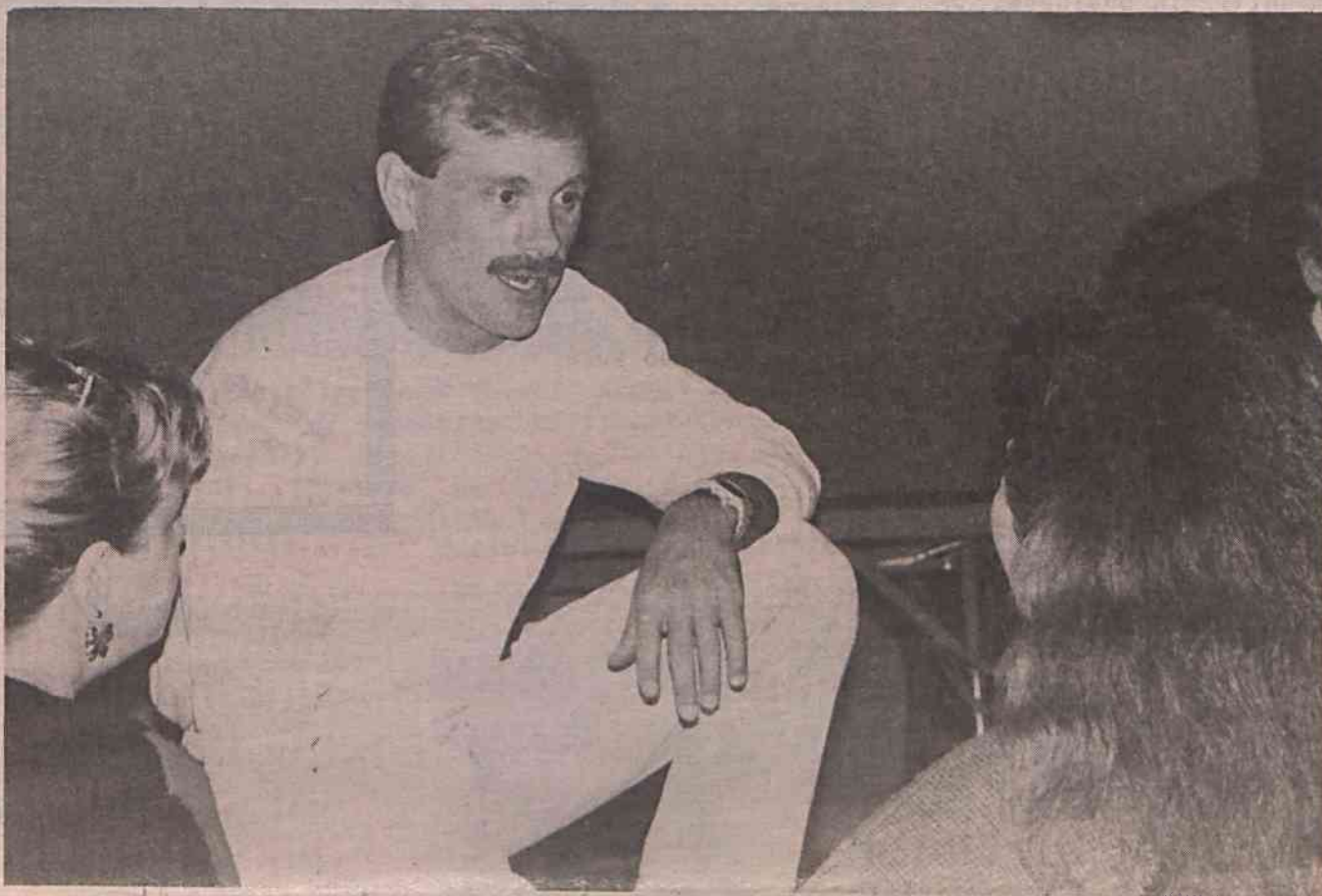
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AIDS victim Garland Lancaster responds to questions from members of the audience at the AIDS Awareness Seminar.  
Photo: Michelle Albrecht

## AIDS victim visits

By: Michelle Albrecht

On March 27, 1990, in the North Campus Lecture Hall an AIDS Awareness Seminar was sponsored by Home Health and Hospice Care, the Goldsboro Jaycees, and the Human Services Department of Wayne Community College.

Peter Barcus, Hospice Director of Home Health and Hospice Care, moderated the seminar.

Also participating on the panel were Dr. James Atkins, a Goldsboro physician; Dr. Edmond Hogan, Chairman of the Human Services Department, WCC; Dr. O.A. Mays, Medical Director of the Wayne County Health Department; and Garland Lancaster, AIDS victim.

Atkins astounded the audience with devastating death toll figures.

He said there have been over one million deaths since the epidemic was first made common knowledge in 1976.

Atkins stated, "In 1991 we expect to lose to AIDS as many people worldwide as we did in Vietnam."

The AIDS virus takes five to seven years to surface after one has been infected.

One out of every three college students tested for

AIDS reveal an HIV positive factor.

Hogan made it clear that everyone should be educated about the transmission of AIDS.

According to Hogan, most people do not get tested for the AIDS virus because of fear.

Hogan stated, "If a person tests HIV positive, the first reaction is denial; then the patient gets angry. Next the patient begins to bargain with his sickness, but in the end depression sets in."

The age group which AIDS usually strikes is twenty to forty year olds.

Mays has helped to organize the AIDS testing and counseling services at the Wayne County Health Department.

The tests are performed daily at no cost.

Mays stated that in Wayne County alone there have been thirty people diagnosed HIV positive since 1984.

Of those thirty people there have been seventeen deaths.

When Lancaster stood before the overflow crowd of predominantly young people, he expressed how important it is to respect a person's right to privacy when he or she has been diagnosed HIV positive.

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