

Report shows AIDS fears persist

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Workers still fear contracting acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the workplace despite evidence that the virus cannot be spread through casual contact, according to a survey from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The Center for Work Performance Problems at Georgia Tech found from the telephone survey that worker fears could mean conflicts with current legal decisions protecting AIDS victims from discrimination in the workplace. The N.C. Office of State Personnel proposed such a policy recently.

Sixty-six percent of the more than 2,000 people surveyed said that they would be "concerned" on the job about using the same restroom as a

person carrying the AIDS virus, said David Herold, director of the center.

Forty percent said they would hesitate before eating in the same cafeteria as an AIDS victim, and 37 percent said they would not share tools or equipment with an infected person.

Herold said that corporations don't really understand how to cope with the issue of AIDS in the workplace. "There's a major need to educate the work force before hysteria or panic sets in," he said in the report.

Sandra Gunn, acting chair of the Human Services Department at UNC-Charlotte said, "As an instructor in human services, I think we need to do more — we need to model what we are saying."

Students and workers need to see good examples of interaction with

AIDS victims. "Fear of the unknown is understandable," she said, citing the need for better education.

Gunn said that the public is not educated enough about AIDS because people are getting mixed messages. She said that people are told that AIDS cannot be contracted through casual contact, yet they are confused because they see police officers and hospital workers wearing rubber gloves. They don't realize that these personnel are working with blood and other body fluids, she said. The virus is spread through body fluids, and people need to understand that this exchange will not take place in the workplace, she said.

Johnnie McLeod, chair of the UNCC Human Services Department who is currently on sabbatical, said that in a recent meeting she attended

about drugs and the workplace, the issue of AIDS wasn't addressed at all. Because of the absence of the topic she said she thinks that little education has been directed toward the workplace.

"Society is hooked on the idea that people will catch AIDS," she said. "We need more education in the workplace; that's our only captive adult audience."

The Georgia Tech survey found that not all of the attitudes about AIDS in the workplace are negative. Eighty-one percent of those surveyed said that they would be willing to help a co-worker with AIDS who was having some problem with an aspect of the job, and 75 percent said they would support special work arrangements for AIDS victims.

Inter-party spats continue in New Hampshire campaigns

From Associated Press reports

CONCORD, N.H. — Republican presidential candidate Pat Robertson called Sunday for phasing out Social Security, and Democratic front-runner Michael Dukakis became the focus of attacks from his rivals in the closing hours of the increasingly bitter campaign for the New Hampshire primary.

Jack Kemp of New York charged that Robertson says "off-the-wall things" and that Dole is behind a national economic commission that will suggest increasing taxes.

Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois attacked Dukakis, the clear front-runner in the Democratic field.

Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Missouri, called Dukakis "one of the biggest tax raisers in Massachusetts history." The Missouri congressman rejected suggestions that he embraced Reaganomics in 1981.

Biden recovers from surgery
WASHINGTON — Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware was listed in satisfactory condition Sunday after undergoing surgery to correct a burst aneurysm in an artery supplying blood to his brain, a hospital spokesman said.

The 45-year-old senator, who remained in intensive care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, is "alert and talking to his family and resting comfortably," said Michael McGinnis, a spokesman for the hospital.

The aneurysm, which is a sac

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formed at a weak spot in the artery wall, burst, forcing doctors to proceed with the surgery, McGinnis said. A burst aneurysm, if left untreated, could shut off the flow of blood to the brain.

Pilot stabbed by hijackers
DAR ES SALAM, Tanzania — A Tanzania Airways pilot tricked four hijackers into believing he had flown them to Kenya, then landed his plane at a Tanzanian airport where troops overpowered and arrested the young men Sunday.

After landing, the pilot stalled the assailants, telling them they would have to wait until daylight to refuel the plane. Just before dawn army troops stormed the plane and arrested the hijackers.

The hijackers stabbed the pilot in the neck and hands after they realized they had been tricked. His co-pilot suffered cuts on his hands.

South Koreans stage protest
SEOUL, South Korea — About 300 people marched through downtown Seoul Sunday to protest what they said was government suppression of labor movements and U.S. pressure to open South Korea's restricted market.

Police took away about 30 people for defying an order to disperse near the headquarters of the governing Democratic Justice Party.

Peace plans need U.S. support, speaker says

By CHRIS SONTCHI
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The United States should adopt a foreign policy which backs a peace process that will help end the regional war in Central America, Robert Stark, executive director of Policy Alternatives for the Caribbean and Central America (PACCA), said in a speech at UNC Saturday.

In his speech, sponsored by the Triangle chapter of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, Stark said that the Arias Peace Plan will not bring a lasting peace to Central America.

The plan "only involves the elected heads of government," he said. "The United States and the other major

military actors aren't at the table."

Stark, who has spent extensive time in Central America since 1980, said the Nicaraguan rebels are not on his list of "major military actors" because the contras are not an independent military force.

"They have the capacity to strike because they discard their weapons after attack," he said. "They aren't an irregular army — they're a mercenary army. The U.S. and contras together at the table would be all right but not the contras alone."

Stark said the United States has not been concerned with peace in the region. "If you track the birth of the peace process, you get the United States undermining the (peace) alter-

natives all along," he said.

The release of the 21-point contra-dora plan in the fall of 1986 was a turning point in the peace process, he said.

"Central America and Latin America realized if they counted on the United States for it (peace) to happen, it wouldn't happen," he said.

Eventually the costs of war convinced the Central American leaders to pursue peace, Stark said. "The economic cost of the U.S. project is so great that even the oligarchy has realized that it is undermining its national project, which is making itself wealthy," he said. "(Central American leaders') interests aren't

aligned with Reagan's."

The current U.S. policy toward Nicaragua is "a foreign policy of punishment," he said. "The U.S. is making Nicaragua a model to show the price you have to pay if you go against the United States."

PACCA's own 12-point plan for peace in the region includes stopping all U.S. attempts to overthrow the Nicaraguan government, cutting off military aid to Guatemala and El Salvador, normalizing relations between the United States and Nicaragua, supporting democracy in the region with safe participation for all and taking the lead "to rebuild postwar Central America," Stark said.

Board approves special project funding

By BRENDA CAMPBELL
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The Board of Governors approved allocations to fund special projects at five UNC-system schools and appointed a new member to the UNC Chapel Hill Board of Trustees Friday.

The state legislature granted the

board's request to appropriate funds for projects at five of the universities that are part of the system, said Wayne Corpening, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. The universities must design a proposal for their projects and return to the committee for final approval.

"We have to know how they will pay for the projects," Robert Jones said. "We also have to see their drawings and know exactly where the facilities will be located."

Although the board approved the funds UNC-CH requested for the new parking deck near Craige Residence Hall, it is not necessarily granting money for the construction. The board has merely approved the University's use of its own funds.

The approved requests are for a field house at Appalachian State University; a student center, fraternity renovations, a student supply store and a parking facility at N.C. State University; a parking facility at UNC-CH; residence hall renovations and a student recreation facility at UNC-Greensboro; and a dining facility and union annex at UNC-Wilmington.

Sarah Ruffin of the N.C. School of the Arts was nominated to the Board of Trustees.

A new resolution regulating the allocation of funds to the math and science departments in N.C. public schools was presented by Reginald McCoy, Educational Planning, Policies and Programs Committee chairman.

The outline of the areas to receive the funds was designed by the Math and General Science Network and approved by the BOG, McCoy said.

For the Record

Thursday's story, "RHA members meet with officials to suggest alternatives to assessment policy" misquoted housing director Wayne Kuncel. Kuncel said area directors are responsible for charging a group of residents for damage to a public area. Area directors could abuse this power, but they never do, he said. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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fee and UNC enrollment. The average balance in most accounts has been about \$700, Taubman said.

Currently, there are about 70 members, more than doubling the size of the organization since the bank opened. Every member is a shareholder and can vote during the credit union's annual February board of directors meeting.

The most popular service has been the Certificates of Deposit (CDs). "There is no or very low overhead, so we can pay a very high interest rate on Certificates of Deposit," he said. "Categorically, we always beat (the banks on) Franklin Street."

The credit union offers six-, nine- and 12-month share certificates, CSCU's version of the Certificates of Deposit.

Members also can pay their bills for such items as tuition, rent or utilities with cashier's checks that CSCU will issue, Taubman said. The money is automatically deducted from the student's bank account.

Students traveling to job interviews can take advantage of another CSCU

service. The credit union will advance money for airline tickets to students who have written proof that the company reimburses for travel expenses.

Taubman said the bank plans to offer traveler's checks and money orders within the next month.

In addition to offering unique banking services, the credit union provides students with a vehicle for gaining practical work experience.

"We're the only place on campus to get actual corporate experience," Taubman said. CSCU needs students who can help with marketing, advertising and personnel as well as banking.

"We have a position of responsibility for people with any major," he said.

Taubman said CSCU is accredited by the National Credit Union Association (NCUA) and is the only state-chartered credit union in the nation.

CSCU is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Psychiatry at UNC-Chapel Hill needs out-patients for a 10-week depression study. Participants will receive free medications and psychiatric care. Must be 18 years or older; currently not accepting women of child-bearing potential. Contact Robin Dean at (919) 966-4476.

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