

Policymakers address AIDS concerns

Board seeks system guidelines

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As AIDS Awareness Week at SJSU came to a close Friday, the issue throughout the California State University system is just beginning.

The CSU system has addressed the increasing interest and concern about AIDS by assigning a task force to examine issues and non-discriminatory measures for individuals in the system who are afflicted with the disease.

The task force consists of faculty members, administration officials, students, deans and medical professionals.

"We will identify the key issues and begin to develop guidelines for reasonable responses on campus," said Dave Kagan, CSU university dean of academic affairs.

The task force will look at the legal, ethical and moral responses for those faculty

members or other individuals who may come in contact with those who have contracted the fatal disease.

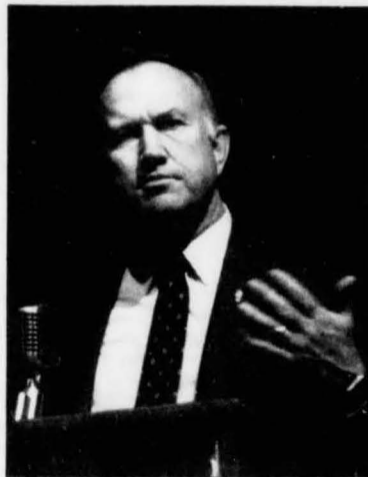
The CSU faculty and staff relations committee proposed to the CSU Board of Trustees a nondiscriminatory policy to prohibit arbitrary discrimination against students or employees who have AIDS.

The board of trustees tabled the discussion on the policy pending the reports the task force will work on for presentation to the board of trustees.

The task force will try and develop reasonable guidelines for the entire CSU system in the case that there are AIDS patients in the campus community so that there won't be any discrimination.

"So many people are concerned with AIDS. There's almost something new going on everyday," said Caesar Naples, vice chan-

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State Sen. Dan McCorquodale

Quarantine issue covered

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Although a quarantine for AIDS victims is highly unlikely, it would not be unprecedented in light of past legislative quarantines during the U.S. polio epidemic.

Sen. Dan McCorquodale, D-San Jose, concluded SJSU's Aids Awareness Week on Friday by speculating about possible legislation brought on by the spread of AIDS.

He told the 25-member audience about the three main issues related to AIDS and public policy: medical insurance and AIDS, policy for children with AIDS in public schools, and civil rights limitations to stop the spread.

The senator, who represents East and South San Jose, Milpitas and Stanislaus County, said legislation, which would quarantine AIDS patients would not be a departure from past rulings that quarantined people



when there were polio and tuberculosis epidemics.

The fact that quarantines restricted civil rights was not a factor before and may not be again.

"In the past, the government has justified limitations of civil rights for emergency situations," McCorquodale said. "People who had polio and tuberculosis were kept in isolation."

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