

Campus looks at effects of AIDS

GALA members discuss concerns

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The disease has claimed more than 6,000 lives since 1979, and more than 12,000 persons have contracted it. As doctors search for the cure, many others will become ill, others will begin taking precautions and still others will mourn the death of close ones.

AIDS — acquired immune deficiency syndrome — is no longer being ignored at SJSU.

Members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, biology students and others who have been struck with paranoia are being affected.

"I share some of the paranoia," said Steve Stein, co-president of

GALA. "I wouldn't say it (paranoia) is justified, but I understand it because I share a lot of that anxiety."

Although the disease is no longer considered a gay disease as other people are now contracting the illness, 75 percent of those persons in the high risk group are within the gay population.

At a recent GALA meeting, members expressed their concerns with AIDS, how it could effect their civil rights, how they can protect themselves and how they have dealt with friends who have died from AIDS.

There are two kinds of concerned groups, Stein said. There are those

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