



January 26, 1981 — Students slept outside the Coliseum for tickets to the Feb. 22 Bruce Springsteen concert.

# STDs often go undiagnosed

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Just on the USC campus, there are about 1,932 reported cases of sexually transmitted diseases, and that might represent about half of the actual cases.

STDs are very prominent on college campuses, the top three STDs being herpes, chlamydia and HPV (genital warts).

It is common for many people who are infected not to know immediately because many STD cases do not have symptoms right away. There are two main categories of STDs: bacterial, which are curable; and viral, which are not.

Herpes and human papillomavirus (HPV) have similar symptoms, starting with small sores or warts.

Herpes cases increase by 200,000 to 500,000 a year. It is likely that symptoms would not show, especially in females because of their internal genitalia. Small blisterlike sores will appear in the genital area.

In the case of HPV, the warts may be microscopic, but the visible ones could be white or flesh-tone, raised or flat.

Neither one is curable, but antiviral medications, creams and gels are available to help control outbreaks.

Between July 1, 1998, and May 15, 1999, 151 new cases of herpes simplex II were diagnosed at USC. A total of 518 cases of HPV have been diagnosed.

Chlamydia is a more highly diagnosed STD with about 4 million new cases per year.

The symptoms include white or yellow discharge from the penis or vagina, itching and pain.

Women show symptoms in more varied time periods than men.

As many as 75 percent of infected women and 25 percent of infected men do not show any signs.

For men, it generally takes about 14 days for symptoms to occur.

Chlamydia is curable because it is a bacterial disease; however, if untreated, it can cause infertility and childbirth problems in women.

Another side effect of chlamydia in women is pelvic inflammatory disease. About 56 percent of new STD cases are related to or diagnosed as chlamydia at Thompson Student Health Center each year.

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, works by attacking the immune system. It is not curable.

AIDS is the leading cause of death for men and women between the ages of 25 and 44.

Women are the fastest growing group infected with HIV. There are many symptoms of AIDS, including fever, night sweats, sudden weight loss, fatigue, skin lesions and a persistent cough.

HIV is not only spread through sexual contact, but also through contaminated needles, infected blood, from mother to unborn child and from infected breastmilk. Symptoms of HIV don't necessarily appear soon after contact.

There is no one screening method for all STDs. In the case of herpes and HPV, blisters must be present so a culture can be taken. Blood samples have to be used to diagnose syphilis and HIV.

There are many other STDs, including gonorrhea, Hepatitis B and syphilis, to name a few.

Abstinence is the only way to prevent STDs. For the sexually active, using a condom is the most effective barrier method for intercourse. A latex condom lubricated with the spermicide nonoxynol-

9 provides the best protection.

Monogamy is stressed for people who are sexually active, but that is not widely practiced on college campuses.

### STDs: What to look for

Disease	Signs or symptoms
Herpes	Small sores near/on genitals
Genital Warts	White- or flesh-colored warts
Chlamydia	White or yellow discharge from penis/vagina; itching
HIV/AIDS	Fever, night sweat, sudden weight loss, fatigue, persistent cough, skin lesions

\* Almost 2,000 cases of STDs have been diagnosed at USC, 56 percent of which are chlamydia cases. It's estimated that another 2,000 people might have STDs that go undiagnosed.

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# Year 2000 brings refreshing changes in the fashion world

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PARIS — There are refreshing new approaches as Paris fashion sashays into the year 2000, especially in some ever-softer or gleaming new fabrics.

But it's not likely we'll ever again see a fashion revolution like Christian Dior's 1947 New Look that got nearly every woman in the civilized world into a corseted wasp-waist silhouette above a flowing long skirt.

Or even the Courreges and Mary Quant miniskirt styles of the '60s, when grannies with legs had to show them off.

Today the market rules rather than the dictatorship of couturiers and fashion editors. And as there are so many types of women, they are offered a big range by many talented designers.

Too often, upmarket stores, especially in the States, display racks and racks of dreary garments that are so alike that the potential client is fatigued before even trying on. But look hard into the fashion corners and small boutiques. The choice is there.

The top French ready-to-wear designers are still considered the world's most creative bunch, though they may be English, Japanese, Belgian or American. No matter, they've sniffed the heady fashion atmosphere of Paris and don't look back.

Take Marc Jacobs at Louis Vuitton. The American's spring col-

lection was blatantly full of the LV logo — once a no-no except on luggage — now a selling point as he does it.

From the attractive LV knee-length raincoat worn by Claudia Schiffer at his show, through all the bags, battle jackets, and lean pants, the clothes looked high-quality and proud to sport their label.

At Dior, Englishman John Galiano stumbled, showing a discombobulated look of denims, boots, and so on for a slightly urban cowgirl look. Better were his "logo" clothes such as the "CD" on boots or the curious silk scarves and blouses that are dead-ringers for Hermes. Trip over to Dior for Hermes? That's globalization for you, French style.

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## Omega Phi Alpha holding spring rush

Omega Phi Alpha National Service Sorority is holding spring rush at 7 p.m. tonight in the Golden Spur. All USC women are invited to attend. For more information, call Maya Hollinshead at 544-1874.

## NRHH membership applications due

The National Residence Hall Honorary is holding a social from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. tonight in the South Quad Lounge. Refreshments will be served. Also, membership applications are due 5 p.m. Friday in the Residence Education Office in the Towers Area. For more information, call Maya Hollinshead at 544-1874.

## Millennium lecture planned for Thursday

The Institute for Southern Studies will be sponsoring a lecture, "Regional Identity at the Millennium," given by Dr. James C. Cobb at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Belk Auditorium in the BA Building.

## Lecturer will discuss pomography on Web

Women's Studies is sponsoring a lecture, "The Disembodied Woman: How the Internet Changes Pomography," given by Dr. Ina Roy at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Gambrell Hall Room 152. For more information, call 777-4007.

## ODK accepting applications

Omicron Delta Kappa is accepting applications. They are available in the Housing Office, the Student Government Office, the RH Information Desk and the Campus Activities Center. They're due at 5 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Housing Office.

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