

Debating tournament held

by Derek Dunnett

The rhetoric flew thick and fast last weekend as the Debating Union took a decisive step towards re-establishing itself as an influential presence on the Atlantic Debating circuit.

Hosted debate

On Saturday the society hosted the first ever Debating tournament at UNB. The turnout was small, but the level of debate was quite high, according to Jason Burns, the tournament director.

The Saint Thomas A team of Neil Bouwer and Kelly Lamrock hosted Vish Nandlall and Chris Pollard of UNB in a well fought and very humorous final round.

Top Debaters named

Bouwer, Lamrock, Pollard and Tray Goodfellow of STU were named as the top four individual debaters.

Burns expressed gratitude to Brunswick Bottling, The Bookstore, Tim Horton's and especially Kimberly Doyle and the SU Grants Committee, whose support ensured the

tournament's success.

Hosting valuable

Burns stated that the experience of hosting the small tournament would be very valuable next year when the society plans to host a major event involving teams from not only the Atlantic provinces, but from the New England states as well.

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AIDS

- questions and answers

Can I Get AIDS By French Kissing?

you shouldn't let fear stop you from finding out about it.

The answer is there is almost no chance. In fact you would have to swallow about four litres of your partner's saliva to risk doing so. The risk is so minimal that only blood from a cut or the presence of sores can make this a matter of any concern. AIDS IS NOT SPREAD THROUGH CASUAL CONTACT such as kissing, sneezing, coughing, touching, or through door-knobs, toilet seats, telephones, shared cigarettes and other such stuff. You also can't get AIDS by living with, touching or caring for someone who has the disease. The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is a sexually transmitted disease and

Isn't AIDS a gay disease?

Nope, anyone is at risk if he or she practises certain high risk activities such as unprotected vaginal or anal sex, or sharing uncleaned needles or syringes. In New Brunswick, 25% of the known AIDS cases are women. All sexually active persons, heterosexual or otherwise, must become concerned.

How can I tell if I or someone else has AIDS?

There are many symptoms, one can look for: tiredness, night sweats, swollen glands, thrush in the mouth, diarrhoea, pink or purple blotches on or under the skin. The only problem is that these can be the symptoms of many other diseases, for example, the common cold. There may also not be any visible signs. Check out your or your partner's sexual history. If you think that there is a good chance that you may have the disease, a test is a good idea. If you think you partner may have it, practise SAFER SEX.

Do you mean that anyone can get AIDS?

Yes, especially if you are not careful. AIDS may not as yet be curable but it can be preventable. Find out about your partner's sexual history, it's a matter of life and death. Learn the symptoms of AIDS. Practise safe sex. Find out how to protect yourself. The key to prevention is KNOWLEDGE.

What about testing?

The test used for checking blood donations, the ANTIBODY test, can show whether someone is infected with the virus. There are factors, however, which can cause false positives (alcoholism and birth control pills) and false negatives. If you do decide to have the test done, make sure that counselling is available before and after the test is done, and after obtaining the results. There are many CONS to having the test done but the PRO is that you may save your life and that of your partner's.

The only way to prevent yourself from getting AIDS is by being AWARE and that comes with knowledge. Information is readily available from Grace Getty (453-4642) and AIDS NEW BRUNSWICK.



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