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Aids growing among college students

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College campuses rank almost as high in AIDS infected prison system.

colleges rank 3 per 1,000 students by 1993. compared to a convict population of 4 per 1,000.

on the failure of students to use condoms.

Surveys conducted in 1989 showed that 80 percent of college protection.

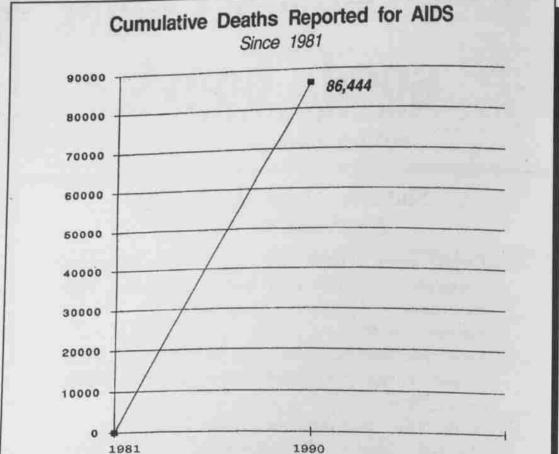
The Center for Disease Con- to AIDS.

trol (CDC) site this lack of concern and knowledge on the part of students regarding AIDS as a real and dangerous threat.

Their current statistics show population as the United States there have been 83,445 deaths reported from AIDS since 1981 in American College Health the United States, with a pro-Association (ACHA) reports that jected total of 285,000 to 340,000

The American Medical Association adds that AIDS is the 15th ACHA blames these numbers leading cause of death in the and their alarming growth rate United States. One fifth of these infected people are in their twen-

Since it can take up to ten students have heterosexual inter- years between infection and sympcourse by the time they graduate, toms, estimates project that by yet 60 to 70 percent don't use any the year 2000 there will have been five to six million deaths related



Number of Deaths from AIDS

1981 - 2000

Est. 5 million 86,444 1981 1990 2000

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Vaccine fights AIDS virus

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University have shown that a candidate vaccine produced by genetic engineering fights the virus that produces AIDS, according to a recent published report.

The vaccine uses gene-splicing techniques to produce a chain of proteins mimicking a portion of the surface of the human immunodeficiency virus, the cause

Vaccines against viruses usually are made of the whole virus, crippled so that it cannot cause the disease in question, or killed virus.

The candidate vaccine was injected into eight volunteers four times over 18 months-an initial injection followed by three boosters.

At the end of 18 months, three of the eight had developed a response in which the cells of their immune systems attacked the HIV virus and the cells it infected.

They did so without attacking the socalled "innocent bystander" uninfected cells.

