president's proposals represent a 28 percent increase over this year's funding levels with substantial increases proposed for AIDS research and care. The 1994 budget for the CARE Act is \$658.1 million, which is \$310 million more than 1993 levels.

HIV-related prevention activities, administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are slated for the modest increase of \$45 million over current funding. "While we had hoped for a more significant federal commitment to HIV-related prevention in the president's budget," AAC Deputy Director for Programs Christine Lubinski said, "we look forward to working with the administration to ensure that the funds which are available are utilized in ways which will make a difference to those individuals at high-risk for contracting HIV."

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minimal increases. "Given the direct relationship between the expanding HIV epidemic and substance abuse, this is a critical deficit in our nation's effort to stop the spread of AIDS," said Lubinski.

To meet the challenge of winning more funds, a campaign by AIDS advocates has included:

* The April 22 testimony on African Americans and AIDS by Community Organization and Education Director Belinda Rochelle. Her testimony was offered to a special hearing by the Congressional Black Caucus on homosexuality in the African American commu-

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than increases in educational attainment. African-Americans, American Indians/Alaskan Natives, and Latinos continue to enroll in undergraduate education are rates well below their representation in the population. While members of these three ethnic groups were 32 percent of the region's 1990 population of 18-to 24-years-olds, they made up only 17 percent of undergraduates in 1990. This pattern is repeated across the region.

Asians/Pacific Islanders, as a group, have achieved parity in the region. They made up 8.1 percent of the 18-to 24-year-old population and 9.1 percent of undergraduates in 1990. However, all Asian/Pacific Islander populations have not achieved parity. For example, Asians/Pacific Islanders, specifically Native Hawaiin's, are underrepresented in Hawaii's undergraduate population. While Asians/Pacific Islanders made up 70 percent of Hawaii's 18-to 24-year-old population in 1990, they were only 61 percent of it's undergraduates.

* A briefing for new members of Congress mounted by National Organizations responding to AIDS (NORA) on May 24 in hopes of evaluating awareness and visibility of AIDS issues on Capitol Hill. NORA proposes the expenditure of \$3.4 billion on AIDS-related public health programs and \$156 million on housing programs; the president has proposed \$2.7 billion and \$103 million in those areas,

* The May 6 testimony of AAC Executive Director Dan Bross before the House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs/Housing and Urban Development, calling for full funding of the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act, which provides federal support for comprehensive, community-based, HIV-specific housing programs. Full funding for 1994 would be \$156.3 million. He also called for support for Shelter Plus Care, which provides support for homeless individuals who have chemical dependency, mental illness or AIDS. "The housing needs of people with HIV and AIDS have been and continue to be one of the AIDS communities' top

unmet needs," Bross testified.

The April 28 testimony of David Ellingsworth, an Iowan living with HIV/AIDS, to press upon the Senate the importance of protecting funding for rural AIDS Resources and Education, told the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies of the Senate Appropriations committee, "I firmly believe that deferring spending that addresses this epidemic can only assure that the budgetary impact of AIDS will be far greater in years ahead and that the loss of life and productive years will be immense in lowa as well as the rest of the nation."

* The rescheduling of AIDS Action Council (AAC) Lobby Days, originally planned for late June, to May 23-24. Some 50 citizen lobbyists were expected to participate.

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