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# AIDS testing creates debate on civil rights

By Jason Scorza  
The Daily Targum  
Rutgers U., NJ

A study to determine the prevalence of the AIDS virus among college students has raised a controversial question of health education versus civil rights.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of New Jersey lodged a formal protest last semester against Rutgers U.'s participation in the anonymous testing program.

The study, coordinated by the National Center for Disease Control (CDC), is designed to determine the number of individuals on 20 randomly selected American college campuses who have the HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) virus, known as the "precursor for AIDS."

The blood samples, leftovers from those drawn for other medical reasons, will be completely confidential and anonymous — only the age, sex, race, month of collection and a number will appear on the transfer tube, said Dr.



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Robert Bierman, medical director of health services at Rutgers.

Because of anonymity, those who test positive for the virus will not be notified.

Eric Neisser, ACLU legal director, called the testing program "coercive" because health care recipients who

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## Student fined, suspended for starting computer virus

By Bill Jacob  
Albany Student Press  
State U. of New York, Albany

Last spring, officials at the university's Computing Center found themselves fighting off a potentially dangerous virus. But unlike the measles, this virus was high-tech.

And it proved fatal to one student's academic career.

University officials would not disclose the student's name.

The student was suspended from the university and fined \$2,000 for creating a computer virus on one of the Center's mainframe computers, according to Gerard Forget, the Center's director. It was the first virus found in the school's computer system.

Computer "viruses" are complicated programs designed, like their biological counterparts, to reproduce themselves, and often execute instructions to print out messages, change other programs, or — what computer users fear most — erase files in memory.

**Tiny, invisible programs have invaded the personal computing industry like a biological virus. See Page 16.**

Computing Center officials suspected foul play when the computer system began to receive large amounts of jobs to be processed, Forget said, explaining that when the student was then approached, he admitted to creating the virus.

The student must pay \$2,000 in compensation for the two and a half days it took the Computing Center staff to rid the system of the virus, Forget said.

In this case, Forget said, the virus was "simple by comparison," designed to eventually reach a faculty researcher's files. He said it was "memory consuming and destructive."

But a Computing Center employee who asked not to be identified said the student did not mean to do any harm.



Steven Fletcher, left, is astrologer to U. of Utah's student leaders.

## 'Who Cares' party spurns tradition

By Christie Butters  
The Daily Universe  
Brigham Young U., UT

The "Who Cares" party, held at the University of Utah on Sept. 17, was a departure from the traditional "Who Cares" party.

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