

# AIDS panel comes to Lafayette for discussion

by Melissa Lennon

Lafayette students and concerned Easton residents filled Colton Chapel Tuesday night to participate in a panel discussion about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS.

The Chapel was packed with people listening to, and asking questions of, Ms. Alice Clark, from the medical profession; a Reverend Calhoun, who helps AIDS sufferers deal with their disease and David, an actual AIDS victim. Most questions asked by the audience were directed towards David.

The actual way or time he contracted AIDS was difficult to pinpoint. Besides the generally

well known ways of contracting the disease, by semen, vaginal secretions or blood of an infected person coming in contact with the blood of an uninfected person, all the panel members cited other high risk behavior such as drinking and experimenting with drugs.

Ms. Clark was especially concerned with high school and college-age people because of their lack of education on the facts about AIDS and its transmission. David reiterated the need for increased education. He also stressed throughout the program that AIDS patients are people too. He explained that it is not actually AIDS that kills,

but the disease that one contracts because of the deficiency in the immune system that actually constitutes the illness.

David had twice before been hospitalized for pneumonia. This, he said, was very frightening, because of the treatment he received. The doctors and nurses wore masks and gloves when

administering care, and this left David with a feeling of isolation.

The Reverend's main concern in society's handling of the AIDS crisis has to do with treating AIDS victims as fellow human beings. They are not social outcasts and should not be abandoned. David added that love and understanding, not

condemnation, is what AIDS patients need.

In the Lehigh Valley there is an organization called the AIDS Service Center. It provides support and care for family and friends of PWA's (Persons With AIDS). They train buddies to support AIDS patients, conduct a support group and also a therapy group.

## Honors Convocation held Saturday

by Heidi Ludwick

The Academy Awards of Lafayette College were presented to students Saturday, April 23, 1988 at the annual All-College Honors Convocation. Usually held in February, the event proved to be a success due in large to improvements made by members of the Subcommittee on Honors Convocation: Ellen Hurwitz, chairman; David A. Portlock, Assistant Dean of Academic Services; George G. Sause, Consultant for the Faculty Committee on Honors and Aca-

demie Awards; and Lara Culley '89.

Held in the Morris R. Williams Center for the Arts, the afternoon ceremony opened with remarks by Christopher Wilson, Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Honors and Academic Awards, and President of the College, David W. Ellis. Featured speaker, William S. Andrews, class of '71 and past recipient of the George Wharton Pepper Prize, highlighted the celebration by reflecting on his experiences at Lafayette College. During his presentation, he discussed the value of honors to him, recognized a positive relation between the faculty and students in the past, and emphasized not only academics, but the importance of the Lafayette experience as a whole.

The ceremony continued with the awarding of prizes for academic excellence, leadership, character, citizenship, and professional promise in various fields of study including engineering, chemistry, English, languages,

and military science. Presenting the awards were Dean of Academic Services, Alan W. Childs, and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Honors Convocation, Ellen Hurwitz. Sigma Alpha Epsilon was honored during the ceremony with a trophy for highest academic achievement for a social living group. According to Lara Culley, everyone received certificates for their awards and some students received cash prizes for excellence.

Following the ceremony, students and faculty continued the celebration at a reception held in the Williams Center lobby. Faculty, students, and guests socialized, congratulated winners, and talked to Andrews while nibbling on cheese and punch and enjoying the background music performed by Lafayette students, Paul Glvin, violin, Courtney Ryan, cello, Colleen Mailhot, flute, and Kevin LaBar, piano.

## SUPERIOR

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The winners of the 1987-88 Superior Teaching Awards received a certificate from Student Government as well as flowers. In addition, both Professor Bukics and Professor McCreary will get their names engraved on two plaques in Marquis Hall for permanent recognition.

## STRAIGHT EDGE

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bigger problem.

In conclusion, the next few months will be very interesting. The American voters will have a choice between a qualified candidate and the Governor of Massachusetts (or JoJo the Dog-

faced Boy — you never know). Of course, perhaps neither candidate is that wonderful. There's always 1992. There's also 2008 if you're willing to wait for the Straight Edge Guy. A columnist can dream, can't he!

## TRUSTEES FUND

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those who support the college in a leadership capacity, and its inner Marquis Circle. In 1987, Hugel was inducted into Lafayette's Societe d'Honneur, a group which honors the college's 32 most distinguished benefactors.

Lawrence J. Ramer, a 1950 graduate of Lafayette, is chairman of the board of Pacific Coast Cement Corporation. A member of the college's board of trustees since 1976, Ramer was vice chair of the board's financial

policy committee and also served two terms as chair of the Marquis Society.

Participating student artists are Ann T. Augustine, Clayton B. Evans, Hugh R. Jeffers II, Mary Kathleen Hooper, Daryl A. Madi, Paul Miller, and David B. Nemetz. Faculty members Ed Kerns and Tom Burke have also donated works.

The project is co-sponsored by three student organizations: the Apartheid Awareness Group, the Association of Black Collegians, and Theta Delta Chi

Fraternity. Co-chairs are Tamar Oberman; Evans; and William Wagner, president of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity.

The public is invited to attend the exhibit. Persons wishing to donate to the fund may send a check made out to "Lafayette College-Art Against Apartheid" to the Association of Black Collegians, Box 4020, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. 18042. For more information, contact Oberman, 215-559-0689; Evans, 215-252-9643; or Wagner, 215-252-9160.

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