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## OPINION

# STD doesn't stand for Stuff That Doesn't-affect-me

By JEROME ENGELBERTS  
*Opinions editor*

The main goal of this week's extracurricular information is to make Sexually Transmitted Diseases Awareness something that is present before, rather than AFTER catching it. Although today's sexually active people are better informed than, say, their parents, they all too often still believe that STD's A) can be caught off dirty toilet seats, and B) always happen to

someone else.

Meanwhile, STD's still hover between the "embarrassing" and the "non-discussable" afflictions and especially because of those two factors, many people who wind up infected are concerned about discussing their medical problem.

For those of you who are not comfortable talking to peers, parents, or your family physician: talk to Planned Parenthood ([www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.org) or [www.teenwire.com](http://www.teenwire.com)). Get a (free)

HIV test. Use condoms and common sense (as in: if you have many sexual partners, your likelihood of contracting some STD increases vastly (after all, all those partners like to have multiple partners, too). Don't engage in practices that involve possible injuries (blood can transmit HIV) – you know who you are. Be smart.

Remember: HIV can lead to AIDS. Syphilis can kill you if untreated (in a slow, painful way, while going insane in the process).

You keep Genital Herpes with you forever, like luggage (to quote Eddie Murphy). Gonorrhea HURTS.

So as you cruise across campus – make a stop in the quad, and take the opportunity to get some information. The people manning the table and answering your questions are from the Tri-Valley Health Center (39500 Liberty Street, Fremont CA 94538, phone 510 770-8131). They are set up to provide you with information on where to go for anonymous testing, free condoms,

and support if you actually do contract an STD.

*The information provided is important to anyone – even if you don't sleep around. And guys: in spite of all the clichés - using condoms is not like taking a bath with your socks on, unmanly, uncool, or necessarily interruptive (and YOU might as well get 'em instead of hoping your partner will).*

STDs – unlike the flu – are within everybody's control. So; get checked. Be smart. Be safe.

## LETTERS

# President's stand against war took lots of courage

EDITOR:

I would like to tell my reactions to this school year's lead *Monitor* story, (Ohlone President Douglas) "Treadway takes stand against war." First reaction... Wow! (Surprise... Taking public, principled stands like that isn't all that common). Second reaction... Wow! That took courage. A lot of Americans mistakenly equate opposing the war to siding with the enemy, so one runs a risk, especially these days. Never mind that the war itself is our greatest gift to Al Qaeda:

1. Unlike before, Iraq now provides a fertile breeding ground for terrorists. Where else could they get such great first-hand experience?

2. Osama bin Laden favors theocracies like Iran to secular states like Iraq was. We just got rid, at no cost to Osama, of his rival, and it looks like Iraq is going to join Iran as a theocracy.

3. We went into Iraq with clear majorities of people in almost every country in the world against us. This, of course, weakens our moral credibility around the world. It has not improved with all the civilians

killed by our military invasion, at least 24,712 people at last count.

4. Focusing so much on Iraq, which did not attack us, meant we did not focus as fully as we should have on Al Qaeda, which did.

5. For the more than \$130 billion spent on the Iraq war to date, the U.S. could have undertaken 18 major new projects to strengthen our security at home and abroad!

6. 1897 dead Americans (and more than 14,000 wounded)

My third reaction to the stand against the war, that it's not too late. Just as public pressure finally forced the United States to abandon its mis-

guided adventurism in Vietnam, so too might it this time in Iraq.

Also, I wouldn't be surprised if George Bush doesn't have more wars up his sleeve. We need to be eternally vigilant against his militaristic mindset.

Let us make sure that any future wars follow established just war precepts, as set out in a feature which appeared before our Iraq invasion and which you can google ("Declaring a Just War", McLennan, *Chronicle*):

1. Just cause, a defensive response to grave and certain harm to the nation.

2. Last resort.

3. Legitimate authority.

4. Probability of success, not just short-term military, but long-term political, success.

5. Test of proportionality.

6. No civilian targets.

As you can see, a convincing case was made for none of these the last go-round, when, in fact, all need to be satisfied. I would be happy to be adviser for any group of students who feel that we must stop going the way of war.

-- Geoffrey A. Hirsch

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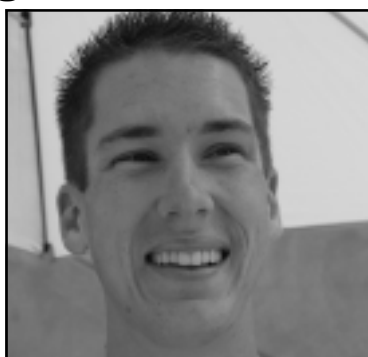
## CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

### How expensive would gas have to get to make you change your driving behavior, and how would you change it?



SHANTI CHARAN  
Communications

"I'm trying to change it right now. It's so expensive. I've already started to carpool."



BRANDEN MORHAUS  
Mechanical Engineering

"\$2.50 - 'cause I already changed it. I got a new car"



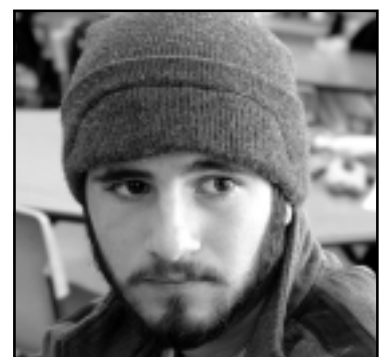
ALAN COSIO  
Political Science

"Anything higher then it is right now. I think gas prices are outrageous"



ADRIENNE OLIVER  
Criminal Justice

"\$3.50 and that's what it's near. I'd catch the bus"



TOMAS ORTEGA  
Psychology

"Oh God - 5 bucks. I'd spend 4 but 5 is too much"