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January 29, 1988

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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

The Minnesota AIDS Project has planned a series of safer sex events at the University of Minnesotaduring February.

From a letter over the signature of Earl C. Pike, it would appear that said events are a means of educating the public about AIDS and helping to stanch its flow. It appears to me, however, that these meetings could well contribute to the problem, not its cure.

Is the Division of Epidemiology advising MAP?

Sincerely,

Timothy W. Held

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Enclosures: copy of letter from Earl C. Pike to student-registered organizations copy of letter to Earl C. Pike

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Dear Mr. Held:

The Division of Epidemiology is advising the State Health Department on its program of education on AIDS. However, our faculty does not advise Mr. Pike and his Minnesota AIDS Project.

Although making the sessions a little "racy" may seem inappropriate as a public health measure, it may not be entirely "off-the-wall" in its ability to involve students in a needed discourse, and I suspect one should reserve judgment without detailed knowledge of the program.

Please note that the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota is <u>not</u> "at the University Hospitals". It is a separate college in the health sciences.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D. Professor and Director

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