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When David Bray, 20, learned how ignorant or unconcerned many South African children are about HIV and AIDS, he felt obligated to "do something." A computer science/biology major and journalism minor from Washington, D.C., Bray says he knew the statistics: "By

2000, more than 8 million of South Africa's 40 million will have the virus. More than 5.5 million of those 8 million will not know they have contracted the disease." But, as a health reporter for the *Cape Argus*, he says, "It finally hit me that 8 out of 40 million was really 1 in 5!" Bray traveled to Luhlaza High School

in Khayelitsha and spoke to a class of approximately 35 students about the danger of HIV and AIDS and how to protect themselves. "They knew that they should wear protection, but I asked them if they would wear protection, and they said they would not." Bray was not altogether shocked by this, since many of these South African students displayed the same attitude, he says, as Americans who think "it's not going to happen to me." Bray—who worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the science and technology unit of CNN after returning from South Africa—tried to explain to the students that HIV and AIDS can affect anyone. He says, "I felt better knowing that perhaps one, if only one, out of those students went home and thought about what I said to them. Then at least I did something."



David Bray speaks about the dangers of HIV and AIDS to students at Luhlaza High School in Khayelitsha.