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Not Me Documentary Focuses on AIDS

THIS SATURDAY EVENING, A locally produced documentary, *Not Me, Innocence in the Time of AIDS*, will be aired on television for the second time. Its message: everyone, from the youthful to young at heart, must realize AIDS doesn't discriminate.

Unlike the average AIDS documentary, *Not Me* focuses on young people infected with HIV, and doesn't come from an "adult, authoritative level," says county liaison for the documentary project Kathy Kuehl.



Santa Cruz Planned Parenthood volunteer Angel Milhouse is filmed during the making of *Not Me*.

"When we're young, we think we're invincible and don't think anything is going to harm us, so we go about the routine of being alive, young, and curious," says Kuehl.

Not Me includes direct, frank, explicit discussion between six HIV positive youths and local high school students. One of the producers, Robin Baskins, hopes it will inspire young people to "get together and form groups to educate their own community. It will be teens teaching teens."

The film opens with a scene from the Planned Parenthood office in Santa Cruz, where volunteer Angel Milhouse draws blood from a patient for an AIDS test. That particu-

lar person didn't have AIDS, but the young people the film focuses on are all HIV-positive.

"I think so many kids aren't aware of what's out there," says Milhouse. "This movie is really going to open a lot of people's eyes."

If you miss *Not*

Me on TV this Saturday, a few local video stores like the Wherehouse are expected to rent videocassettes of it at no charge to the community. Producers hope that people will tape it when it reruns on TV and show it to friends.

"We need to get the information to kids so they can make intelligent decisions in their lives," says Kuehl.

The *Not Me* documentary was a project coordinated by KSBW-TV, and implemented by volunteers in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. It can be viewed at 1 a.m., directly after *Saturday Night Live*, Saturday, Feb. 27.

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