

VD crises discussed

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should go to the doctor if you think you have it," was the first reply.

Another teenager stated that he thought it "should be taught along with sex education when they start in grade school because you get your habits when you're small."

A different point of view came from one student who said, "If there is something you don't know, all you have to do is find a pamphlet or magazine in the library that tells you about it."

In rebuttal, another student replied, "But they don't tell you about the real bad ones, they just talk about syphilis and gonorrhea."

An interesting comment, and one voiced by several teenagers, was, "They drill it into your head until you're sick of it... just like smoking and drinking, you have it every year in health class and you just get sick of hearing about it."

One teen said, "Parents today do not understand what is happening where sex is concerned. Our parents say don't and it is sometimes just the thing to do."

Our final question concerned what the teenager would do if he suspected that he had contracted VD. The replies varied.

"I'd be afraid to go to my parents on that subject."

"You wouldn't want to walk up to your parents and say, 'Look, Mom and Dad, I've got VD.' I'd rather go to the health clinic and they could help me and then counsel me with my parents."

"You're afraid to tell them because you know it will cause them some hurt and some pain."

"It's more of a moral issue with parents... they blame themselves, like where have I failed... they think they'll never forget it."

One student said he would "go to my own doctor... they'll treat you and if you

ask them they won't tell your parents." Still another said, "I'd tell my parents because I know they would want to sit down and talk about it."

All in all, we found our interviews with these students an interesting and informative session. Here, in a controlled situation, we heard how they felt about a very current problem not just in Portland or Multnomah County, but across the United States. They spoke quite frankly and without embarrassment, and had very sound answers for our questions.

Maybe just sitting down and talking with our teenagers could be a worthwhile experience for all those involved.

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the meeting. Residents were vocal in their request for action. Mrs. Hildress Benson said "It's time to quit dilly-dallying around in little groups and get the show on the road."

Mrs. Jan Childs, Woodlawn resident, noted the need for all Model Cities residents to get involved because the problem will soon affect them. At the present time the only project affected is Boise-Humboldt, but if the workable program is not resolved by the City by June 31, funding in other projects will be stopped.

Commissioner Ned Look said, "This is No. 1 priority and we should all work together to get it resolved."

The Portland Traffic Safety Commission warns all drivers to watch out for human caution signs. Warmer weather and longer daylight will mean more kids playing along the street. Slow down and keep an eye peeled when you're driving through residential or playground areas.

Black citizen not invited

Lee Elder, who is a black citizen of the U.S.A., will not be invited to the 1972 Masters as the Nigerian Open champion.

If he does qualify it will have to be as the winner of one of the three American Professional Golfers Association tournaments remaining before the Masters scheduled for April 6-9. Or by a special vote of past Masters champions.

No black American golfer ever has played in the Masters. The Masters has a confusing set of 14 qualification regulations - for example, US Open Champions for the past five years, members of the Ryder Cup team - that apply only to American golfers. And no black American has met any of the 14 qualifications.

Foreign players, since they do not compete on the rigorous American tour, literally are invited. There are no set standards for qualification. However, winners of national championships - the

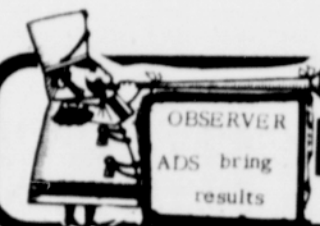
French Open, Philippines Open - are usually included. None of these ever has been a black, officially - a member of the Negro race - but there have been Asians with dark skin. For what that's worth.

Last winter, Elder, following an invitation from Gary Player, became the first black to compete with whites in apartheid South Africa. En route home, he entered, and won, the Nigerian Open.

"I believe I'll be invited to play in Augusta in April," said Elder, when he arrived from Africa. "It's up to the Masters committee to recognize me as a foreign champion, as they do the winners of the French Open or the German Open."

But if a place like South Africa can invite a black golfer, I can't see why the Masters can't open its doors.

It did. To Bobby Cole, Lu Liang-Huan, Takaaki Kono, Gary Player and several other non-Americans. But not to Lee Elder.



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