

Venereal Disease

"I feel that teenage V.D. is absolutely unnecessary because there are ways to protect yourself if you are going to have intercourse," says **Rodney Harrison**. Are there really ways to protect yourself though? The only 100% certain way is to abstain from any sexual intercourse.

Gonorrhea, the most common venereal disease, is caused by gonococcus and is almost always contracted by coitus, or sexual intercourse. Symptoms of gonorrhea are:

1. Painful or burning sensation during urination.
2. Discharges of whitish fluid or pus.
3. Pain in the lower abdomen.

Syphilis, the second most common venereal disease, is also almost always contracted through coitus, caused by the bacterium spirochete and also can be treated. Symptoms of Syphilis are:

1. Painless sore called a chancre that resembles a blister or pimple.
2. Rash on any part of the body.
3. Thin white sores.
4. Headaches
5. Fever



Using their library time well is **Henry Cain** and **Fred Fraiser**.

Relaxing while waiting for the band bus is **Marion Stephens**.

6. Common feeling of illness.

Both **Syphilis** and **Gonorrhea** may be fatal if not treated and may affect an unborn child.

Not all students are unaware of the consequences of untreated venereal disease. When asked what he knew about V.D., **Roderick Miley** said, "V.D. is a major disease among young people and can lead to heart illness and insanity if not stopped in its early stage." Though a lot of students know about V.D., there is still a vast majority who don't even know what V.D. is, how to prevent it, what its symptoms are or where to go to be cured. **Diane Ferguson** quoted that "V.D. can be controlled in teenagers today because everyone should know about sex and its consequences."

While changing classes, **Richard McClean** and **Carrie Thomas** are in another world.

