

the PRINT

Clackamas Community College

Wednesday, October 10, 1984

Vol. XVII, No. 2

Community forum examines pesticide, herbicide usage

The John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center (ELC), together with the nationally-accredited Institute of the Rockies, is sponsoring a community forum on careful uses of pesticides, herbicides and alternative methods tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

The forum will be held in Clackamas Community College's Community Center and is one of several "Chemical Agenda" discussions in four Northwestern states. The forum will present five distinct perspectives of the current issue and will include sufficient time for audience comment and questions.

The control of pests is a major concern of the Northwest's number one industry, agriculture, and of significant interest in forestry, home woodlot or grounds management and the home gardener. Charles Puckett, ELC organizer of the event, said the recent "controversy over the

use and misuse" of pesticides has made it a major topic of concern.

Oregon itself has experienced such an issue with the problem of controlling gypsy moths in Salem and the pine beetles of central Oregon, Puckett said. At the same time, activists are questioning the adequacy of federal pesticide testing and registration.

The ELC and Institute of the Rockies believe pesticides are a public policy issue, one whose resolution demands citizen participation and analysis. "The Chemical Agenda" is a unique opportunity for citizens of whatever persuasion to participate in a balanced discussion of this issue.

Puckett said there would be "people presenting both sides of the picture" at the forum. Two of the speakers will be provided by the Institute of the Rockies, while the remaining three will be provided by the ELC.

Experts and featured speakers will include Dr. Ruth Shearer, a consultant in genetic toxicology from Issaquah, Wash.; Dr. Frank Dost, a toxicologist with the Department of Agricultural

Chemistry at Oregon State University; Richard Allen Miller, author and specialist in herb farming and plant uses at Rogue Community College; Gary Calaba, from the DEQ Hazardous Waste Division, and Dave Deitz of Oregonians for Food and Shelter.

This public interest forum is a first of its kind and is being funded through the Northwest Area Foundation of St. Paul, Minn. It will include a community potluck dinner and exhibits session starting at 6:30 p.m. preceding the forum. Puckett said around 150 people are expected to attend.

For more information about the forum, contact the ELC at 657-8400, ext. 351.



ELC TURTLE BASKS in warm October rays.

College's Board to meet off campus tonight

Resolutions approving promotions to faculty and administrative positions are two important items to be discussed at tonight's Board of

Education meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Business Center of Clackamas County in Oregon City.

Child Development Center receives new programs

Janna Cook named new center director

By Shelley Davis
Of the Print

An information referral service, a sliding fee and the Latchkey Child Care Program are all new additions to the Child Development Center located in the Orchard Center.

The United Way is sponsoring the information referral service, which features listings of child care centers and homes designed for the convenience of others.

If parents' working hours are inconvenient or one care center doesn't have enough room for their children the caller is referred to other

homes and centers in the area, said Janna Cook, the new CDC director.

There are approximately 900 different child care centers on list for this service. Usually there is one information referral service for each county and if more are able to be pulled together and organized, the better it is for the community.

"We get anywhere from 50 calls one month to 300 calls the next month just for the information referral service," Cook said.

A sliding fee which is a fee to be paid at a later date, was created to help the parent in

need of child care, but who also needed the convenience of paying for costs in small payments. It has been found to be very convenient.

The program offering child care before and after school to help the working parent is called the Latchkey Program. There are 35 to 37 children in

the program at this time. The Latchkey Program is convenient for working parents, who are able to pick their children up at any time after work.

This will be the first year for the new child care center to be

located at Clackamas Community College. Throughout the summer, the child care program moved from the basement of the First Baptist

Church, in Oregon City, where it had been located since 1976, to the Child Development Center at the College. The program will be replacing the previous child care program, which was supervised by Myra Lunn.

The biggest increase in enrollment for the center happened when the College started classes. Enrollment has been approximately 50 percent College-related and 50 percent community-related.

Structural changes for the center included the construction of an observation room for visitors interested in learning more about the center.

Cook has been very excited about the new location, the new programs and the organization of it all. "I was down at the church with the agency for eight years, but it seems longer than that," she said.

Overall, Cook said the programs are off to a good start with enrollment and enthusiasm. "It's a quality day care for low income parents!" she added.

