



Concordia Neighborhood Association and Dekum Court Tenants Association invited City Council members for an on-site review of the land they are asking the city to purchase, but only Commissioner Connie McCready showed up.

The Housing Authority of Portland sold the property adjacent to Dekum Court for private development, and when the tenants found that all of the open space except for a steep incline had been sold they asked HAP to repurchase a portion of the land.

HAP refused, but the City Council will decide next Wednesday whether to use federal Housing and Community Development funds to purchase a small portion of the land.

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MAKES OR SAVES MONEY

## PCC child care suffers fund shortage

Growing demand for child day care will probably not soon slacken, according to a Portland Community College administrator, because "the economics of today's society dictate that both parents in most families work."

And no one is going to tell a mother she has to stay at home and take care of children, said Commery Warrell, chairman of PCC's home economics department.

"Single parent families are becoming more prevalent too," Warrell said. "Who expects that parent to remain home and be deprived of a decent income? There are a lot of young parents not willing to go on welfare."

Lending urgency to the day care situation, for both college training of day care specialists and persons who would like to use the facilities, is what Warrell calls the "roller coaster" approach to funding. A shortage of state financing at present makes it difficult for community colleges like PCC to turn out enough qualified personnel, Warrell cautioned.

"I guess the situation is a reflection of how our society looks at children. Good child day care is not babysitting. Skilled people are needed to help ensure the proper development of these small children," she said.

"Trained people, of course, don't come for free."

At its peak, PCC's early childhood development program had enrollment of 60 students, with more names on a waiting list. This fall, Warrell doubts there will be 40 students signed up.

"In the past we've had to limit enrollment because of the heavy emphasis we put on field work. That takes lots of staff time," she said.

PCC offers a two-year associate of arts degree and a one-year certificate in early childhood development.

"Our students are in demand because child day care is in demand. That's the bottom line," the department head said. "Almost all the students we turn out in this program are snapped right up by employers."

There is also a movement afoot, Warrell said, that would make students eligible for day care subsidies.

"Hardly any parent can afford the cost of good quality center care, without the center being subsidized. Students are especially hard-pressed," she said.

Portland Community College operates two non-profit day care centers as laboratories for its early childhood development students and, Warrell added, as a service to students. The centers are located at Sylvania and Cascade centers.

# OUCH!



Nearly a decade ago, the region's electric suppliers were planning new generating facilities to meet forecasted electricity needs. Thirteen plants were indicated. Today, only two are on schedule. Eleven plants have been delayed as much as three to six years.

Had the needed new Northwest electric generating plants been built on schedule the cost would have been billions of dollars less than they'll cost now. And in the end...the consumers will pick up the tab for delays in their electric bills.

### The Bad Taste of What's to Come.

Last winter, the Northwest came close to a severe electricity crisis. Power supplies were stretched to the breaking point. If there had been an unexpected plant shutdown, if we hadn't been able to purchase outside power, if the cold spell had continued...it could have pushed the demand for electricity beyond all available supply.

But the frightening thing is, the situation's going to get worse. If our resources barely got us through last winter, what's going to happen

## LAST WINTER WAS BAD ENOUGH. BUT THE BILL FOR DELAYED POWER PLANTS IS EVEN MORE SHOCKING.

next winter when tens of thousands of new homes and businesses have increased that demand for electricity.

### Is the Only Way Out of This Mess More and More Giant Power Plants?

The problem is supply and demand. Right now, the demand is running away from the supply.

Clearly, with this kind of requirement...some new major thermal power plants will be required to meet demand. But that doesn't mean every effort possible shouldn't be made to reduce the demand through conservation.

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### We Need Your Help.

There's one thing that should be clear out of all the controversies over

building needed new power plants. That's the longer we wait...not only will supply be jeopardized...but certainly, the costs will rise.

It isn't a question of coal or conservation; nuclear or non-polluting solar and wind; "hard" or "soft" paths to Northwest electric energy sufficiency.

It's going to take all of the above...and more. And time is running out.

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