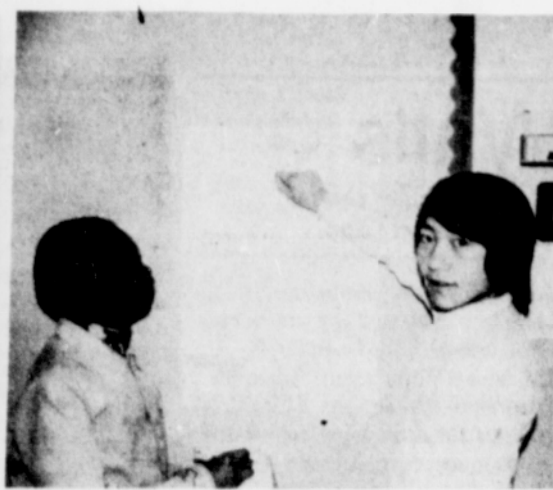




Ella Shannon, Boise student, displays part of her leaf collection.



Nanette Singer, Boise Speaks staff member, starts to prepare the layout sheet for the January issue.



Vern Jones, watches while classmate Ge Vang points to his homeland on S.E. Asia map.

Parent committee offers deseg plan

The School District's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Parent Advisory Committee (formerly called the Title VII Committee) has taken exception to the School Board's proposed desegregation plans and offered its own.

Tuesday, the committee discussed an amended version of the plan they had submitted to the Board last fall.

"I've been attending the School Board meetings," committee Chairman Al Jamison said, "and I've particularly noticed some of the statements school board members have made." Wally Priestly said the Board is operating without any philosophy.

Considering Boise to be the "key" to desegregation, Jamison said "there is no way to alleviate racial imbalance by adding a kindergarten unit at Boise—a 90 percent minority school."

Comparing the Board's proposed plans to its own long term resolutions, Jamison found the plans lacking. They do not place a middle school in Albina, have not involved a cross section of the public in planning, have not addressed the resolve to provide com-

munity participation on staff selection, does not address "purposeful allocation of funds" to Schools, does not provide for teacher and administration training prior to September of 1980.

Regarding the Board's resolution to increase the number of Blacks in "positions of leadership" in Albina schools, the Board has asked HEW to relax the Singleton Rule (preventing racial imbalance of teaching staff) but has made no move to assign Black administrators to Albina schools. "A move to make the staff ratio more representative of the student population (increase teaching staff to 20 percent) should be included in the plan."

The committee recommended that teachers not be moved mandatorily to achieve racial balance. "Teachers should be chosen on the basis of performance, evaluation, experience and willingness to teach in an Albina school."

The committee had earlier recommended that the Child Development Specialist Program -- a city funded program in Southeast Portland -- be expanded to all schools in the district. "They haven't even replied to that request. I don't expect them to necessarily

agree. They might say "no," but they could at least respond to our request." The CD program funded through CETA funds, is designed to identify learning and emotional problems early and has received a good evaluation from the city.

The committee recommendations include: changing Boise to a middle school to receive assigned students for Boise, Chapman and Ainsworth; Chapman to a middle school to receive assigned students for Chapman and Ainsworth.

Adams would remain as a neighborhood high school, while developing a strong magnet to provide academic and vocational training.

The Adams building would be used to house elementary students for schools during building renovation.

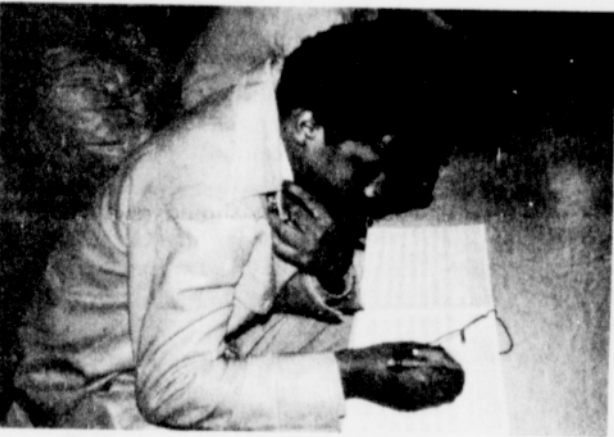
The following year (Phase II) attention would be given to creating a middle school at Hayhurst, with lower grades going to Wilson cluster schools or to the east side Early Childhood Education Centers. This would not be a desegregation move, but part of the district reorganization.

Lincoln would be considered as a middle school site, depending on

westside attendance patterns.

The committee has not had time to deal with the over-enrollment as Columbia/Whitaker, "we are still working on that," Jamison said. "It has been extremely difficult to deal with some of the schools, especially when we don't really know how many students we are dealing with. We don't think a middle school with Adams is good -- so we are working on it."

The committee plans to develop more specific program suggestions for the Adams magnet.



Billy Joe Sly acts as timekeeper.



Boise Raiders go into action against Peninsula, in girl's basketball.

Dekum playground pending

In January 1976, the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) sought to gain approval for building fifty three-bedroom low-income housing units on the undeveloped portion of HAP property at NE 27th & Dekum, in addition to the forty existing units at the site. The Concordia Community Association (CCA) opposed what was viewed as too high a concentration of units at the site; HAP has since adopted a policy of limiting the number of units at one site to 30-40. HAP relented on the proposed fifty units but had stated at a neighborhood meeting that if HAP could not develop the property, it would be sold to a private developer who could build between 150-200 units with the existing apartment zoning at the site.

Concordia Community Association thus requested in April 1977 that the City downzone the property to R5 (single-family residential). HAP opposed the downzone, with Dr. Lyndon Musolf, executive director of HAP, stating at the April 1977 CCA general meeting, "you don't kick the fenders of a car you want to sell." HAP wanted the funds for land banking property for units elsewhere.

The Planning Commission in December 1977 and the City Council in March 1978 voted unanimous approval for the downzone.

In April 1978, with no notice to the neighborhood, as it had requested, HAP sold the undeveloped property to developer J.W. Brayson, Inc. In late April, the property was surveyed with tenants saying they discovered the sale by seeing stakes pounded into the ground. At the downzone hearing before the Planning Commission, residents and the neighborhood had requested that adequate play space be left if the

property was sold. Other tenants, in addition to the two who had spoken at the downzone hearing, then became alarmed, they say, because the existing usable, non-sloping space, on which scattered play equipment is located, had been sold.

At that time, Concordia Community Association was contacted by the tenants and another battle was begun with tenants and the neighborhood working together to retain a portion of the property for play space. The tenants also contacted their HAP Service Coordinator, Ron Swan, and expressed their alarm and need for his help in gaining information about and input into the decisions being made.

At a June 19, 1978 Dekum Court Tenant Organization meeting, tenants presented Musolf with the petition signed by all but three families, two of which were away at the time, protesting sale of the play space and with specific proposals the CCA had adopted to pursue in retaining space for tenants and area residents. The proposals had been adopted at an earlier CCA general meeting at which a developer representative stressed that it was in the owner's interest to cooperate with the neighborhood and that the developer was willing to sell back a portion of the property in question to HAP, the City or the neighborhood. This information was also presented to Musolf at the June meeting with tenants.

Musolf stated that HAP could not purchase the property but that he had no objections to the tenants and the neighborhood pursuing their options. He requested they get in writing the developer's willingness to sell the property. However, when the Tenant Organization requested to be heard before the HAP Board of Commissioners, Musolf stated that it was inappropriate at the time. Then on

August 16, 1978, with no further meeting with Dekum Court tenants, the board's Tenant Affairs Committee reported to the board that there was adequate available play space at the site.

Swan, at his supervisor's request had attended the June meeting. At the meeting, he spoke of his concern at lack of tenant input and asked questions about the finality of the sale.

Following the June 78 Meeting, the neighborhood pursued re-purchase of the property using federal Community Development Black Grant funds for Housing and Community Development (HCD). In July 1979, after former Mayor Goldschmidt had finally secured verbal agreement from HAP to maintain lots purchased by the city, the City Council approved purchase of five lots, which the developer was then willing to sell. At the hearing, the neighborhood stressed that additional HCD funds would be requested later to provide the play site with additional play equipment and needed landscaping.

Proposals from the neighborhood, with voluntary help from landscape architects, Michael Whitmore and Associates, and the Community Design Center, were presented to HAP in early fall 1979. HAP has yet to meet with the neighborhood concerning neighborhood proposals, though Chuck Olson, Director of Neighborhood Programming in the city's Office of Planning and Development, has indicated to the neighborhood that such a meeting between HAP, the City and the neighborhood can soon take place. Upon securing written agreement by HAP to maintain the playground site as developed, the neighborhood must then seek City Council approval for the additional HCP funding necessary for play equipment and landscaping.

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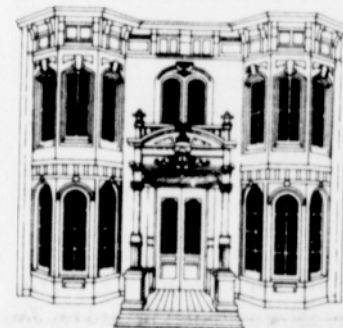
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