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(Left to right) — Helen Stoll, Bob Nelson and Herb Duberry respond to questions about their plans to take the message of prostitution and drug dealing in N. E. Portland to other parts of the city not affected by the problem. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Prostitution, drugs give city bad name

by Nathaniel Scott

"Chasing whores from one neighborhood to another is not an acceptable solution," the Neighborhood Rescue Inc. said at a press conference last week.

Bob Nelson, chairman of the Northeast coalition, Rev. Herb Duberry and Helen R. Stoll, called the press conference to express horror over the city's influx of prostitutes and drugs. "Prostitution is a cancer growing throughout the community," Stoll said, as the group outlined plans for dealing with the situation.

Nelson said if necessary, Neighborhood Rescue Inc. will set up picket lines at Portland's International Airport to get attention.

"The entire city and county must tell the City Council, County Commissioners, the district attorney and the judges; the police and the sheriff's department that now is the time to act," Nelson said.

In addition to demonstrating at the

city airport, Nelson said if necessary the group will take its campaign to the West Hills, Northwest Portland, and boycott the *Oregonian* newspaper too.

"The problem is not visible to all the neighborhoods," Nelson added. "We are looking for input."

According to Neighborhood Rescue Inc., prostitution is taking over the city of Portland. Prostitutes can be seen hawking their wares from downtown to 82nd Ave., the Hollywood district, Northeast Portland and other areas of the city, too.

Rev. John W. Garlington, pastor of Marantha Church, 1222 NE Skidmore, said he observed a prostitute turning a trick in the parking lot on the church grounds. Nelson said, "When tricks are turned in church parking lots, that's very, very offensive."

Nelson said the problem exists because we have a "no risk justice system. There are no penalties assessed for these crimes, and many others, so Portland has become an 'open city for

crime'." Nelson added, "We no longer live in the most livable city."

"Now is the time to act," Nelson said. "That has to be the message. We propose to ask the support of the religious community; to take the message to service clubs, trade and business organizations; to the health department and ask that whores and johns be detained for blood tests for AIDS."

"It must become an issue with our political organizations," Nelson maintained. "Prostitution really affects the economic development in the Northeast."

Rev. Duberry said Neighborhood Rescue Inc. will be putting up posters all over the city.

"I have seen the police talking with prostitutes and drug dealers," Rev. Duberry said. "I have three children. My six-year-old daughter at a young age is able to recognize the difference in the way prostitutes dress."

Neighborhood Rescue Inc. intends to fight fire with fire. They recognize that some of their tactics, like calling for AIDS testing, are drastic. However Nelson said, "We are not ornery people; we are just disgusted and tired."

He added, "If they [the prostitutes] would move over to the West side, it [prostitution] would stop." Stoll added that a lot of the customers are business men who live in the West and Northwest areas of Portland.

Nelson concluded, "We may picket the justice center and the courthouse, too."

One business enterprise, the Jade Tree Motel, 3939 NE Hancock, is already cooperating with Neighborhood Rescue, Inc. Susie Dieter, the resident manager, said, "We don't need the prostitution business. I don't want their money."

The question is, one unidentified source wanted to know, does Portland have the "guts" to take the city out of the "grips" of prostitutes, pimps and drug dealers?

PCC schedules dance workshop

A special fall dance workshop at Portland Community College Sylvania Campus featuring ballet, dunham jazz and contemporary dance starts September 9, and runs through September 19.

Classes designed for the intermediate level dancer feature instruction from professional dancers, featuring Benny Bell, to give students a fresh insight into style, technique and presentation.

Diana LoVerso teaches the ballet each day from 10 to 11:30 a.m. She recently won a Willamette Week "Willie" award for her role as Anita in "West Side Story" and she has performed as a soloist with The Cincinnati Ballet, Ballet Fiesta, City Ballet and has danced with the Joffrey Ballet and Portland Opera.

The dunham jazz, to be taught by Benny Bell from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day is ethnic-style jazz with vigorous work-out using isolations and strong leg work.

Bell recently taught the Reed College Dance Workshop, directs his own company in Portland and has taught throughout the United States and Europe.

The contemporary dance group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Instructor Carolynne Kast brings performance background from the Merle Lister Dance Company in New York City, Bay Area Dance Coalition in San Francisco and training with the Graham School in New York City to the PCC classroom.

All sections run Monday through Thursday for two weeks and are held at the PCC Sylvania Campus, 12000 S.W. 49th Avenue in the dance studio HT B5.

Workshop fees for all three classes is \$90, two classes daily \$75 and one class \$40. Pre-registration is advised, but registrations will be taken at the door if space permits. Call the PCC Community Services at 293-5168 for registration or information.

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Election procedures questioned by PCC

Portland Community College is considering legal action against Yamhill County following the defeat of its \$3.5 million levy request there in the Aug. 13 election. The measure was approved by voters in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties, but was defeated in Columbia and Yamhill counties. The Yamhill election was conducted by mail. PCC was not notified the Yamhill vote would be held by mail, and says it would have used a different strategy if it had known how the election would be run.

The new vote-by-mail law approved by the 1985 Legislature requires the county clerk to notify districts 40 days before an election in which mail ballot is to be used. The new law was not signed by Gov. Vic Atiyeh until July 13 and notification of vote-by-mail for the Aug. 13 election would have had to be given by July 3.

The PCC Board of Directors has asked college administrators to explore the possibility of legal action. The Board is expected to address this issue at its Sept. 9 meeting.

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