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## West University

# Remodelled plan riles Neighbors

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Harold Lannom says he's tired. Exhausted, in fact. And so after four years of work on the West University Refinement Plan, he, along with the rest of the West University Neighbors, has withdrawn his support of the long-range planning document.

"I'd rather see it go down the drain than see it approved the way it is now," he says.

The neighborhood planning group contends the Eugene Planning Commission made so many changes on the proposed draft that it made the group's original planning goals unrecognizable, Lannom says.

"It's not what we had in mind when we started out," he says of the post-planning commission plan. The group's primary goal was to preserve housing within the neighborhood's boundaries — roughly Franklin Boulevard on the north, 19th Avenue on the south, Willamette Street on the west and the University on the east.

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The major disagreement stems from competition between residents of the neighborhood and members of the business and medical communities over space. Lannom says the plan is now biased toward the business and medical communities.

"To put it very shortly, the Metro plan (the city's overall planning document) protects us better as a residential area," Lannom says.

Medical clinic expansion into the area near Sacred Heart Hospital particularly is at issue. The neighborhood group originally wanted to limit future expansion completely but later relented, calling for restriction through the conditional use permit procedure.

Although the commission revised the plan to limit future clinic expansion to the area north of 13th Avenue, the neighborhood still was not satisfied.

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Lannom says that although the demand for doctor office space does exist, the demand for housing will be about three times as great by the year 2000 and housing takes more space than clinics.

Restriction of land use within the neighborhood will keep residence owners from selling out to businesses and will preserve the residential area's value, Lannom says.

If it is not protected, the rental and housing costs may rise in the future, he says. "It will have an impact on students much more than is immediately obvious," he says.

The Eugene City Council will hold a hearing on the plan tonight at 7:30 in the City Council Chambers.

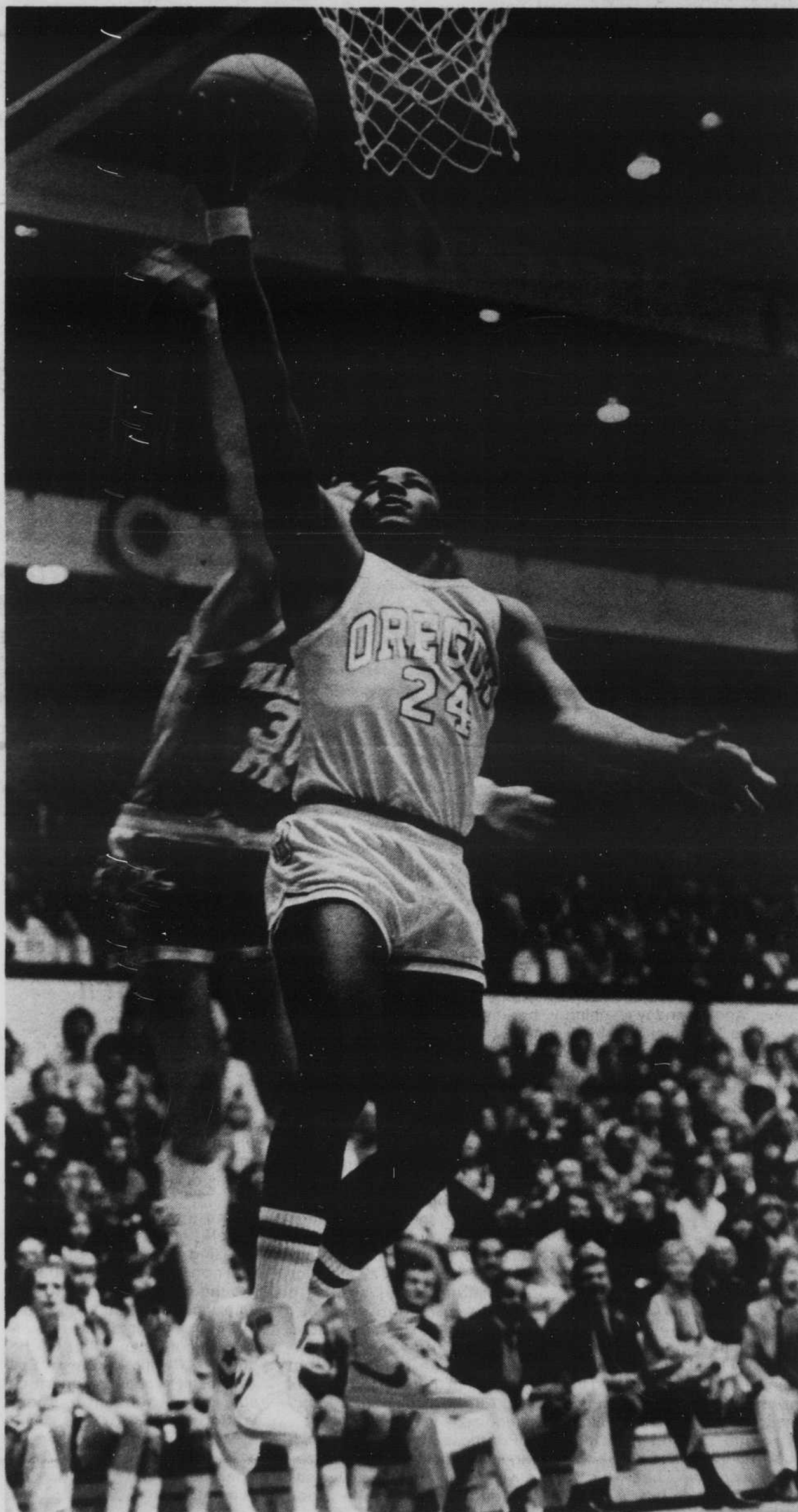


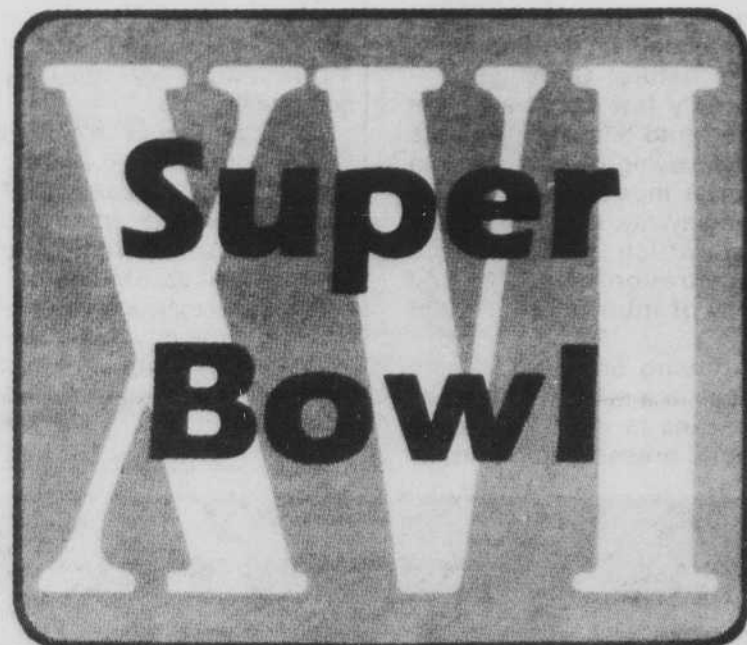
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Barry Walker's timely steal with just over one minute to go keyed the Duck victory over WSU.

## Ducks declaw Cougars

The Oregon men beat Washington State 60-56 at McArthur Court Saturday night. Senior forward John Grieg paced Oregon with 17 points.

Allison Lang's 34 points, 17 rebounds and 9 blocked shots keyed the women's 105-74 win over Washington that afternoon at Mac Court. See details on pp. 8-9.



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See page 9 for super details on the big game.