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for, but impress on others ... neighbors, fellow workers, friends ... the ideals that King lived for."

But Dalton said breakthroughs have occurred because of ongoing civil-rights efforts, even here at home with the local media.

"I had many meetings with the people at *The Register-Guard* before. They left out, downplayed and put down people of color. And they didn't hire any, with very few exceptions. But now things are changing, and they've started people of color — finally. These changes would not have happened without our efforts," Dalton said.



Charles Dalton

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been sold to date.

"It's great. There are too many people and it is too small, but we have prayed for a skating rink for three years," said Judy Lemay, ice skating enthusiast.

Forty years ago, a local ice rink was built, but it did not generate enough support, Lloyd said. But with the continued immigration of Canadians and East Coast residents to Oregon, many more people wanted to play hockey — which caused a need for a rink.

"There is a calling now. We are all transplants and all want to play," Lloyd said.

Hockey is becoming a popular sport in Oregon. Lane County Ice has a team called the Eugene All-Stars that competes with teams from Portland, California and Montana.

Because of the rink's opening, University student Scott Brown has put together the first University hockey team. He is seeking club sport status now.

"Lane County Ice is very well-run. It is some of the best ice I have ever skated," Brown said. "It's been packed during the public sessions. There has been a great interest from the city."

Hockey lessons as well as figure skating lessons are available for all ages. Another activity offered at the rink is broom ball. Broom ball is played like hockey, but the players wear street shoes and hit an orange ball with brooms.

There have been a few problems at the rink because of the large number of skaters. Many times a specific skate size runs

out, but there are plans to expand. Rink officials said they plan to build a bigger pro-shop to sell equipment and purchase more skates.

The rink is open Monday and Wednesday, 9-11 a.m. and 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 2-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.; Friday, 9-11 a.m., noon-2 p.m., 3-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, noon-2 p.m., 3-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

Skaters may have trouble getting into the rink, and once in may have trouble staying on their feet, but ice skating can be a fun way to spend any evening.

"It's cool, you can just skate around and around," said skater Jennifer Farlas. "It's my first time and I have only fallen a couple of times. It's easy. I'll be back."



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