

## Dangerous entrance to be investigated Police make no arrests

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A grant was awarded to Clackamas Community College to study the traffic problems at the Beavercreek entrance of the college.

Bill Ryan, administrative dean of college services and planning, applied for the grant through the Oregon Traffic Safety Community Technical Assistance Program.

"It is a hazardous intersection. A lot of rear-end collisions have occurred while people are trying to get off of Beavercreek Road. No one has been killed yet, but it is only a matter of time. I saw a grant that would solve the problem for free," stated Ryan.

Clackamas is the first college to receive the award. It was set up for cities and counties, but it will now be open to all colleges who wish to apply for it.

A draft of the report was finished last Thursday. It states that the intersection has become a hazard to those entering and leaving the campus. It suggests that a left hand turn lane be made going north on Beavercreek road. For leaving the campus, both a right and left hand turn lanes are to be put in. A speed limit of 45 mph is also suggested to be used as a continual speed, not to be raised to 55 mph as it does after passing the entrance to the college.

"The only surprise is they aren't suggesting that a light be installed now. There isn't enough volume of traffic yet. They think it may have to be done in five to ten years. Right now only 33 percent of the people use the Beavercreek Road entrance to enter the college. Less than that use it to leave at night," explains Ryan.

The findings will now be brought before the February board meeting for a vote. If the changes are voted through Ryan thinks it will help the community.

"People using that entrance will feel safer entering and exiting," stated Ryan.

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no reports were made by Oregon City Police. Officers stayed until the Chemeketa team left," said Huiras.

"We're sorry the fight happened. It is not good for our athletic program or our students," said Dean of Student Services Jim Roberts.

It was a hard fought game, pitting two good schools trying to make the playoffs against each other. Coaches and players were very emotional according to Roberts.

"It was like throwing a match in a powder keg. Over thirty people are thought to have been involved in three to four separate fights. There were lots of people trying to break up the fights," Roberts stated.

"Clackamas was down nine points and had to foul a Chemeketa player. After the foul a Chemeketa fan came down onto the floor. When other fans came down to clear things up the fracas started," said Roberts.

"At the president's meeting they said that nothing like that could happen again. If it does the basketball program could be cancelled," said Assistant Coach to the Men's basketball team Bruce Toney.

"I think we (Clackamas men's team) got the raw end of the deal," said Toney.

Both Chemeketa and Clackamas will submit reports of the incident to the Northwest Athletic Association. It is not known what, if any, actions the league will take as a result of the fight according to Roberts.

Many people agree that the riot at last Wednesday's basketball game started when Chemeketa student Antoine Miller walked out onto the court to protest a hard foul by Clackamas' Jeff Hoffman, but other than that there is little else in which others concur.

Chemeketa's Vice President Jerry Berger attended the game and doesn't expect further problems when the two teams meet Feb. 15.

"Both schools are very responsible and well run. It wasn't anybody's fault."

Chemeketa's Executive Assistant to the President Jerry Steiner was also in attendance. He refused to comment as to whether or not he thought the incident was racially motivated, but when asked if he heard racial slurs in the stands he replied, "When a situation like that occurs I think that emotions are so high that things may happen that weren't intended."

Reactions varied among Chemeketa's players.

"I just think there were two competitive teams out there trying to contend for the league title," said Jeff Bair, a guard for the Chiefs. "Both teams were trying to get each other...there was tension on the floor the whole game."

Sharpshooting Ben Naro commented that, "in the second half it got real physical. It was kind of a mind game...people trying to intimidate each other. That happens a lot in basketball games. It just got out of hand when the fans got into it."

"We went down there to play a basketball game, we didn't go down there to fight," said Chemeketa hoopster Tyrone Greer.

"It never should have gotten that far," stated Tyrone White. "The refs, the players, and the fans all had a part in it. We won; I have no hard feelings."

"It was a situation that was predictable," said Head Coach Rob Chavez. "It was a physical game. It was a game of emotions. It could have been worse than it was...it was no one's fault in particular." When asked if he thought there would be a recurrence of this type of behavior at the Feb. 15 game he said, "I don't think so. I really don't see any animosity carrying on to that game. Both parties are apologetic; we just go on from here and try to learn from the experience."

Staci Beard, Jim Titus and Ray Marcham also contributed to this article.

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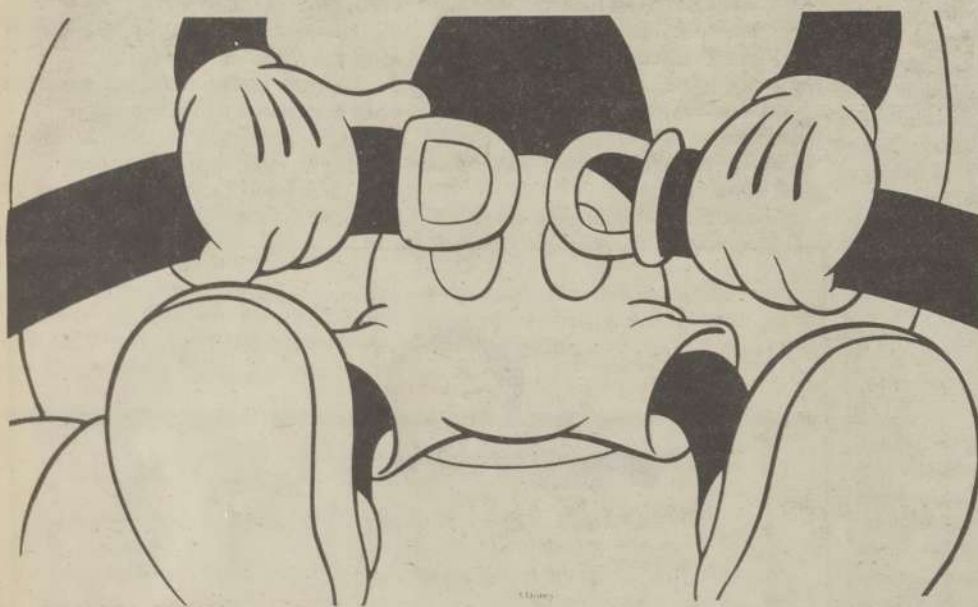
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