



Let it snow... we mean rain



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With the Christmas season just beginning, people are shopping for trees and lights for their homes. At Pioneer Square, hundreds of people came to see the wonderful lighting of this 75 foot tree that carried 14,000 Christmas bulbs. Music and caroling helped get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

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Hundreds of people packed themselves into Pioneer Square to get a glimpse of the giant 75 foot tree. Many of the Portlanders propped umbrellas above their heads as they listened to the music streaming down from the giant stage. Thomas Lauderdale, with members of Pink Martini and Friends, performed carols as people gathered around the tree's base.

Then the time came where everyone in the square started to count down until the tree's lights were turned on. Three... Two... One. All 14,000 bulbs on the tree lit up in a multi-colored splash against the black sky while the carols continued, keeping everyone in the holiday spirit.

In Portland, the lighting of the tree ceremony has been going on for the last 28 years, and every year it gets bigger. Organizers encourage everyone to join; the event is aimed to be family friendly.

"Oh yeah, it's a lot of fun. It's a big family event," said Regan Bauman, the brochure services coordinator at Pioneer Square. "It's like when you're a kid and you get to sit on Santa's lap. It's a great tradition. I mean only years ago we had the tree and the carolers, now we've got this big stage out there."

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Thanksgiving invitational nets 2 wins, 1 loss for women's basketball

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 Sports Editor

The Clackamas Community College women's basketball team opened up the season last Friday with a trouncing of an alumni team of former Southern Region players, 100 to 37.

The Cougars hosted seven other teams in the Thanksgiving Invitational last weekend at Randall Gym, winning two games before losing 87-74 in the final to a solid squad from Umpqua Community College.

Clackamas 100, Southern Region Alumni 37

Clackamas unleashed a fury of three pointers and provided plenty of pressure defense in running out to a 23-0 lead after eight minutes against a team of alumni players from various Southern Region schools. The alumni finally got its first basket almost 10 minutes into the game and after its second basket, CCC led 34-4 with seven minutes left in the half.

"It was a good game," said sophomore Jenny Johnson. "We just got to keep it up throughout the tournament and can't be intimidated by our next opponent."

Johnson led the Cougars with 20 first half points. The Cougars controlled the glass, out-rebounding the alumni 31 to 10 in the opening half.



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Jenny Johnson, a sophomore from Tualatin H.S. scored 54 points and dished out 13 assists in the Thanksgiving Invitational on Black Friday. The women's basketball team won two out of the three games they played. The first game was a success for CCC. They won 100-37 against Southern Region Alumni. They won the second game against Pierce but lost the third against Umpqua.

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