

## A Season for Giving

As the holiday break approaches, this is the perfect time to be thinking about buying stuff and giving it to others

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## Tremendous opportunity

Excited to be playing in the Las Vegas Bowl, the seniors on the Oregon football team have one last chance for redemption

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### TODAY

At 12 p.m. outside Johnson Hall, students will rally against corporate influence.

### WEATHER

**Today**  
Cloudy  
High 45. Low 35.  
**Thursday**  
Partly cloudy  
High 45. Low 33.

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## It's official, Ducks going to Las Vegas

Oregon's wait pays off as the Ducks get the bowl berth they were holding out for

By Ryan Frank  
Sports Editor

No more waiting. No more wondering. It's finally official.

As expected, the Oregon Ducks accepted the Las Vegas Bowl selection committee's offer on Tuesday to play No. 23 Air Force in the Dec. 20 game at 3 p.m.

The selection committee's decision ends more than a week of speculation that Oregon could have gone to one of three bowl games, the other two being the Insight.com Bowl and the Sports Humanitarian Bowl.

The bowl is the Ducks' sixth postseason game in the last six seasons, and they now

have not gone more than one season without a bowl appearance since 1989.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the University of Oregon, again for our fine football team and the great job they've done this year to have one more chance to play against a quality opponent in the Air Force Academy," Oregon athletic director Bill Moos said at a 5 p.m. press conference Tuesday.

"It should be a wonderful experience and another chance to showcase the University of Oregon, not just on the West Coast but nationally," he said.

Iowa was the other team the selection committee was seriously considering, but because of final exams that go until Dec. 19 and

a conference contract with the Sun Bowl, the Hawkeyes could not commit to the bowl.

Oregon could have taken the at-large bid to the Sports Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho, last week, but Moos said the Las Vegas Bowl presented a number of positive options that the Humanitarian Bowl did not.

Moos mentioned the top 25 opponent in Air Force (10-2) in the Las Vegas Bowl, the date of the bowl, the bowl's close proximity to the Ducks' Southern California alumni base and the large number of Oregon players from the Southern California area as reasons for holding out for the bowl.

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Bill Moos  
UO Athletic Director

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## Miner called to meeting with Clinton

Miner was chosen to represent Oregon today at the Youth, Racism and Student Activism Conference in Akron, Ohio

By Doug Irving  
Student Activities Editor

The White House called ASUO President Bill Miner last week.

"Hello Mr. Miner," the message said. "I'm inviting you to a meeting with the president. Please give me a call back."

"At first I thought it was a joke," Miner said. "It sounded like one of my friends."

He called his friends — they didn't know what he was talking about. He called the White House — they knew exactly what he was talking about.

Miner had been chosen to represent Oregon at the Youth, Racism and Student Activism Conference. Miner will meet with President Clinton and representatives from every state today in Akron, Ohio.

The conference will bring together student leaders to talk about racism on campus and how to deal with it. Miner said he expects part of the four-hour meeting to be a round-table discussion and part to be small-group discussions.

C-Span will broadcast the conference live from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today.

"Hopefully, we have the kind of influence to alleviate the problems we'll hear about," Miner said. "We sit here in Eugene and think we're a progressive campus, but obviously we sit in a little bubble. It's the people that we don't see or hear about that we know exist."

Miner hasn't prepared a speech yet for the meeting — he planned to outline a few statements during his plane trip yesterday. He also had to write history and political science papers and study for a quiz.

He plans to bring up racism that targets international students — a problem that's too common at the University, he said.

"Not only is it students making comments to them because they don't have a command of the language," he said, "also it's professors just not giving the help of a normal stu-

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## Window wonders



WENDY FULLER/Emerald  
These colorful window decals, called "Mandalas," are made by Bryon Allen and Melissa Verbena of Mandala Arts. The Winter Craft Fair continues in the EMU Fir Room today.

## New program looks to help troubled youth

University students involved in the Friends of Detention program tutor youth at a local detention facility

By Michael Burnham  
Community Reporter

A local community project that uses University and high school volunteers to help troubled adolescents will officially kick off Thursday morning at the Skipworth Juvenile Detention Center. But some volunteer efforts are already underway and are showing some positive results.

The project, known as "Friends of Detention," was the brainchild of Ann Aiken, juvenile court judge for Lane County. Judge Aiken originally approached the University and area high schools in order to gain support and volunteers to staff the program prior to the school year, but the project is yet to begin because of the lengthy background checks required of volunteers working in the facility.

Aiken said she created the program because juveniles (12- to 16-year-olds) at Skipworth sometimes suffer from a lack of community services and resources, such as mentors, adequate clothing, books and sporting goods. Juveniles are usually sent to the facility because they have committed serious or violent crimes.

Aiken said sometimes the youths stay at the facility for 30 to 60 days, but added that the length of stay for each individual varies. Her goal for the project is to use student volunteers to increase the educational opportunities and community support for the youth at Skipworth.

She originally approached Associate Professor Dan Close of the College of Education in September to organize the project at the University level. Close is currently using volunteers from his Education 311 class to serve as volunteers, mentors and organizers for goods drives.

Although the program has not been officially launched, about 10 students from Close's class are already working as mentors within the facility.

Aiken added that University students are proving to be a resource because some of the

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