

Bowl: Oregon's large following a factor

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Oregon has not agreed to sell a set number of tickets, but has agreed to sell \$500,000 worth of tickets, Moos said. The bowl will pay Oregon \$800,000 and pick up its tab for hotel costs, which Moos said can run between \$45,000 and \$50,000.

Branan Allison, a Las Vegas Bowl selection committee member, said Oregon's history of bringing a large fan following to bowl games was a major factor in the committee's decision.

"The bottom line was that the committee felt Oregon would

bring the most people to the game," Allison told the Las Vegas Review-Journal on Tuesday. "There were a lot of other considerations, but I think that was the positive that took Oregon over the top."

"There were some other teams that were kind of unknown [in terms of tickets sales]. But we were fairly comfortable that Oregon could bring the maximum number of people. From the beginning, we felt that was the No. 1 criteria for selecting a team."

The Ducks had 18,000 fans follow them to the Freedom Bowl in 1990 and 12,000 to the Cotton

Bowl in 1996.

"Our people have followed us very well for postseason play, and I fully expect them to do the same this year," Moos said.

Despite the fact that the bowl is in just 20 days, Moos said with the experience Oregon officials have with bowls in recent years the quick turnaround would be no problem.

Steve Schmader, president of the Sports Humanitarian Bowl, said he was curious why the Las Vegas Bowl selection committee was holding its decision so long and that he would have liked

Oregon to be a possible choice for the Boise bowl.

The Oregon ticket office is taking ticket orders for the Las Vegas Bowl at the Casanova Center today from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. or by phone at 346-4461 or from outside the Eugene area at 1-800-WEBFOOT. Students receive no price break for tickets, media services director Dave Williford said Tuesday, but the game will be on broadcast on ESPN2.

Ticket prices range from \$15 for general admission to \$125 for VIP seating, according to the Las Vegas Bowl Web site.

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dent. If we're going to be good hosts, we need to have an unrestricted learning environment."

Miner also hopes to learn about how racism varies in different regions of the country. Different students from different regions will bring different perspectives on the same problem, he explained.

"I just hope I can bring something back that can address some of the problems we see on campus," he said. "Hopefully, it will raise some awareness nationwide."

The White House probably chose him because of the ASUO's record for activism, he said. Miner was picked from student leaders on all of Oregon's campuses.

"The fact that the ASUO was chosen shows

how active we are, that we're recognized nationally," he said.

But he still doesn't know who recommended him for the meeting.

"I'm kind of worried now, what kind of file I might have," he said. "I'm sure there's some database of student activism sitting in Clinton's files."

This won't be the first time Miner has met the president. He talked to Clinton during the 1996 campaign about Pell Grants; Hillary Clinton told him he had a nice name.

Miner had planned to leave for Ohio last night, but the Secret Service told him he needed to be in Akron by 8 a.m. He switched his flight to 2 p.m. yesterday afternoon, arriving in Cleveland late last night.

The flight costs about \$700. The EMU and the University administration helped fund his trip. Miner was also planning to ask Rep. Peter DeFazio to cover his hotel and car rental costs.

"When our student body president is invited by the president, we need to make that happen," said University Vice President Dan Williams, who pledged \$375 to Miner. "Certainly Mr. Miner will benefit, and he can bring back what he learns to campus. The University will benefit."

Miner, who planned to drive into Akron this morning, leaves Ohio tonight. He leaves Eugene again tomorrow morning for a meeting with Eastern Oregon University about affirmative action. He plans to get back to campus Friday — "hopefully in time for my quiz."

Youth: Program kick-off event will be held Dec. 4

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facility's youth like individual attention from tutors and mentors.

Close said there are 43 student volunteers from his class and approximately 27 high school students signed up to volunteer for the program. However, many of the University students have been unable to work at the facility because they must wait for approval pending extensive background checks.

"It's taken a long time to get through the red tape at the detention center," said Candice Styer-Ferguson, University liaison for Friends of Detention. But she said

there is good reason for the lengthy checks because the facility is a "high-security lock-down."

One student who is already volunteering is Anita Pinnell, a junior majoring in educational studies. For the past few weeks, she has been working as a math tutor for four youths at Skipworth.

Pinnell said she has already seen positive results in the student and credits this to the individual attention they receive.

She added that "one-on-one" tutoring has motivated some students to succeed who have not typically worked well before.

Close said the volunteer support from students is important because it provides role models for the youth lodged at a "juvenile prison." He added that student volunteers are of even more value because the facility does not have enough staff to provide these services.

Although the high schools do not provide mentors for the facility, some schools are conducting clothing and goods drives to benefit the facility. Close said Sheldon, South Eugene, Willamette, Churchill, Cottage Grove and Creswell high schools are organizing goods drives during the week of Dec. 8 through

12. Close added that University residence halls, fraternities and sororities are also conducting or planning similar drives.

However, the Dec. 4 kick-off event will be the true starting point for the program.

"The reason for the kick-off is really to inform the community of what we're doing," Styer-Ferguson said. "The main part is community awareness."

The kick-off event is only open to people who have been cleared through a prior security check. It will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4.

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