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Today Partly cloudy High 49, Low 36 Wednesday Fog High 50, Low 37 **Word worries** 

Students debaters test their skills with the help of the forensics club/ PAGE 3

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The Oregon women's team's 63-59 win against Stanford was its first in 11 seasons/PAGE 7

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## Commission will include student representative

Despite mixed feelings, the ordinance for the commission passed unanimously

By David Ryan Oregon Daily Emerald

The City Council voted unanimously on Dec. 7 to create a police commission and also changed the language of an ordinance to recommend nominating citizens from several interest groups including the University.

The commission will look at broad police policy issues, rather than specific incidents of police misconduct. The commission will include 12 members, and eight local residents will be nominated by the mayor and the City Council. The other seats will be filled by a member of the city's human rights commission, a representative from the Eugene police and two city councilors.

Phil Weiler, city spokesman, said the council will appoint citizens to the police commission over the next several months.

Pressure to change the language of the commission ordinance stemmed in part

from a public forum held two months ago when a group of ASUO-affiliated students urged the City Council to include an ASUO representative on the commission. City officials met their request with a mixture of skepticism and support.

Councilman Ken Tollenaar said appointing an ASUO representative would be the start of a slippery slope.

"It seems to me that if we start naming a University student to the commission, we have to also name someone from the Lane Community College, Northwest Christian College and other groups," he said.

Tollenaar said some residents have told him they wanted to see a representative from every city council district. He said some interest groups had definite business being represented on the commission.

"There certainly needs to be serious

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### Bike bridge has unique design



The new bicycle and pedestrian suspension bridge should be completed sometime this summer.

Scott Barnett/Emerals

The suspension design is modeled after a European design and is only the second such bridge in the world

By Felicity Ayles
Oregon Daily Emerald

Eugene's new bike bridge will bring with it a taste of Eastern Europe.

The bridge was designed by Czechoslovakian engineer Jiri Strasky, and it is the second bridge of its kind in the world. The original suspension bridge of this design crosses a lake on the Austrian/Czechoslovakian border.

"It is unique given that it's the second only of its kind," said Sue Malone, public information specialist for the Ferry Street Bridge Project. "It will be a major landmark in Eugene once it's finished."

But the bridge has a long way to go. Although it may look like it's near completion, the bike/pedestrian bridge will not

be open for use for quite some time.

"We are very optimistic that the bridge will be ready for use by summer," Malone said.

But David Niles, bicycle coordinator for the University, said although he will use the new bridge, it is somewhat redundant.

"The new bridge is not essential because there will be similar facilities on a bridge in close proximity," he said.

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#### ASUO helps students sell their own books, choose their price

Coordinators of the program hope that it will grow more popular

By James Scripps Oregon Daily Emerald

For nearly two years there has been a little used resource for students who are frustrated with the book prices in the University Bookstore. The ASUO book exchange allows students to sell their books on consignment, eliminating some of the difference between the cost and the resale value of books.

Through the program, students set their own prices and are charged a 50 cent administrative fee for each book sold.

The exchange, located in the EMU next to the Fishbowl, opened Monday and started selling books immediately.

"Considering how new this program is on campus, we are doing relatively good," said ASUO Outreach Associate Tifani Jagodnik, who heads the exchange. "We collected about 85 books at the end of last term and they are going really fast."

By setting their own prices, students can get more money for their books and sell them for less than the bookstore charges.

"One example of a good deal for students is a biology book that sold for \$50 through the exchange." said Jagodnik. "The bookstore would have only given that student \$35 and now the bookstore is selling the book for \$70."

ASUO President Geneva Morgan is selling all of her books from last term through the exchange. "Like all good programs, we are hoping that this one will catch on in popularity," she said.

Jagodnik said that she would like to see the exchange grow in the future.

"Some other campuses have book exchange programs that we could model ours after," she said. "One of our biggest problems is the space constraint. Other campuses are able to set their exchanges up like a store. This makes it more accessible to the students."

Now through the Jan. 13 deadline for adding classes, students can buy books through the exchange. Students selling books can go to the controller's office, located next to the Suite 4 in the EMU. Students can pick up their money or unsold books at the controller's office from Jan. 20-22.

"The whole concept of the exchange is to make school books more affordable for students," said Jagodnik. "It's a win-win situation."

#### **Got stories?**

The Emerald is looking for your funny, interesting, gross, depressing or otherwise intriguing stories from winter break.

If you went to Europe to celebrate the final New Year's Eve of the 20th century, to Hawaii to watch the Ducks wilt in the winter sunshine or just went home and have some interesting stories to tell, let the Emerald know.

We will accept typed stories no longer than 1,000 words until Friday. Please include your full name, day phone number, year in school and major with the submission. The Emerald will publish the most interesting story and maybe a few more, depending on the number of submissions.

--- Ryan Frank Editor in chief