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Reuben to the rescue

With Oregon's postseason hopes probably at stake, tailback Reuben Droughns carries 45 times for 202 yards and two touchdowns to key a 44-41 win at Arizona. **PAGE 7**



Retaining minority students

The Peer Mentor Program is assisting students of color who classify as 'at risk' based on below-average high school academics adjust to campus life. **PAGE 3**

President hospitalized, campus reacts



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■ Dave Frohnmayer collapses while attending a conference in Maryland and is taken to a nearby hospital

By Stefanie Knowlton and Sara Lieberth
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University President Dave Frohnmayer suffered a sudden heart arrhythmia Friday while attending a National Institutes of Health conference in Bethesda, Md.

He received immediate medical attention and was transported to Suburban Health

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Facts on arrhythmias

Arrhythmias are abnormal rhythms of the heart's electrical signal. An arrhythmia can make a heart beat either slower or faster than normal.

Symptoms of a heart arrhythmia include palpitations, rapid heart action, fatigue and fainting.

Ventricular fibrillation, the most serious type of arrhythmia, causes a rapid heartbeat in the ventricles, and the lower chambers of the heart

quiver and prevent it from pumping any blood. The condition will result in sudden death if not treated immediately. Although the symptoms of ventricular fibrillation and a heart attack appear similar, fibrillation is when rapid beating prevents the heart from pumping blood, while an attack is a blockage of the flow of blood to the heart through the coronary artery.

Source: www.americanheart.org.

■ The University and the community share their thoughts and wishes for Frohnmayer and his family

By Jack Clifford and Ben Romano
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The University and the community at large expressed shock and concern upon learning of University President Dave Frohnmayer's heart arrhythmia Friday morning.

"I'm absolutely in shock," Lane Community College President Jerry Moskus said, upon first

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Steve Heslin and other protesters put on a puppet show as part of Friday's campus rally against police brutality.

Group challenges validity of police

The Radical Cheerleaders and Future Political Prisoners of America protest the need for police in our society

By Amy Jennaro
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Amid signs that read "resist oppression" and "freedom dies when the state dies," 10 people protested police brutality Friday in the EMU Amphitheater.

The protesters, members of the Radical Cheerleaders and Future Political Prisoners of America (FuPPA), dressed in all-black and led anti-police chants in front of a crowd of about 60 people. None of the protesters were University students.

"We want no cops," FuPPA member Robin Terranova said. "They are only here to protect property and people who have power."

The protesters brought in more than a dozen speakers; some spoke about personal instances of police harassment and brutality. The group also protested the way the cases for Robert Thaxton and Mumia Abu-Jamal were handled in the court system. Thaxton was arrested at a June protest in Eugene for throwing a

rock at a police officer and was sentenced to seven years in jail. Abu-Jamal was given a death sentence last month for shooting a police officer in Philadelphia.

Eugene Police Chief Jim Hill, one of several police officers who lined the Amphitheater to watch over the protest, said the police department is doing all it can to protect citizens and respond to their grievances.

Hill said the police department has an advocacy program through the Human Rights Commission that enables citizens to file complaints about the police. He said the commission handles all complaints to make citizens more comfortable "in case they don't want to go directly to the police."

He said community outreach is important to the police department.

"It's a big priority to be open with the

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Air travel industry set for year 2000

■ Being Y2K compliant since June, the FAA expects no scares in the air for the start of the millennium

By Edward Yuen
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The issue of Y2K has been haunting society for months. As the year is coming to an end and students are planning to catch a flight during winter vacation, flying safety becomes a concern for some students.

Computer programs may be unable to recognize the change of century and misread 2000 as 1900. That Y2K glitch may affect telecommunication systems, radar processors and communication processors, which are necessary for navigation, according to the information published on the Federal Aviation Administration's Web site.

However, the FAA has been Y2K compliant since June 30, and the Y2K bug will not affect the safety of flying or aircraft operations, FAA spokesman Mitch Barker said. He said the FAA will have extra staffs on duty for air traffic control on Dec. 31, and it would stop planes from taking off if necessary.

While students may not realize how computer systems affect their flying plans, Jessica Troy, a senior in environmental studies, worries about the problem and made changes on her traveling plan.

Troy plans to go back home to Chicago for her winter vacation. But because of Y2K, she plans to return to Eugene on Dec. 31, instead of coming back later before classes start on Jan. 5.

Shane Ng, a junior in computer and information science, said he will spend his time

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With the year 2000 quickly approaching, The Emerald will run a weekly series every Monday exploring how the community is preparing for the effects of the Y2K bug.

with family in Hong Kong and will not travel on Dec. 31 because of Y2K. Ng plans to come back on Jan. 4, despite what happens on Dec. 31 or Jan. 1.

"I don't know how an airplane works with the computer," he said. "And I don't know which part of the plane will be affected by the breakdown of the computer system."

Various airline companies have prepared for the low ridership and reduced services on New Year's Eve or on New Year's Day. International airlines Virgin Atlantic Airways and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines have canceled some of their services on Dec. 31, according to the information published on their Web sites.

But Y2K will not affect the Mahlon Sweet Airport, said Bob Noble, assistant airport manager of the Eugene airport. He said the airport, as a division of the city of Eugene, is Y2K compliant. However, he said this guarantee does not apply to other businesses in the airport, which are independent from the airport management.

Although the Y2K issue causes some fears in airline passengers, the effect is minimal in flight booking. Loren Dethlefs, of All Ways Travel,

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