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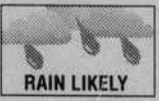
1-0 in Pac-10

Anthony Norwood and the Oregon Ducks cruise by Oregon State in the league opener. **PAGE 7**

Bitter irony

In one of his final official acts as Vice President, Al Gore declares Bush electoral winner. **PAGE 5**

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Perfect 10

■ Oregon caps the year 2000 with a hard-fought victory over Texas, its first ever 10th win

By Jeff Smith
Oregon Daily Emerald

SAN DIEGO — The final chapter officially closed on Oregon's storybook season, but it did so in a way that provided much hope for an even better sequel.

Despite being ranked higher than Texas, the Ducks entered the Dec. 29 Culligan Holiday Bowl as seven-point underdogs.

The spread didn't seem to bother No. 7 Oregon too much, as the Ducks went on to impress a national ESPN audience and the 63,278 in attendance at Qualcomm Stadium with their 35-30 victory.

After the game, players and coaches hugged one another with true emotion and excitement after securing the first 10-win season in Oregon history.

"It doesn't get any better than this," senior defensive end Jason Nikolao said. "It was amazing how we all pulled together."

The true spark of the team came from junior quarterback Joey Harrington, who threw for

two touchdowns, ran in for another and even received a touchdown pass in which he wobbled and staggered into the end zone.

"I love being an underdog," Harrington said. "It feels good to open people's eyes and give them a wake-up call and say, 'Hey, we can play football out here too.'"

The win propels the Pacific-10 Conference co-championship Ducks into the offseason, and has them exuding confidence toward next fall.

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Joey Harrington accepts his offensive MVP award, while coach Mike Bellotti proudly looks on.

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Bend campus plan still up for grabs

■ The State Board of Higher Education will select a proposal for a branch campus in Central Oregon, and will reach its decision in February

By Andrew Adams
Oregon Daily Emerald

The final decision by the State Board of Higher Education on whether the University or Oregon State University will fill Central Oregon's need for four-year higher education is less than two months away, and both schools are confident their plans for the proposed branch campus will be the right fit for the Bend area.

A regional advisory board has already reviewed each university's proposal, and several members said that each school could fulfill what the area wants and needs.

Comprised of the area's education and business leaders, the 14-member Central Oregon Regional Advisory Board will hold its final meeting at the end of this month and each of the six voting members will make their recommendation to Oregon University System Chancellor Joseph Cox. After reviewing each member's advisement, Cox will make his own recommendation to the State Board of Higher Education Feb. 5. The board is then expected to make the final decision Feb. 16.

Both schools are eager to tap the quickly developing Central Oregon region by opening a satellite campus in Bend. Almost every college in the OUS already offers courses through the Central Oregon Community College University Center, but the new branch campus would be a permanent site on the COCC campus to offer upper-division credit to fulfill degree requirements. Students at the branch campus would receive most of their general education credits through COCC.

While the members of the advisory board have read each university's pro-

“I think it is clear that we have included UO [programs] in our proposal, but that doesn't appear to be the case as I read [the University's] proposal.”

Tim White
OSU Provost and Executive Vice President



A city landmark in the heart of downtown, the Fifth Street Public Market is but one of the many attractions visitors find unique about Eugene.

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Destination Eugene: Culture and Scenery

■ From the Saturday Market to outdoor pursuits, Eugene offers tourists unique sights

By Lindsay Buchele
Oregon Daily Emerald

This week, thousands of University students will file back into the city of Eugene and into classes after a long

winter break. But the University isn't the only draw to Eugene.

Eugene and the rest of Lane County attract visitors throughout the year, thanks to scenic natural surroundings and the unique culture of the city itself. The tourism industry has created 6,500 jobs for Eugene and Lane County residents as well as revenues of \$426.4 million in 1999.

"Lane County offers a unique com-

bination of the great outdoors and a culture-rich city," said Natalie Inouye, vice president of tourism marketing for the Convention and Visitors Association of Lane County Oregon.

The University itself brings in many tourists — including alumni, prospective students and visiting parents — but is only one of the many attractions that bring people to the city.

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