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Bolstering Diversity



A military that looks more like the diverse population of the United States is reflected in the armed forces and civilian military staff from the Army War College in Carlisle, Penn.

Military 'can't go fast enough' to increase numbers

BY KAREN PARRISH

The armed services "can't go fast enough" to increase diversity, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a group of senior military leaders Monday.

Bolstering diversity across the military requires fast, direct action, Mullen told the Air Force Diversity Senior Working Group, comprised of more than 50 general officers attending a session in Washington D.C. aimed at increasing diversity across the armed forces.

"There isn't anybody sitting in this room ... who won't look back 10 years from now and say, 'I wish we could have gone faster,'" the chairman said. "There are some things we should have done better, more risks we should have taken to get this right. And the demographics are pretty daunting."

Mullen said his boyhood in small-town, middle-class California didn't show him much of the world. When he came home for a few weeks of vacation in August 1965

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Oregon Soars to No. 1 in AP Poll

National spotlight shines on Ducks

Known for its ever-changing, often outrageous uniforms and a point-a-minute offense, Oregon now has a new distinction: No. 1 team in the country.

The Ducks climbed to the top spot for the first time Sunday, moving up one position during an off week after previously top-ranked Ohio State lost 31-18 at Wisconsin on Saturday night.

"We don't have to talk about rankings with these guys," Ducks coach Chip Kelly said in a telephone interview. "Whether we're No. 1 in the country or 101 it won't affect how we prepare."

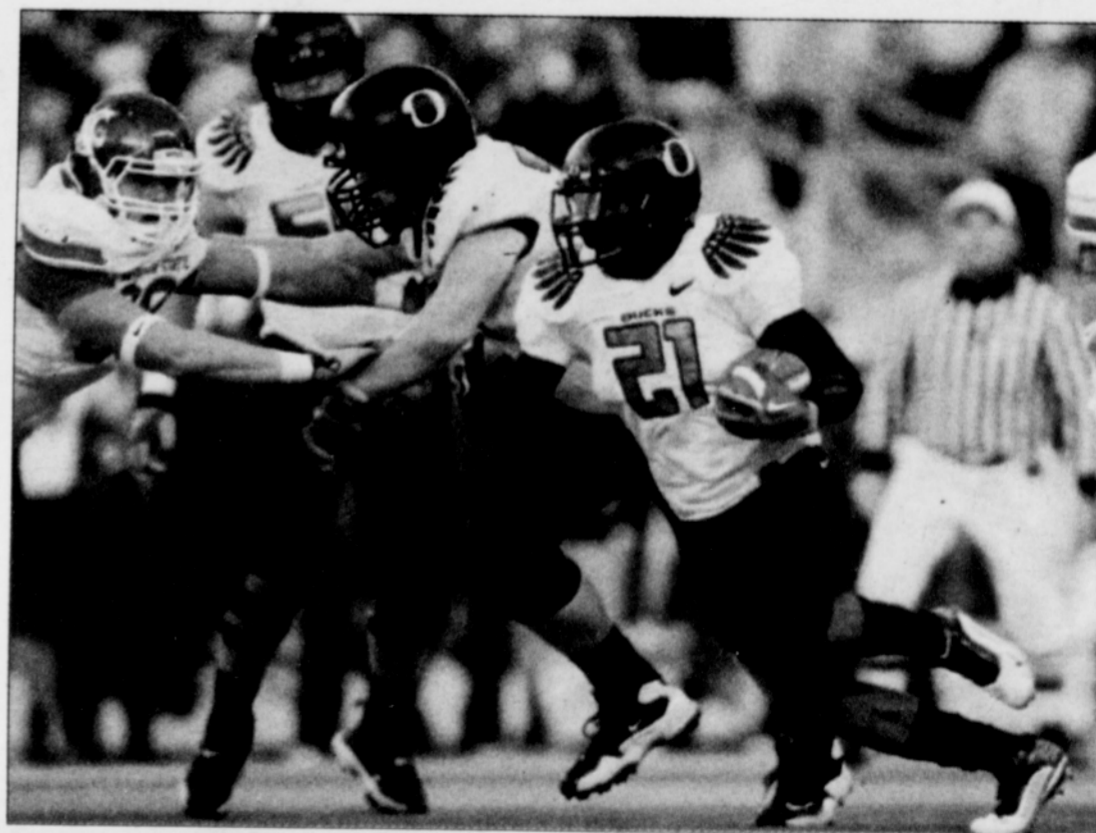
"But the only important thing is to be No. 1 in a month and a half on Dec. 5."

That's when the final BCS standings come out. The first came out Sunday night and had Oklahoma first with Oregon second and Boise State third.

In the AP poll, which is not part of the BCS standings, Boise State also moved up one place to No. 2. Oklahoma jumped three spots to No. 3, passing No. 4 TCU. Auburn moved up two spots to fifth, while the Buckeyes dropped to 11th.

Oregon becomes the 43rd team to hold the No. 1 ranking in the AP media poll, which dates to 1936. The last time a team was No. 1 for the first time was almost 20 years ago to the day, when Virginia rose to No. 1 on Oct. 14, 1990.

The Ducks with their Heisman Trophy contender LaMichael James, who is leading the nation in rushing at 169 yards per game, will try to keep their No. 1 ranking when they play at home against UCLA on Thursday night.



Oregon's LaMichael James, a national Heisman Trophy contender, leads the nation in rushing with 169 yards per game.