

Friend says classroom pressure caused suicide of older student

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Of the Emerald

A 38-year-old male University student committed suicide last week because of mounting pressure from his math class, a friend of the deceased said.

John Stephen Fisher, who lived at 541 1/2 Van Buren St., was found dead shortly after 8 a.m. Feb. 25 on a doorstep in the 800 block of East 29th Avenue, police said.

The results of an autopsy will verify or disclaim a police detective's observation that Fisher died after ingesting cyanide.

"He was having trouble in math. He was like a genius, but the teachers thought he was cheating because he was handing in assignments with the correct answers without show-

ing all the correct steps," said Alan Stein, 32, who says he was "very close friends" with Fisher for the past five years.

Stein said Fisher was pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education. "He always wanted to be a teacher because he was excellent with children. He really loved kids," Stein said.

"A large reason for his stress was because of the strictness of classroom policy," explained Stein, who said Fisher confided the information to him. A suicide note was discovered, which indicated Fisher was distressed with personal problems, police said.

Fisher was enrolled in Math 121, designed for elementary schoolteacher majors, where he felt some course requirements

were not pertinent for elementary schoolteaching, Stein said. "They were making him go through things which, in that curriculum, they shouldn't have to study," Stein said.

Fisher volunteered his time with the Committee In Solidarity with the Central American People, the counseling center at Lane Community College, and he sold cotton clothing at the EMU Main Desk Stein said.

"I think Stephen would have liked to know other people who are having emotional problems with their classes may now think to sort things out as a result of his death," Stein said.

A memorial service and potluck in memory of Fisher will be held at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St., from 5:30-9 tonight.

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MEETINGS

The Riverfront Research Park master site planning process will be discussed tonight from 7-9:30 at the Eugene Community Conference Center.

Circle K International service club will hold officer elections tonight at 6 in the EMU.

Asklepiads pre-medical honor society will elect officers in their last meeting of the term tonight at 7:30 in EMU Century Room A.

Phi Eta Sigma freshman honor society will meet in 112 EMU tonight at 7.

Public Relations Student Society of America will meet in 301A Allen today at 4:30.

OSPIRG Grassroots Lobby will discuss their organizing effort for the rest of the legislative session tonight at 6 in Suite One, EMU.

OSPIRG Consumer Hotline will have a meeting for all interested people tonight at 7 in Suite One, EMU.

Women in Communication will meet this afternoon at 4:30 in the lounge at Guido's.

The Herpes Information and Support Group will meet tonight from 7 to 9 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Conference Room 5 - Main. Guest Catherine Cannady will speak on sexually transmitted diseases.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Black Student Union is having a practice for its fashion show today at 4:30 in 105 Esslinger. All models, and those interested in joining a fraternity or sorority, must attend.

"Planning for Spring Term" is the workshop being spon-

sored by Academic Advising and Student Services today at 3:30 in 164 Oregon Hall.

The Office of International Services will conduct a tax advising workshop for foreign students in 167 EMU from 3:30-5 today. A certified public accountant will be on hand to answer questions.

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