

## Friends remember woman who jumped from PLC

□ Monica Abrams apparently suffered from depression and had financial problems

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When Bill Palmer talked with Monica Margaret Abrams at Taylor's College Side Inn Nov. 16, it was the first time the two had ever met.

That Monday was also the last time they would ever talk.

Abrams left Taylor's at about 8:15 a.m., Palmer said, almost 15 minutes before police reported they discovered Abrams' body at the base of the south exterior balcony of Prince Lucien Campbell Hall.

Authorities said they believe Abrams committed suicide by jumping from PLC's ninth-floor balcony.

Palmer said he and Abrams talked from about 7 to 7:30 a.m. the morning of the suicide. They discussed the state of economic affairs in Eugene, he said, and how tough it was to find a job.

Abrams, who would have turned 24 this Friday, told Palmer she had spent an hour outside a nearby 7-Eleven earlier that morning begging for enough money



A pink rose was placed anonymously on the ninth-floor balcony of Prince Lucien Campbell Hall in remembrance of Monica Margaret Abrams, who jumped to her death from the balcony on Nov. 16.

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Matt Tallman, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship campus pastor, leads University students in song at a meeting.

## Blackboards and Bibles

□ Campus Christian groups use friendship to spread the word

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University student Sylvia Jung won't be found talking about God to passersby on a street corner.

Jung is a member of The Navigators, a campus nondenominational Christian group. Jung, a senior majoring in geography, became part of The Navigators at Oregon State University and continued her connection to the group when she transferred to the University.

The major difference between The Navigators and other Christian groups, Jung said, is its focus on friendship as a means for getting the message of Christ across.

"As you get to know people, you share more about Christ because it's such a big part of your life," Jung said.

Rather than stopping people out in public and talking about religion, Navigators mem-

bers have a more subtle and effective way of sharing their beliefs, Jung said.

The Navigators took a survey on campus last year to assist the group in understanding the feelings about religious people the campus may have.

Dan VanNortwick, Navigator staff member, said the survey served two purposes.

"One was checking the spiritual barometer about what people felt like, and two, asking people if they were interested in talking about these issues," VanNortwick said. "This establishes a dialogue between students and a Navigator member."

VanNortwick said a Bible study for international students and the formation of more friendships were positive aspects of the survey results.

Steven Carter, a freshman and member of Chi Alpha, another nondenominational Christian campus group, said his group provides an activity aside from church that helps him grow in his faith.

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### WEATHER

Highs will reach the mid 40s today with local morning fog. Expect rain developing on Thanksgiving Day. Highs will be in the low 50s.

#### Just a Reminder

The Oregon Daily Emerald will not be published on Thanksgiving or Friday of this week. Publication resumes Monday, Nov. 30.

### EUGENE, WILLAMETTE?

GRANTS PASS (AP) - A group of people who want to jettison the Willamette Valley from the rest of Oregon and take control of federal lands asked county commissioners for help Tuesday.

"We've got to start somewhere," said Randy Hinke of Grants Pass, who brought the idea to Josephine County commissioners.

Hinke proposed a county advisory vote next March on the idea.

He proposes cutting off the 13 counties in the northwestern corner of Oregon, which contain the population centers of Portland, Salem and Eugene, into the state of Willamette. The remaining 23 counties in southern and eastern Oregon would be Oregon.

### SPORTS

SEATTLE (AP) - Eight people, including four current or former University of Washington athletes, were charged Tuesday with dealing cocaine or marijuana.

Some of the alleged transactions were planned at a dormitory where some football players live, King County prosecutor Norm Maleng told reporters.

Reserve Washington linebacker Danianke Smith, former UW basketball star Doug Meekins, former track star Bernard Ellison and former football player James Goodwin were charged with dealing cocaine, Maleng said.

University officials also scheduled a news conference Tuesday afternoon.