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Today is the last day to vote in the ASUO elections for all candidates and ballot measures for 1996-97.



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Fond memories, violence awareness join at vigil

■ **MEMORIAL:** Co-workers, friends and students remember Ruth Taylor at a vigil Wednesday night

By Dawn Paugh
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The EMU bell chimed eight times as 50 people stood silently in the cold with their heads lowered in conclusion to the candlelight vigil in memory of Ruth Melody Taylor.

They gathered Wednesday evening in the EMU courtyard to share fond memories of Taylor, who once worked for the University before she was fatally shot April 3.

"Ruth Taylor was with me from the very first day I came here," said Gerald Kissler, the senior vice provost of academic affairs at the University.

She worked at the University for 16 years including the last six as the part-time management assistant for Kissler. She also maintained a private practice as a marriage counselor.

"Ruth was a sweet, caring, loving, warm person," Kissler said.

He said she was someone who had made clothes for people at Christmas. She was someone who liked to sing.

"She would type a prayer and say 'This is the prayer I've been saying for you,'" Kissler said.

"[This has] ripped a valley in my soul," he said. "I'm going to be angry until justice is done."

"Ruth would say, 'Now Gerry, don't carry all this hate around.' That was just her nature," he said.

Evelyn Anderton, director of Womenspace said, "The story of Ruth is the story we hear every day at Womenspace. We've had an increase in crisis calls, it's a wake up call for women."

We have to communicate that women are to be respected, said



During the candlelight vigil for Ruth Melody Taylor, Gerald Kissler, the senior vice provost of academic affairs, spoke to a crowd of about 50 people in the EMU courtyard on Wednesday night. Taylor was Kissler's management assistant for more than six years at the University.

a man who attended the vigil.

"The first step to making changes is to name what's going on," said Nadia Telsey, Escape advisor and instructor of self-defense. "This violence exists on a continuum. Every time we ignore it, we give it permission to exist on the continuum."

A woman named Eleanor Horn announced that 14 years ago a similar situation happened to her daughter who was an employee at the University. Her daughter's husband was released for lack of evidence.

"We're pretending [domestic

violence is] not there, and it's ridiculous," said Laura Odom, a close friend of Taylor. "Please do speak to the people who [are] in that sick type of relationship. Even if you feel like you're being nosy, ask questions."

The candlelight vigil was sponsored by the ASUO Women's Center to celebrate Ruth's life and raise awareness about domestic violence.

Currently in the investigation of Ruth Taylor's death, the grand jury is deciding whether to charge Michael Taylor, Ruth's husband, with intentional murder. He was arrested April 16.

Grand jury may indict husband

By Sherry Rainey
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The state's case charging Michael Ray Taylor with intentional murder of his wife, Ruth Melody Taylor, is pending before the grand jury.

Michael Taylor was read an information, or a summary of the charges he faces, at an arraignment Wednesday

afternoon at the Lane County Jail where he is being held without bail. Also, a preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Taylor will enter a plea after the grand jury returns with an indictment, said Kent Mortimore, the Lane County assistant district attorney assigned to the case.

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Thousands had one collective voice to 'Fight the Right'

■ **MARCH:** Two *Emerald* staffers drove south in order to take part in a massive civil-rights event

By Kari Hastings
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For 175 University students, last week-end included 24 hours on a bus, negotiating the public transportation system in San Francisco, walking about 15 miles in the sun and not showering for three days straight.

In our opinion, it was well worth it.

We bussed down last Friday to attend the "Fight the Right" march, which wound along the San Francisco waterfront from Golden Gate Park to the base of

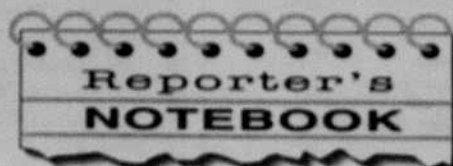
the bridge. The march's agenda was for gender, racial and sexual orientation equality and for workers' rights.

People from all walks of life traveled from as near as Berkeley and as far as Maine to support a resounding "Listen up, Right!" message from the marchers.

The diversity among marchers and their causes was amazing. There were young families with children in strollers that held signs proclaiming, "Empowered women create strong families."

There was an 8-year-old girl whose doll carried a small sign that read, "Give girls more rights." There were lesbian couples holding signs that read, "I don't mind straight people as long as they act queer."

In short, there were all types of people with a wide gamut of reasons for being at



the march.

It was an incredible feeling as we watched the first marchers round the bend to start the march, a media truck with a host of video cameras leading the way and a National Organization for Women banner held proudly between them.

Twenty minutes later, University students were folded into the march. The adrenaline was high as we shouted cheers like, "What do we want? Justice! When

do we want it? Now!" and, "Students united, will never be divided!"

At the end of the march, we convened in a huge field and heard about 30 speakers, the more notable being Jesse Jackson, Danny Glover, Patricia Ireland and Dolores Huerta. The mayor of San Francisco, Willie Brown, also spoke.

Brown brought the audience to its feet with his appeal for all races to unite, saying, "We're black and we're proud, we're red and we're not dead, we're brown and we're sound, we're yellow and we're mellow, and we're white and we're all right!"

Race was not the only cause that united the marchers. In fact, there was not one single element that seemed more

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