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## Kinkel

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room floor.

Kristen Kinkel described her brother's formative years as "average," and their family as a normal, loving unit.

"Only with hindsight do I truly see the signs of someone who was in desperate need of help, different help than any of us knew how to give," she said.

She said she had advised her brother to "tune-out" the painful testimony of victims during his sentencing, but that he adamantly replied, "No, I owe it to them to listen."

Next the Kinkels' neighbors, Bob and Donna Wagner were called, respectively, to discuss their impressions of Kinkel and his personality.

Bob Wagner said he'd known Kinkel all his life and that he often helped him and his wife by doing odd jobs around their house. Both witnesses said news of the shootings was a shock to them, and inconsistent with what they believe the boy they knew was capable of doing.

"It didn't fit," Bob Wagner said.

"I couldn't believe it," Donna Wagner testified, "absolutely couldn't believe it."

Before the hearing's midday break, the defense team presented Jean Bishop, Jane Brolsma and Sandra Wilson, three teachers who knew Kinkel as a young boy in school. Bishop facilitated a Montessori class he attended 13 years ago and Brolsma and Wilson were Kinkel's first-grade teachers in Wilsonville. Kinkel repeated the first grade at the request of his parents.

The entire afternoon session was dedicated to the testimony of Dr. Orin Bolstad, a clinical child psychologist who spent more than 32 hours with Kinkel over six dif-

ferent evaluation meetings.

Through analysis of what Bolstad called "a pretty standard battery of tests," including personality, psychological and IQ assessments and the Rorschach ink-blot test, the witness concluded he was 95 percent confident that Kinkel suffers from a serious mental illness.

"A more specific diagnosis, it's clear to me he has a psychotic disorder," he said.

Because diagnosing adolescents is "tricky" according to the psychologist, definitively labeling Kinkel schizophrenic or otherwise would be difficult, he said, especially as the diseases' onset typically hits at age 25.

Bolstad did offer, however, that as Kinkel scored exceedingly high for paranoia, persecution complex, hypersensitivity to criticism, suicidal tendencies and anti-social behavior, he was a youngster "that differs greatly from your average teenager."

In their sessions, Kinkel told the psychologist that he'd experienced auditory hallucinations, or voices in his head since the time he was 12 years old. He said he never told anyone else about these experiences prior to May of last year out of fear or shame he would be found mentally ill.

When asked if he believed the defendant would be a danger to society should he ever be released from prison, Bolstad was prudent with his reply.

"It would be irresponsible to make a prediction 25 to 30 years hence on whether he could be released," he said. "But there are positive indicators that he could improve with anti-psychotic drugs."

The sentencing hearing is expected to continue into the middle of next week.

*Emerald reporter Stefanie Knowlton contributed to this report.*

## Calendar

### Thursday, Nov. 4

**Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance** open house. Everyone welcome. 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Family Therapy Lecture:** Psychology professor emeritus Robert Weiss discusses "New Lights on the Dark Side of Marriage" to launch a series of monthly talks through April 2000 sponsored by the College of Education's Marriage and Family Therapy Program. Noon. Ballroom, Downtown Athletic Club, 999 Willamette St. Series: \$69 general, \$49 students. Single talk \$15. For information, call 684-7246.

**Festival of the Millennium '99:** Robert Kyr directs "Festival of the Millennium: Music for the New Century...and Beyond!" The three-week festival celebrates music of the 20th century with performances by University faculty and guest artists. School of Music building, 961 E. 18th Ave.

For schedule, cost and other information, browse music1.uoregon.edu or call 346-5678.

**Cressman Lecture:** Award-winning author and Native American scholar Tsianina Lomawaima discusses "Education By Indians vs. Education For Indians: Native Responses to Boarding Schools." 7 p.m. Room 175, Knight Law Center, 1515 Agate St. Free. For information, browse the Oregon Humanities Center at darkwing.uoregon.edu/~humanctr/. Free public reception follows at the University Museum of Natural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave., where the current exhibit is "They Sacrificed for Our Survival: The Indian Boarding School Experience."

**Savage Lecture:** Adm. Stansfield Turner, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, discusses "The U.S. and Europe During and After the Cold War." 7:30 p.m. Heritage Hall, Bowerman Family Building, 1580 E. 15th Ave. Free. For information, call 346-1521. Reception follows.

## News brief

### Gov. Kitzhaber asks students to vote

Gov. Kitzhaber asked student leaders for a favor on Wednesday.

Speaking to the board of the Oregon Students Association, Kitzhaber appealed to the 30 representatives from Oregon's colleges and universities to encourage their fellow students to vote.

"It's absolutely essential that this group vote in the next election," Kitzhaber said.

Kitzhaber is asking for support for two measures on the November 2000 ballot dealing with K-12 funding. "These things usually

turn on the 18-24 vote," he added.

Kathleen Workman, non-traditional student advocate for the ASUO, was on hand to appeal for child care grants. Workman, who is a parent, told the governor that the 250 child care grants offered by the state do not help the approximately 650 students on the waiting list for such a grant.

"I will graduate before my name comes up," Workman said. ASUO State Affairs Coordinator Matt Swanson supported Workman and her position.

"The issue is important because we don't want any student to be forced to choose between getting an education and taking care of a child."

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