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A fond farewell

The Emerald bids adieu to Pulse, its weekly entertainment supplement. **Inside Section**

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Kappa Delta members Tami Bryant, Kelly Castro, and Rachael Opperman celebrate the life of fellow sister Jill Dieringer at her memorial service Wednesday night at Hayward Field. Several hundred gathered to share stories and love with a candlelight vigil.

Vigil honors a life remembered

Jill Dieringer's friends and classmates pay their respect at a candlelight memorial service

By Lisa R. Griffing
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A range of emotions emanated from Hayward Field Wednesday as students and friends crowded the stands in memory of University freshman Jill Dieringer, who died Feb. 9 of meningococcal disease.

Many of Dieringer's sorority sisters from Kappa Delta wore black cloth-

ing while some didn't need it; grim faces were enough. Although the death of Dieringer is sad and heartfelt, some who gathered were cheerful, reflecting on their memories of Dieringer and of her character. Some students said they went to Hayward to end the sadness, while others went simply to pay respect.

"It's been difficult," said Dieringer's friend and housemate Kelsey Culligan. "I came to pay my respects and to help find closure. She was a great person, and we will miss her."

Kelsey Mitchell, president of Kap-

pa Delta, welcomed the more-than-200 people filling the bleachers at Hayward Field to pay their respects during a candlelight vigil held at 6:30 p.m. Mitchell said the candles symbolized Dieringer's life and the impact she had on those around her.

Preceding Mitchell's brief welcoming speech, people shared the flame of the candles among those around them. Soon after, flickering candles dotted the stands.

Little details seem to mean the most

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Scholar delves into real Jesus

A professor will visit campus to discuss efforts in determining an accurate depiction of Christ

By Andrew Adams
Oregon Daily Emerald

Although the image of Jesus Christ provides a rock-solid foundation for the spiritual life of hundreds of millions of people in the world, religious-studies historians are discovering that pinning down an accurate picture of what kind of man Christ was when he was alive is nearly impossible.

Despite the scarcity of reliable sources about Christ from the Turn to Jesus, page 5A

ASUO candidates to go face-to-face

Students from the Emerald and ASUO will lead tonight's debate, which will include an open forum

By Beata Mostafavi
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Catchy campaign slogans, bright posters and colorful buttons have been seen around campus for the last couple of weeks, and by now many students at least know the names of this year's ASUO presidential candidates.

But students will have the opportunity to meet the candidates face-to-face and drill the Executive hopefuls with questions about their platforms and goals at the candidate's debate tonight, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 110 Law School.

Four students from the Emerald and ASUO will monitor the debate, pose specific questions about the candidates' platforms and allow time for rebuttals between candidates.

The ASUO will be represented on the moderator panel by Student Senator Mary Elizabeth Madden and ASUO Vice

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Housing, outreach to students top candidates' priorities

ASUO Executive ticket Nilda Brooklyn and Joy Nair want to fix up the residence halls and keep coalitions going

By Jeremy Lang
Oregon Daily Emerald

Nilda Brooklyn is a sophomore women's studies major. Her running mate, Joy Nair, is a sophomore business major.

Q: What is your platform?

A: We have chosen four top things. One is community issues; in particular, a housing code. Eugene is the second-largest city in Oregon, and it doesn't have one. We think that affects students pretty seriously.

Access to education — in particular making sure that students know of the scholarships that are available now, and making sure that is always accessi-

ble to them.

Also, protecting the student fee, and making sure students are educated and in control of allocation of money.

And ASUO outreach — I think of ten times the ASUO is seen as student government when, in fact, it is associated students, which means graduate, undergraduate, law school, non-traditional.

Q: How does the decision to run for office fit into your career goals?

A: [Joy] It was something Nilda randomly asked me about. I had never thought about it. I really didn't think about politics or anything like this. But the experience in running an organiza-

tion, being a leader, is something you're going to need in any field. I really don't know what I want to do later on in life.

[Nilda] For me too, the aspect of going in this direction is not something I planned at all. But the aspect of the challenges it brings are too good to pass up. As terms of where it will take me in the future, I don't know.

Q: What specific campus-oriented initiatives will you champion?

A: [Nilda] I feel like the ASUO takes on a lot of campaigns where students have to come to us. I'd like to make the ASUO go to students. Not so much having events that are, Ballroom, 3 p.m. Friday afternoon, but you're walking down 13th [Avenue], and you encounter something going on that you can be involved with.

I heard recently that the U of O has the second-worst dorms in the country,

and the University that was ranked No. 1 is now doing something about their dorms, so we'll quickly be No. 1. I think definitely looking at how we house our students on campus will be a big issue.

[Joy] Also, our faculty and student relationships are very key. They are mentors, and we have a right to see how our mentors are doing.

[Nilda] Also, that the administrators who are student allies have more participation in what students are doing, and those who chose not to be student allies become student allies very quickly.

Q: What would you advocate for on the state level for students, and how would you carry out your plan?

A: [Joy] A tuition freeze. For every 1 percent tuition increases, 100 students cannot afford to go to college. This Turn to Candidates, page 3A



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