

Dear Students and Faculty;

Please know that everything that the community of the University of Oregon did to express sympathy for Jill Dieringer is sincerely appreciated. It was my wish to write sooner, but some sort of immobilizing fog engulfed me and the words would not come. My heart is warmed by the flowers, plants, cards, and letters. These things, as well as the memory books from the dorm and sorority are treasured. The pink messages from the dorm windows, and the banners displayed outside the sorority and fraternity houses were very moving. Also, I was deeply touched by the pink ribbons that anonymously appeared on Valentines Day remembering those who have lost people very dear to them. It means so much to me that so many of you made the long drive from Eugene to Portland to attend Jill's memorial service and reception. The campus memorial service was a beautiful tribute to Jill. Additionally, I thank President Dave Frohnmayer for dedicating a permanent memorial in memory of Jill. Jill truly loved all the friends she made at school and she was having so much fun as a student. I thank you for the laughter and joy you shared with my daughter. I wish I could thank each of you personally. I will never forget your love and kindness, and I hope you know how much comfort you have given me.

Sincerely yours,

*Lori Hughes*

Lori Hughes,  
Jill Dieringer's Mother

# Officials discuss hot issues

■ Anne Leavitt and Philip Romero address controversial issues from campus diversity to looming tuition hikes

By Hank Hager  
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The 2000-2001 academic year has seen its share of controversial issues at the University. The debates have ranged from a tuition hike that could go as high as 5 percent, to the diversity of students and faculty at the University, to the battle between how sports and academics can co-exist on campus in an equitable manner.

Anne Leavitt, associate vice president of Student Affairs, as well as dean of students, and Philip Romero, dean of the Charles H. Lundquist College of Business, recently sat down with the Emerald and gave their opinions on the these and other topics.

**Question: What were some of the goals you had in mind for the University this year, and do you feel they were achieved?**

**Anne Leavitt:** One is to focus student affairs around the concept of a residential campus. We have only 17 percent of our students living with us, but we have over 17,000 students coming to school here. The facilities and programs I work with in housing, the Rec Center, in the EMU, student life, counseling and health have these units thinking about life outside of class. I think we've partially achieved this, and I think we're more purposeful in what we're doing. But the campus after 5 p.m. still doesn't feel as exciting and compelling as I want it to be.

**Philip Romero:** The University's 125th anniversary will occur next year. This will be a vital opportunity to expand our connections throughout Oregon, and to reconnect with distant alumni and friends. The Lundquist College of Business's main goals for next year are: Complete fundraising for, and break ground on, our new Lillis Business Complex; complete the strategic planning process begun in 2001, including tasks identified during our recent successful reac-

mediate concern is for the continuing student who has come to this University with one set of tuition rates and will now face a possible increase in those. Any change in tuition will be phased in at the start of the year, but it is still like sticker shock; you don't see it coming at times. We also have some generous donors who are putting money into scholarships these days in ways we haven't experienced before. But [the concern is] you have got to get the scholarship money into the hands of students who need it. My third concern is sensitivity in pricing to the non-resident student. I think if the non-resident tuition went up much, it could reduce the amount who come to school here. For residents, we are still what people call a very affordable place to go to school.

**PR:** [Gov. John Kitzhaber's] budget called for an unacceptably large increase in tuition to make up for forecast shortfalls in revenues. I believe that some tuition increase is unavoidable, but it should be in the range of a few percent, not over 10 percent. I also believe, however, that there are inequities on what different colleges in the Oregon University System are allowed to charge, with many limited at charges well below cost. That undercuts the intent of the state's funding model, which is supposed to encourage colleges to seek more students by saving them better. This is vitiated if a college loses money on every student.

**Q: There has been a focus on diversity this year at the campus. Do you believe the University does a good job in this area, and what can we do to ensure students and**

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College of Business

creditation; play a leading role in expanding the University's exposure in the Portland area; plan a major development campaign to raise scholarship and faculty support funds; and expand our Master's of Accounting and MBA enrollments.

**Q: For the first time in four years, the University is facing a tuition increase. Are you concerned about this and how do you feel it could affect the University?**

**AL:** I am concerned about this probably on about three or four dimensions. My first and most im-

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