



Friends, family recall 'inspiring' student

After being named a suspect in the beating of an University student, those close to him say Eric Jones never recovered

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He had a smile that could brighten anyone's day, a thirst for knowledge that couldn't be quenched and a passion for biological and cultural anthropology that was striking. But after he ran from the scene of a violent incident and became the primary suspect in the

beating of fellow University student Devan Long in early March, 25-year-old Eric Dylan Jones saw no hope for his once-bright future. He took his own life March 21.

Jones' girlfriend of six months, Ariana Schwartz, 20, said the other side of what happened that night was not portrayed in the initial media coverage about the beating incident, adding that the attack was indeed provoked. But because Jones fled the scene and did not immediately return to his only known address, his side of the story was not attainable.

"(Jones) was in fact coming to my defense in a situation where I felt menaced," the senior art major said. Michael P. Stephenson, Jones' friend of nearly 10 years, said his younger brother and Schwartz were initially harassed by two inebriated football players the night of the incident before Jones stepped into the confrontation. Friends of Jones said he had an extraordinary strength, especially when he felt those close to him were in danger.

"Unfortunately for them, Eric Jones was not the right person to pick a fight with," Stephenson said.

Stephenson said his brother, Schwartz and Jones were targets of threats and aggressive behavior, and the initial articles describing the incident only served to make Jones' "sensitive situation even worse."

To her understanding, Schwartz said Jones was planning to turn himself in to police the day the initial Emerald article was published. However, he changed his mind because he feared people would no longer respect him and because he didn't feel comfortable returning to campus, she said.

"He felt he had lost his chance to successfully achieve his future goals and aspirations," she said.

But the details of the incident are not as important now in how Schwartz and others want Jones to be remembered.

"Eric was a great friend who was always there to help out," Stephenson said. "No matter what situation you got yourself into, he was always there."

Jones was born Aug. 13, 1977, the son of Gail Burch and Logan Jones, both of whom declined to comment.

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Keeping the peace?



Left: Fully geared riot police prepare to move anti-war protesters in Portland from the streets to the sidewalk.

Below: Portland police officers approach a protester during an anti-war demonstration on Friday where several people also spoke out against the media and police brutality.

Photos by Ali Shaughnessy
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War snarls U.N. plan for Iraqi food aid

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LONDON — The director of the United Nations' World Food Program on Monday outlined a six-month, \$1.3 billion emergency plan to feed the people of Iraq, but said that continued war would prevent United Nations workers from entering much of the country to carry it out.

"Clearly we will not go into places that are not safe and secure, where our people will be at risk," program director James T. Morris said at a news conference here.

Morris said he hopes the war is resolved "sooner rather than later so we can do our work. ... If I had the ability to call a halt to the fighting, I would have done it already."

The first wartime deliveries of U.N. humanitarian aid crossed into Iraq over the weekend. Three trucks carrying dried milk drove from Turkey into Kurdish-held northern Iraq on Saturday, while three trucks of water came from Kuwait to the coalition-held city of Umm Qasr on Monday. But other vehicles with aid have been unable or unwilling to enter Iraq.

In Rome on Friday, the United Nations' food program issued a worldwide appeal for \$2.2 billion in emergency funds for Iraq — \$1.3 billion for food and the rest for other humanitarian aid. The United Nations said the money is needed for aid until a new U.N.-run Oil for Food program is fully functioning.

While many Iraqis are believed to have stockpiled enough earlier U.N. food aid to

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Protesting brutality

War hits home

Portland anti-war protesters sound off about recent police activity and media coverage

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Anti-war protesters have been active since America began its invasion to disarm Iraq, taking to the streets in droves to rally for peace. But their opinions

have moved beyond the war to topics like police brutality at anti-war demonstrations and corporate media coverage.

Hundreds of anti-war protesters gathered in the streets of Portland on Friday and expressed views on military action, police brutality and biased media coverage. The protest, which began in Pioneer Courthouse Square, was an organized gathering that planners said focused mainly on peacefully protesting the war. Frustration

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Senate PFC Seat 2 candidates explain goals, ideas for office

Six students are running for Programs Finance Committee Senate Seat 2 in this year's election

ASUO elections

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The Programs Finance Committee has five elected seats up for grabs, and six students are running for the ASUO Student Senate Seat 2 position. Seat 2 senators must participate both in the weekly ASUO Student Senate meetings and the annual PFC process.

The Emerald asked each candidate four general questions and also asked two specific questions about student government: What standing committees is the senate is obligated to have (answer: the Rules Committee, the Finance Committee, the Committee on Committees, the Personnel Committee and the Summer Committee), and what is the most important part of Senate Rules Section 5, which lists senators' duties?

Greg Diamond, a junior political science major, is an active member of the College Democrats and has been a freelance writer for the Oregon Commentator. He said the most important issue facing students he would be representing are decreases

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Melton/Morales, Shively/Bae tickets tout ASUO experience

Six tickets are vying for the 2003-04 student executive office

ASUO elections

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The campaign for ASUO executive is always fierce. In the 2002 elections, 10 tickets vied for the top elected seat in student government. This year, only six tickets are competing for the student vote in the April 9 through April 11 primary election. Christa Shively and her running mate, Greg Bae, plan to draw from their experience on the EMU

Board and in the greek system, respectively, while Maddy Melton and

her running mate, Eddy Morales, have worked closely in the current ASUO administration as co-Multicultural Advocates.

The 23-year-old Melton, a junior in sociology and women's studies, has been involved with student programs since her freshman year. She currently chairs the Oregon Statewide Student Equal Rights Alliance and is active in the United States Student

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