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Students' day of labor helps local charities

Fundraiser part of national event

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Fifty-five University students helped clean up Eugene and raised nearly \$300 for the hungry and homeless by participating in OSPIRG's Hunger Clean-Up Saturday.

Members of the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group volunteered their time at eight public service organizations in Eugene. Each student solicited donations from sponsors who contributed a sum of

money for the student's day of

Students worked at Women space. Looking Glass shelter. American Red Cross, Kids and Kin. Royal Avenue Shelter, Opportunity Shelter, YMCA and YWCA for the day

Some organizations needed help with outside work, while others needed help with sweeping, cleaning or painting.

'It's incredible to have people come in and volunteer their time like this," said Abbie Smith, assistant director of Womenspace. "We're able to exist and provide services to the community because of vol-

The money raised this week end will be divided between Food For Lane County, a local food bank, and the national Hunger Clean-Up campaign. which helps provide food and shelter for the homeless.

The students were part of a nation-wide effort sponsored by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homeless-Several universities around the country participat-

Besides helping out the community and raising money, the annual event helps "educate people as to the causes of hunger and homelessness in the U.S. and around the world." said Therese DuBravac, an OSPIRG member who helped organize the event locally.

DuBravac said that this year's event was the most successful one to date at the University.

'This is the most money we've ever raised." she said.

All the feedback from every work site was very positive. from both the workers and the people who run the shelters. said OSPIRG member Ellen Keiberts

'It was a lot of fun." said sophomore Andrea Henry, who spent the day painting a deck at a transition house for battered women run by Womenspace.

"It's good to know that I can take part in something like this and feel like I'm making a difference." Henry said.

"We got a sense that people all over the U.S. were doing this, so it's not just a drop in the bucket." said senior Stephanie Haver, who worked at the Looking Glass shelter. "They really appreciated the work we

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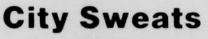
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