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Students (from left) Sean Russel, John Biebl and Pat McCreery tidy up the lawn in front of a Eugene homeless shelter Saturday as part of OSPIRG's annual Hunger Cleanup.

Project raises \$600 to fight hunger

□ Students roll up their sleeves and go to work for the eighth annual Hunger Cleanup

By Soo May Wong
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About 150 University and Lane Community College students volunteered their time and energy Saturday in the eighth annual Hunger Cleanup organized by OSPIRG.

The program, which involved a

two-hour community cleanup, began when the student volunteers divided into groups and went to 15 work sites for their community cleanup work. The students got sponsors to donate money in exchange for the work.

Representatives from the Family House Shelter, Habitat For Humanity and OSPIRG spoke to volunteers about the problems of hunger and homelessness in Eugene and in the country.

"Everyday 60,000 people die from causes of hunger, (of which) 40,000 are children," said Jim Treloar, OSPIRG project leader.

"Here in Lane County there are more than 2,000 people who need shelter."

Saralyn Brooks-O'Connor, program manager for Family Shelter House, said 30 percent of the homeless population are families with children.

Brooks-O'Connor, who has worked with some of these homeless families, said these children undergo traumatic experiences which could hurt society in the future.

The hunger project, which is

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Students join forces to push for tax reform

□ Today's rally to address upcoming second phase of Measure 5

By Paul Morgan
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The Student Coalition for Higher Education and the ASUO may not be trying to make tax reform a more exciting issue, but that doesn't mean they don't want people to pay attention to it.

With the second phase of Measure 5 due to set in, tax reform may be the most important issue facing students in Oregon. Details about what exactly will be cut or how much more tuition will rise are unclear, but what's certain is cuts and tuition hikes are definitely in the future.

The two groups have joined forces with student groups from around the state to coordinate a three-tiered, statewide effort to inform students and involve them in the decision-making process surrounding the second phase of Measure 5.

The effort will start today at noon in the EMU Courtyard with a campus rally/teach-in. If it's raining, the rally will be held in the EMU Ballroom.

Tax reform will be the focus of the rally/teach-in, featuring University student testimonials and faculty and administrator views, concerning the impact of Measure 5's first phase and how tax reform can lessen the impact of phase two.

Along with the SCHE, the statewide effort is being coordinated by Students of Oregon United to Rescue College Education and student governments at the state's universities and colleges.

The plan includes rallies and teach-ins at seven of the state's universities and colleges, a voter registration drive and a rally on the steps of the state capital on May 1.

Eastern Oregon State, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State, Portland State, Southern Oregon State and Western Oregon State will all have rallies this month.

On March 31, student leaders at seven of the state's colleges and universities announced that a major voter registration drive will begin in April.

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Youth corps offers high schoolers work alternative

□ Students learn valuable lessons in Eugene's Northwest Youth Corps forestry work program

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Melinda Wells just wanted to do some serious camping.

So when the 1991 Boston College graduate heard about Northwest Youth Corps, a Eugene-based summer forestry work program, she jumped at the opportunity.

Signing up as an assistant crew leader, Wells believed she could just go along for the ride. Taking charge of a group of

high school students for five weeks was something she planned to reserve for the crew chief.

But then a crew leader position opened up, and youth corps staff urged her to apply. Within a week she was preparing her young crew for work in the Prospect Ranger District.

"I was terrified," Wells said. "I had never driven a van or backed up a trailer or started a camp stove."

That's when she took a youth corps motto to heart.

"I didn't know that I could do it," she said. "But the youth corps philosophy is, 'Just try it,' and that's what I did."

It's the same lesson hundreds of young people learn every summer through the NYC program.

They come to the organization looking

for alternatives to traditional summer jobs. The sense of accomplishment they get from the physically demanding work just comes with the territory.

"You put them in that environment and challenge them to work hard, and amazing things happen," said NYC Director Arthur Pope.

The youths join for five- or six-week sessions to work a variety of outdoor jobs in some of the Northwest's most rugged country.

During a session, a youth corps crew may be sent to a number of locations for jobs such as building and maintaining hiking trails, cleaning creeks, developing campgrounds and restoring wildlife habitat.

"There are no pizza parlors and there's no music," Pope said. "It gives them a

real perspective on their ability to do things they've never done before."

The U.S. Forest Service and several forest products companies contract NYC for the projects. Most of the funding for the program is generated by those projects.

"We spend a lot of time selling the concept," Pope said. "We try to find groups that are pro-youth and want to give youths this educational opportunity."

However, the continuing controversy over harvesting old-growth timber has reduced job opportunities from forest products companies.

"If they're not working, we're not

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SURPRISES

Oregon football coach Rich Brooks made some surprising roster changes Saturday.

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VISIBILITY

Organizers of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Week say they will try to put a "human face" on Eugene's lesbian and gay population.

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TRACK WIN

The Duck women's track team defeated Washington State and Minnesota Saturday.

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