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hours, and while most speakers said they were against the war in Iraq, many said they did not believe that the senate was the proper place to vote on a national issue.

Because the event was an actual senate meeting, only members of the University Assembly — professors, administration officials, student senators and ASUO representatives — were allowed to speak. However, after 40 minutes of deliberation, the senate opened up the meeting to community comments. After the failed vote, political science Professor Julie Novkov asked the senate to consider calling a meeting of the full University Assembly to further discuss the issue. Although 24 senators voted to consider debating Novkov's motion, it did not carry a two-thirds vote and was tabled.

A majority of assembly members who spoke said they were worried the senate would lose power and prestige by taking a political stance on an issue such as war.

The senate "is not constituted to express opinions on matters of national policy," law Professor Maury Holland said. "There are ample opportunities for people to debate, to express and communicate their opinions, but I don't think its place is a senate resolution."

Stahl, like many backers of the proposal, took an entirely different tack and appealed to the conscience of the senators.

"Truth is the first casualty of war," he said, adding that in wartime, civil liberties could be suspended and people could be fed disinformation and lies. "That is why the University must oppose unnecessary war."

"Would a resolution from the Uni-

versity Senate be heard? Indeed, it would, and other universities might follow suit."

Physics Professor Dave Soper said he was worried the senate could lose its credibility by discussing issues outside of its scope.

"If we are an open forum when debate is to take place, we must not take a political position," he said. "If we make political pronouncements our business, we will lose the credibility of this forum."

In a speech that drew raucous applause, student senator Levi Strom appealed to the University Senate to consider the consequences of not acting.

"Will this resolution not be referred to this senate until we have another Vietnam War?" he asked, adding that he represented Students for Peace, which had already collected over 1,500 student and staff signatures condemning the war in Iraq. "Students on this campus feel the effects of war. I might give — and die — for a cause I don't believe in."

A handful of community members also were given time to speak.

"This war ... everyone believes it's going to happen, except some of our faculty members," student Hasan Kesim said. "These are rules that only you can bend — the gov-



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Students applaud a speaker during the University Senate meeting. Most students attending the meeting supported a resolution condemning a U.S. war with Iraq.

ernment has done it for many decades. Why not you?"

The University Senate Executive Committee will sponsor an open mic session today in the EMU Maple Room from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for people who want to continue dis-

cussing issues surrounding the war in Iraq, and it is also planning a campuswide debate on the war sometime in early January.

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but we want to make it bigger and better and really solid so it can continue for the next 10 years," Hughes said.

Although no formal model for the new Web site has been developed yet, the ASUO has been seeking student input and looking at other housing Web sites to formulate ideas.

"The perfect vision of the Web site would be an interactive database that students could access on-

line and landlords could access online to post housing openings," Hughes said.

She added that the ASUO will continue to maintain the rental listing boards, which are located in the EMU in front of the Women's Center.

Housing standards

ASUO officials are also advancing an existing campaign aimed to pass housing standards in Eugene. Currently, Eugene has no housing code.

ASUO Community Outreach Coordinator Jesse Harding said he is taking a different approach this year, looking at specific housing issues and trying to make the standard feasible for passage in the Eugene City Council.

"We're looking at what's going to be most effective — what has the biggest chance of success with the City Council and support from the neighborhoods and the businesses,"

he said. "We're getting what we can in while we can do it."

Harding added that he plans to focus on major issues for the standard, such as structural standards for housing, more accountability for landlords and increasing the safety of neighborhoods.

To make the standards more effective, the ASUO will also continue to advocate better enforcement of health and fire codes, as well as educate students about renter's rights.

ASUO officials plan to meet during winter break to set a timetable for drafting the housing standard proposal and working with city councilors to get it submitted to a committee.

After it is submitted, Harding said, the ASUO will gather students and community members to show support for the standards.

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the item to themselves so they can still keep it," Johnson said.

Students may want to prepare for delays in holiday flights. Portland International Airport expects about 43,000 travelers per day during the two weeks before Christmas, and that number should remain constant until a few days after New Year's Day, Johnson said. Meanwhile, the Eugene Airport estimates it will have about 60,000 passengers in the month of December, airport manager Bob Noble said.

"(The Eugene Airport) hope(s) to see no delays, but in the holidays more people are flying and with the

inclement weather such as fogging conditions, it could cause delays," Coontz said.

Johnson suggested that students flying out of Portland arrive two hours before their scheduled morning flights because the airport is busier from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. than at any other time of day. For flights later in the day, he said students should call the airline.

To decrease delay time, travelers are encouraged not to wear metal, which can be found on coats, jewelry, belt buckles and in the heels of footwear. Such accessories often set off alarms and lengthen the process of going through security, Johnson said.

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