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Jamming for charity

Chris Solomona, left, and former computer science major Joseph Barker make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches near the University Bookstore on Monday. The Oregon Hillel will have a table there from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday. It is providing the materials for at least 2,000 sandwiches to be delivered to four different local charity organizations in Eugene.

"It took a lot of hard work and detailing, but it's worth it," Oregon Hillel member Talya Weiner said. "It's a great cause, and we'll be feeding a lot of people this week."

This is the first time the event has been held at the University. At the end of the week, the campus group with the highest sandwich total will receive \$100 to donate to the organization of its choice.

—Lillian Dunlap



Lauren Wimer
Photographer

Council plans housing code work session

The Eugene City Council did not set a date, but it said Monday evening it plans to address housing codes during a future work session

By Nika Carlson
News Reporter

After years of interest and several months of concerted effort by student groups and ASUO, the city of Eugene is planning to address housing standards at the city level.

In a Eugene City Council work session Monday evening, Ward 8 City Councilor Nancy Nathanson proposed that a work session take place before June 1 to discuss a housing code. City Manager Dennis Taylor later said city staff members have been working on the issue and planned to have information ready for a work session by May or early June.

"I think that we're in a positive position ... but it's not enough," ASUO President Maddy Melton said.

Melton was concerned that most of the work on housing standards would take place during the summer months when most students are not in school if a session were planned for early June.

"I think that it's an irresponsible move on the part of the Council to prioritize this issue and give this issue a work session during the only three-month period when students won't be here to speak about this issue," she said. "I think that the students I represent should be able to come here and speak their voices like I am now."

Melton was at the work session and City Council meeting with about 25 other members of the University and Lane Community College student group, Eugene Citizens for Housing Standards.

The group urged the City Council to prioritize a set of housing standards, which are enforceable at the city level, for rental units. Oregon has a statewide set of housing standards, but they are only enforceable by the Small Claims Department in the state's circuit courts.

However, the student coalition says the state's court system is expensive and time-consuming, and therefore prohibitive to most renters. With state budget problems, the group is also concerned that the state will give renters' cases a low priority, delaying hearing them for long periods of time.

"Some basic needs aren't being met in the city," ASUO Campus Outreach Coordinator Shannon Tarvin said.

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Underdogs try to prevent Kerry's success in South

John Edwards and Wesley Clark hope to keep frontrunner John Kerry from winning critical delegates

By James Kuhnhehn and Dana Hull
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Sen. John Kerry stumped for votes in Tennessee and Virginia Monday, hoping to build his growing lead for the Democratic presidential nomination by defeating two Southern rivals near their home turf Tuesday.

Polls showed the Massachusetts senator leading in both states over his chief opponents, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark of Arkansas. Kerry focused his fire Monday on President Bush, while Edwards talked about trade and Clark boasted of his military

credentials and said he'd leave it to states to regulate gay marriage.

While the three faced off in the South, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean campaigned for next week's Wisconsin primary, and in an abrupt turn-about, Dean said he would continue his campaign even if he lost in Wisconsin on Feb. 17.

"We can't just abandon all of those people we brought into the process," Dean said.

Campaigning in Roanoke, Va., and Memphis, Kerry looked for his first victories in the South. He lost last week to Edwards in South Carolina and to Clark in Oklahoma, but has won 10 of the 12 Democratic contests so far.

All but ignoring his Democratic foes, Kerry lambasted President Bush's release Monday of an economic forecast that predicted the creation of 2.6 million new jobs this year.

"This report was prepared by the same people

who brought us the intelligence on Iraq," Kerry said. "This president has the worst jobs record of the last 11 presidents combined. I don't think we need a new report about jobs in America. I think we need a new president who's going to create jobs in America."

Kerry, who swept Maine, Michigan and Washington state over the weekend, picked up endorsements Monday from Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia and the Amalgamated Transit Union.

But he got decidedly lukewarm praise Monday from a Virginian who regretted that Dean wasn't actively campaigning there.

"Vote for Kerry, he's slightly better than Bush," said a handmade sign held aloft in Roanoke by Brian Lang, 35, a mechanical engineer from Roanoke.

"When you look at his record, how's he going to go up there and say, 'Don't vote for Bush vote for me,' when he voted along the lines with Bush,"

Lang said.

In fact, Kerry's Senate votes generally are in line with his party, though like many Democrats he sided with Bush on authorizing war against Iraq, the anti-terrorist Patriot Act, and education reform.

"He's not different enough from Bush for me to be enthusiastic about him," said Lang. "I'll vote for him if he gets the nomination, but he's nowhere near what Dean is."

But David Cook, a 36-year-old member of the Virginia National Guard who was activated during the Iraq war, said he was thinking of switching to Kerry after voting for Bush last time.

"President Bush said he was going to give us a considerable amount of money for our homeland security after 9-11," Cook said. "What did we see out of it? Got sent overseas, that's what we saw out of it."

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