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Against the odds

Jodene Heider's living situation has improved drastically since being homeless

By Jared Paben
Senior News Reporter

Jodene Heider was building a snowman in the yard of her acquaintance's house. It was January 2003 in Bend, and Heider was living with the woman, a therapist and self-proclaimed shaman, after leaving the hospital for surgery on her back.

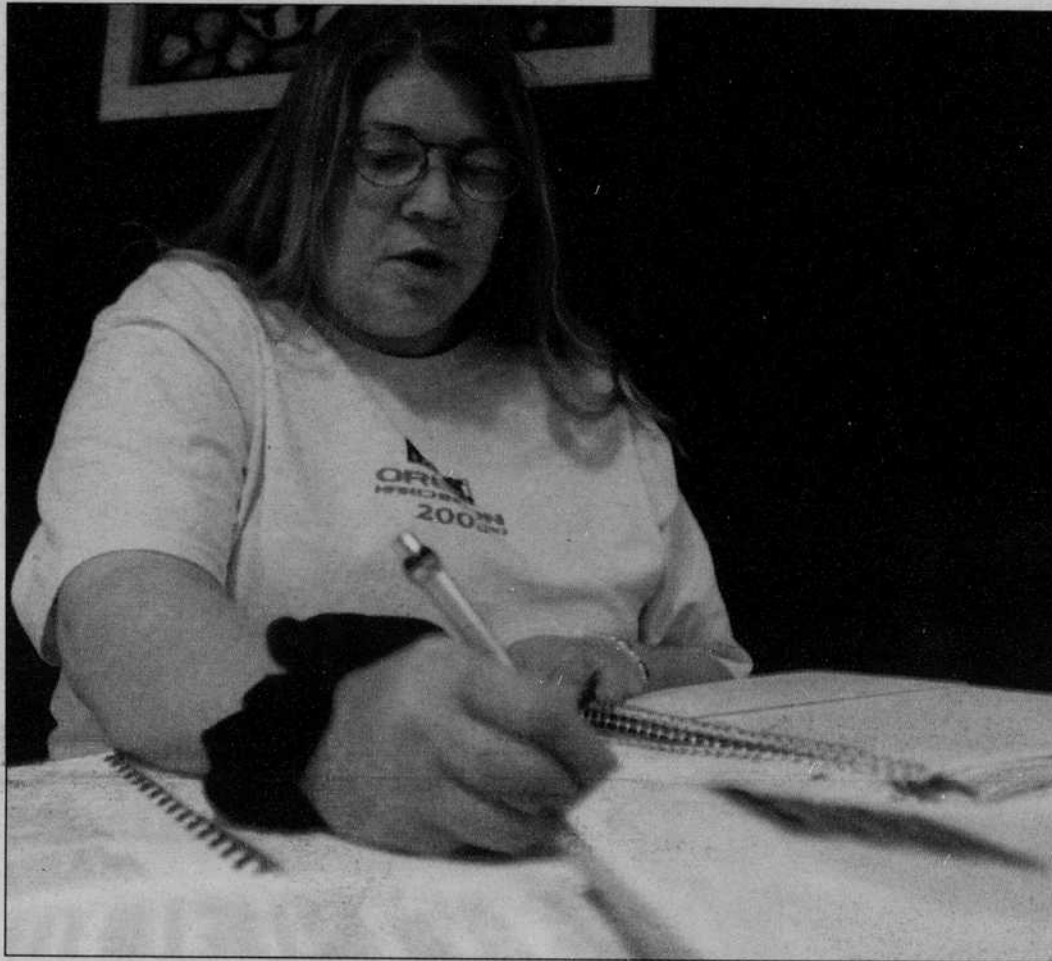
In her quest to build the snowman, she went looking for a stick to prop him up. She wandered into the woman's utility shed, but she didn't find a stick. Instead, she found a stack of road-kill carcasses, Heider said.

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Editor's note: The story of University student Jodene Heider is a four-part series examining the hardships of living with a tumor. For Tuesday's story, see www.dailyemerald.com.
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Frightened by the discovery, Heider moved out and was again without a place to stay. Heider desperately tried to find a place to sleep, driving around town in her car. She said she wasn't scared, but she was sad. She kept thinking how most people her age were married, with a stable source of income and stable lives. Instead of those things, she drove around just looking for a place to sleep.

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University student Jodene Heider studies psychology in The Buzz Saturday evening. Because of her brain tumor, Heider suffers from blurry vision despite wearing bifocal glasses and bifocal contacts.

Tim Kupsick Freelance Photographer

Community reactions to arena plans vary

The announced postponement of the planned basketball arena has drawn praise and criticism

By Ayisha Yahya
News Editor

The University administration's decision to shelve plans to build a new basketball arena is drawing different reactions on campus and in the wider community.

University President Dave Frohnmayer announced Feb. 11 that the new basketball arena project had been postponed indefinitely. Frohnmayer said a review of the scope, complexity and financing of the project revealed the University could not move ahead with its plans, according to an Emerald article published Feb. 12.

The new arena was set to be built on Howe Field, next to McArthur Court. However, plans hit a snag earlier this year when projected costs of the complex rose to \$180 million from the original \$90 to \$130 million estimate. Private donor funds would have covered the arena's initial price tag, but the excess cost meant the University had to find

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Smith stresses Bush's strengths

In a speech at the Lane County Republican's Lincoln Day Dinner, U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith discussed President Bush's upcoming election

By Chelsea Duncan
News Reporter

U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., spoke Tuesday night in support of President Bush's re-election at the annual Lane County Republican's Lincoln Day Dinner.

Smith told an audience of about 300 people that although every election is important, this year's presidential election is critical.

"I can't think of one that is more critical than the one that's coming up and why it's so important for you to turn Lane County into Bush country," he told the crowd.

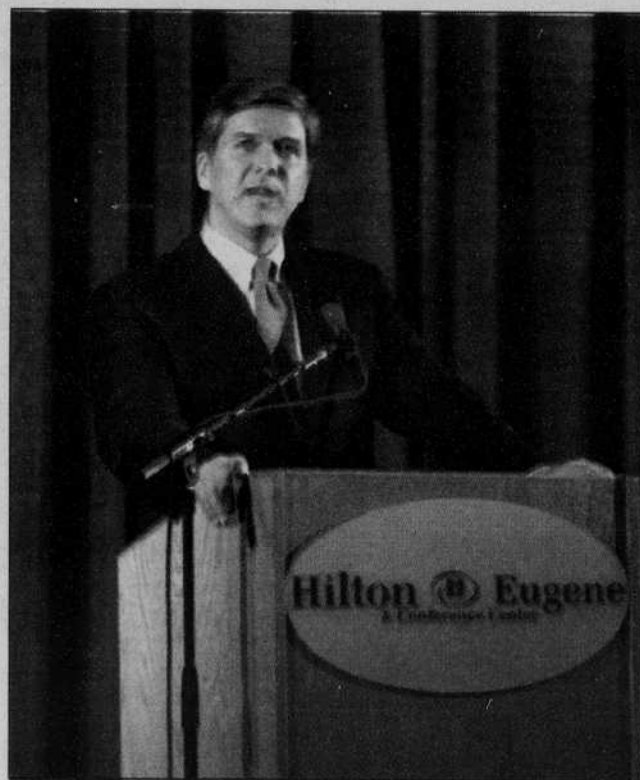
"George Bush understands what creates opportunity in America," he said. "It's entrepreneurs, it's free men and women investing their capital and employing people, our fellow citizens," he said.

He also spoke of Bush's determination to preserve "American leadership" on an international level.

"This is a better world because of the United States of America," he said. "George Bush understands that American leadership allows democracy to spread in this earth."

Smith said that Bush also understands the dynamics of rural

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U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., accused Sen. John Kerry of having "two faces" at the Lane County Republican's Lincoln Day Dinner Tuesday night.

Tim Bobosky Photographer

Kerry victorious in Wisconsin

John Kerry managed to beat John Edwards in the pivotal and surprisingly close primary

By G. Robert Hillman
The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

MILWAUKEE — Front-runner John Kerry fought off a surprisingly strong challenge by John Edwards on Tuesday in a primary election that offered Edwards an opening for a two-man race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Again, Howard Dean stumbled, finishing a distant third. He returned home to Vermont to reassess his campaign.

Kerry, who had held a commanding lead in public opinion polls over the weekend, won narrowly.

But a "win is a win," the Massachusetts senator told reporters as prospects for a tight race built through the day. In accepting victory, he thanked the voters of Wisconsin "for moving this cause and this campaign forward."

It was his 15th victory in 17 states.

For Edwards, the first-term senator from North Carolina, his strong second-place finish breathed new life into his campaign.

"Today, the voters of Wisconsin sent a clear message," Edwards told a small but enthusiastic crowd in Milwaukee's American Serb Hall.

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