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additional means of funding.

After the president's announcement, Athletics Director Bill Moos said Men's Basketball Coach Ernie Kent was disappointed by the postponement, but he did not expect it to negatively affect recruitment efforts.

Junior Marc Weiss said the administration made the right choice to halt the project because it doesn't have the funds to do it.

"They should hold off," he said. "Besides, Mac Court's cool."

Student Tim Ranger had similar sentiments.

"I didn't think it was worth it at this stage of the game," Ranger said, adding that the University is facing many financial challenges, such as budget cuts. He said the project might be more feasible down the line.

While he is a sports fan, Ranger said it did not seem prudent to build a grand stadium just for prestige.

He said there were many other

programs of campus that should also be supported with donor funding, such as the Art Museum.

"They look at sports as being the only thing that can enhance prestige of the school and that's sad," he said.

Associate geography Professor Andrew Marcus agreed, saying he believes the University's current fiscal condition makes the project's delay a wise decision. As the administration considers the next steps, he said it might be a challenge to scale down the project.

"It would be very difficult to get private funding for a smaller project," he said.

Carole Daly, the director of Annual Giving and Special Projects in the Office of Development, said it was important to evaluate the viability of the project and ask questions about funding.

"I think it wouldn't be a wise idea until we know where our funding is going to come from," she said.

Community members also applauded Frohnmayer's resolve.

Peg Peters, chairwoman of the South University Neighborhood Association, said Frohnmayer made a wise choice especially in light of general economic conditions.

"I have a lot of admiration for him to take a look at the bigger picture and decide not to proceed until all the pieces are in place," she said.

She said all is not lost and perhaps there are possibilities the University could still acquire additional donor funding for the arena.

Members of the neighborhood association had concerns with the decision to construct the arena at Howe Field and as the University re-evaluates the project, Peters hopes the administration will continue to take these concerns into consideration.

"We didn't feel things had been thought through carefully regarding traffic and congestion," Peters said. She said the area is already very busy during basketball games just with Mac Court, which has a capacity of 9,738. The new arena would contain about 15,000 seats.

"It gives us time to rethink and

reflect on the process and what the goals might be," she said.

Jeff Nelson, the co-Chairman of the Fairmount Neighborhood association has similar sentiments. He said the University never really gave many details about traffic flow and parking. However, he said he was happy with how the University involved the neighborhoods in getting input and feedback on the project.

"I hope that picks up again as the project moves to the future," Nelson said.

Still, some hope the administration will also reconsider the site completely in the interim.

Classics Associate Professor Malcolm Wilson, who lives in the neighborhood, said some neighbors are opposed to siting of the arena at Howe Field because of traffic.

"We hope they'll think that Autzen is a better site," he said.

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"Objects in your mirror may be closer than they appear," he said.

The voters want an ongoing debate, he said, and they want this campaign to continue. And he said it would.

Kerry, though, picked up another bloc of delegates that now assure him more than 25 percent of the delegates needed to win the nomination at this summer's Democratic National Convention.

In the exit polls conducted for The

Associated Press and the television networks, he held an overwhelming lead among those who most wanted a candidate who could beat President Bush in the fall and among those who believed the economy was poor.

Edwards did much better among independents and Republicans, who could vote in Wisconsin's "open" primary.

Edwards and Dean had vied for second place Tuesday and the chance to take on Kerry, one on one, down the road.

Kerry, the front-runner since his early wins in Iowa and New

Hampshire, planned to campaign Wednesday in Ohio. Edwards was heading to New York to raise money, then quickly on to a handful of other states voting in the 10 Super Tuesday contests March 2.

Dean, who had vowed to make Wisconsin his last stand, is returning home to Burlington, Vt., to consider his next move.

His campaign has been in increasing disarray since the recent abrupt departure of his national chairman, Steve Grossman, and the beginning of tense behind-the-scenes efforts by party stalwarts and even some key

advisers to persuade him to withdraw.

Still, the former Vermont governor said, he has enough money and other resources to keep his campaign alive, in one form or another.

"We are not done," he told his supporters at a Madison, Wis., hotel, saying his campaign already had done a lot to "change this country and change this party."

But, he said, "Change is tough."

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areas such as Lane County and he shows this through plans such as the Healthy Forest Initiatives.

"People in this county understand something of the land," he said. "They understand that you can use the land without abusing the land."

Smith also examined Sen. John Kerry's, D-Mass., campaign, who he said is Bush's "likely opponent" for presidency.

"John Kerry is a man of two faces," he said, adding that he would not go as far as to call him "two-faced."

"Time and again John Kerry has one story and one vote on the Senate floor and a different one on the campaign trail," he said.

Smith said it is important for a president to remain on the same track.

"We need a president who says what he believes, pursues it with courage and conviction, and I tell you that that person for America, for another term, is George W. Bush," he said.

Oregon Republican Party Chairman Kevin Mannix also attended the event. He said before the speech that,

although "the door is open" for him to consider running for governor once again, right now he is focusing on this year's presidential election.

"I think that we will have a strong campaign," he said, adding that he thinks Bush will receive the majority of Oregon's votes.

After Smith's speech, University junior and College Republicans member Dean Scrutton said Smith addressed issues many conservatives have been nervous about, such as Kerry's campaign and how it has been portrayed in the media.

"It was good to kind of hear that they've got a game plan, got things going," he said.

College Republicans member and University graduate student Scott Austin said it was important for the College Republicans to attend the event.

"It just shows our presence," he said. "It's a way for the community to know we're here."

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"Living with the Consequences of U.S. Policy," a film presentation by freelance photographer Paul Dix, Harris Hall, Eighth and Oak streets, 7:30 p.m.

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