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low-income community members and students as well don't have much time or money."

Rowlett said civil cases can also bring slow resolution to tenant-landlord disputes. Following Measure 28's defeat in 2003, for instance, smalls claims court cases were not a high priority for four months. Therefore, renters were not able to get out of their leases without being evicted, he said.

"We all know what it's like being a renter," he said. "With an eviction on your record, you're not going to be able to get a new place to live."

Rowlett said the proposed Eugene code would not be a "landlords vs. renters type issue" but would provide a consistent code to prevent situations like those that occurred after Measure 28's failure.

"All we're trying to do is take laws currently in place and make them enforceable," Rowlett said.

Melton said the coalition has incorporated only the basic habitability standards in its proposed code, noting that previous attempts to create housing standards were rejected by the Eugene City Council because

they were too broad.

The code, modeled after a similar program recently implemented in Corvallis, would ensure structural integrity, heating, plumbing and weatherproofing for all renters, Melton said.

"We believe all citizens of this city should have access to a system (of standards) and should be able to enforce this code," Melton said.

The plan also calls for the creation of a housing office that would oversee enforcement of the standards. Melton said the program would be self-sustaining and funded by a small rental-unit fee.

University senior Caroline O'Leary, an Executive Board member in the West University Neighborhood Association, said joining the coalition demonstrates residents' concerns with the housing situations in their neighborhoods. She added that a code will put pressure on owners to maintain their properties.

"I think that it shows we understand the demographic of the neighborhood — that the quality of housing is not always maintained to the extent that it needs to be," O'Leary said.

Executive Board Chairman Drix Rixmann said that the association's support of the standards is vital.

"We're leaving a legacy to kids not yet born," Rixmann said.

However, Larry von Klein of von Klein Property Management expressed his concerns about a housing code. Von Klein, who said he has sold many units in the West University Neighborhood, indicated that a per-unit fee will penalize landlords who maintain their properties and already pay for insurance, utilities and other costs.

"There's a very fine line at the end of the year on (rental) properties," he said. "There's not a big cash flow thing."

He said some landlords do not adequately keep up their properties, but community pressure should be enough to force them to meet the standards set by the Landlord-Tenant Act. Landlords must satisfy tenants to gain repeat business, von Klein added.

Melton said making presentations to neighborhood associations will raise awareness and support among the people who are affected by the lack of housing standards.

The West University Neighborhood Association's next meeting will be held May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Auditorium.

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MARKET

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One aspect of the market that jewelry designer Mari Lee enjoys is the system of bartering that takes place between market merchants.

"If you see something you like, it's encouraged to approach the other vendor and inquire about trading," she said. "You're putting your support and money back into the community."

Candee Cole, owner of Two Cheeky Monkeys, a recycled art business, added, "There's a lot of people in this city that are trying to live a lifestyle that's not entirely commercial."

Cole's unique items included record album totes and journals made from old children's books.

But for some, the most fascinating part of the market was not the market itself, but the people it attracted.

Senior anthropology major Blake Lawrence admitted he came to the market to "people-watch."

"It's Eugene and its essence," he said. "This is Eugene."

Sophomore Amber Word agreed. "This is the only place you can come to see goths, hippies, skaters, little kids, old people, young people and homeless people all get along," she said.

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