

John Edwards rallies students at UO.



MIKE BARKIN

profile politicians such as Dick Cheney, Howard Dean, Teresa Heinz Kerry and Ralph Nader, all courting Oregon voters for the Nov. 2 election.

"There has been a constant stream of exciting and inspiring speakers that students have been able to meet," says Gabriel Zitrin, a member of the UO College Democrats.

Ben Lenet, a volunteer recruiter for Carry Oregon, hoped that Edwards' visit would inspire more young people to participate in politics. "Voting is great, but I'm hoping that this will motivate people to volunteer and become involved in the democratic process," he said.

Edwards' speech was consistent with his rhetoric throughout the campaign. He said that George W. Bush is "out of touch" with the war in Iraq, the economy and the environment. He mocked Bush's allegiance to drug and insurance companies, asserting that Kerry would make health care more affordable to middle-class Americans.

Edwards asserted that a Kerry administration would aggressively protect Americans but also "end this politics of fear" characterized by the Bush administration. He promoted Kerry's plan to reduce dependency on foreign oil and develop alternative energy sources. Addressing the mostly college-aged crowd, Edwards said that Kerry would offer college students free tuition to state schools in exchange for two years of community service.

"The great thing about this democracy is you," Edwards told the crowd. "Your country needs you."

After the speech, Edwards shook hands with his supporters, the sun glinting brightly off his glossy cap of hair. When One 2 Many's "Man on the Run" came through the speakers, Edwards pumped his fist in the air. The crowd cheered.

"He reminds me of JFK," said Eugene activist Perry Patterson. "He speaks so directly, with so much courage and integrity."

"Both Kerry and Edwards are too intelligent for Bush to even understand," said English professor Ed Coleman, who volunteers for the Carry Oregon campaign.

UO student Kathryn Lowrey had a more basic reason for supporting Edwards. "He's sexy," she said with a sigh.

Not everybody in attendance, however, was a big Edwards fan. "He's a politician who's going to tell most people what they want to hear, but whether he comes through on those promises only time will tell," said UO student Sha Shebert.

Still, Shebert plans to vote for Kerry. "I'd vote for a pet rock over Bush," he said.

— Kera Abraham

MADISON GROUP GAINING GROUND

Organizers of the Save Madison Meadow campaign report this week that the neighborhood open space is "well on its way to being saved," thanks to an anonymous donor who promised a matching contribution of up to \$100,000, and a "tremendously successful" benefit concert and silent auction at Cozmic Pizza Oct. 2 that raised more than \$5,000.

The group is still actively seeking donations, which are tax-deductible, as they approach the Dec. 31 deadline to exercise their option to purchase the land and "keep it open and natural forever."

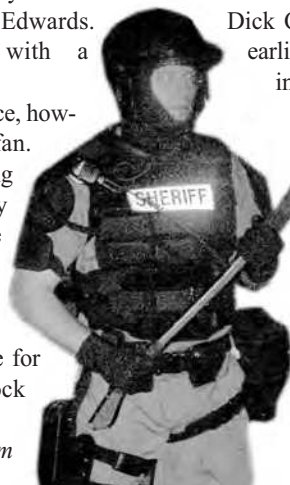
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PROTESTERS TELL OF BUSH RALLY

Two activists/musicians from Eugene, Carol Melia and Peter Chabarek, traveled to Medford Oct. 14 to attend the rally for George W. Bush at the Jackson County Fairgrounds, and joined protesters later in Jacksonville where Bush was staying the night.

The two had been removed from the Dick Cheney rally in Eugene a month earlier, and again wore a layer of clothing with anti-war statements written in large letters underneath street clothes.

"We were planning on revealing them during Mr. Bush's speech," says Chabarek. "I was hoping our action would be filmed by the media to increase the effect of our action. We were not planning to shout, 'Stop the war!' to Mr. Bush at this event, as we had done at the Cheney event; we were only planning to



EW ENDORSEMENTS AT-A-GLANCE

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Bill Bradbury

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OREGON HOUSE, DISTRICT 13

Robert Ackerman

OREGON HOUSE, DISTRICT 14

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COUNTY COMMISSION POSITION 5

Don Hampton

EUGENE MAYOR

Kitty Piercy

STATEWIDE MEASURES

MEASURE 31

Delays election. YES

MEASURE 33

Medical marijuana. YES

MEASURE 34

Tillamook forests. YES

MEASURE 35

Limits medical liability. NO

MEASURE 36

Bans gay wedlock. NO

MEASURE 37

Abolishes land use planning. NO

MEASURE 38

Abolishes SAIF. NO

LOCAL MEASURES

MEASURE 20-88

Eugene police center. NO

MEASURE 20-90

School local option. YES

MEASURE 20-91

Springfield jail. NO

MEASURE 20-92

Glenwood plan. NO

MEASURE 20-100

Willamalane District. YES

This list does not include all the candidate races, nor all the rural and small town measures that might be on your ballot. More information on the election can be found in Voters' Pamphlets and various websites such as www.hvw.org and www.emoregon.org and www.olev.org

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