

Hans Holaas (left), a 68-year-old Eugene resident, and Laura Finke, 19, a University sophomore majoring in journalism, watch Sunday's presidential debate from the Democratic headquarters in Eugene.

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times he was even funny. But not many people take him seriously. They'll just become annoyed with him, similar to a persistent gnat."

Clarke, a 21-year-old political science major, said Bush succeeded in presenting a powerful presidential image.

"I think a lot of people observed the visage of a confident and comfortable president," Clarke said. "I think a lot of people looked at him and said, "That's George Bush; that's the Bush who won in '88 and will win in '92'."

Clarke criticized Clinton as being too negative and being too specific in detailing his programs.

"He didn't seem to me as being too personable," Clarke said. "His policies were kind of long-winded as always. It loses people."

McCommon said he saw Bush as the purveyor of the negative campaigning.

"Bush was continually bashing people," McCommonn said. "He can't open his mouth without criticizing or blaming someone else."

University Democrats President John Pollock said Clinton did a good job of getting his message out strongly and concisely, but he agreed the Democrat may have gone into too much detail when discussing his programs.

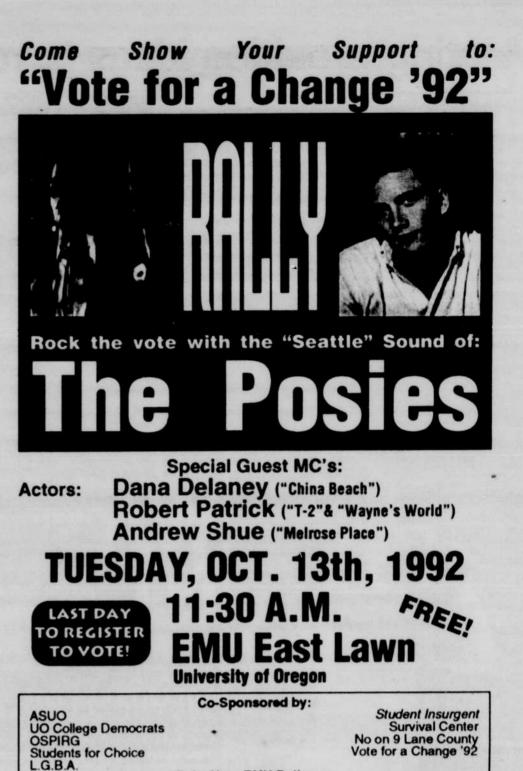
"He was a little too technical," he said. "He didn't have as much pizzazz as normal."

Green said she believed Clinton did an excellent job of expressing his message, but he seemed too rehearsed.

"He was so polished and so perfect that it didn't seem real," she said. "I was also disappointed that they didn't touch on the abortion issue in the first debate. They kind of stayed in easy water."

Doris Kirkpatrick, a 72-yearold resident of Drain who watched the debate at the Eugene Democratic headquarters with her husband, said she was upset when Bush brought up Clinton's anti-Vietnam War activism.

"How many people did we have demonstrating against Vietnam?" she said. "You can't just pull (Clinton) out. How many of George Bush's kids went to war? So Bush flew a plane in World War II whoop di do. I had a husband in World War II and a son in Vietnam, so I know what I'm saying."



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