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History in the making — slowly but surely

The race for President hinges on overseas votes and the fate of Florida's polls

By Ron Fournier
The Associated Press

George W. Bush's lead against Al Gore in Florida slipped to less than 300 votes in a re-count Thursday, as Democrats threw the presidential election to the courts, claiming "an injustice unparalleled in our history."

Chaos reigned. It may take weeks to untangle the legal and political webs and determine the nation's 43rd president.

"The presidential election is ... on hold," said James A. Baker III, the secretary of state in the Bush administration.

Gore wants a follow-up re-count in four

Florida counties and perhaps a new election in the Palm Beach area — ideas the Bush camp said amounted to "politicizing and distorting" the electoral system.

Amid a flurry of charges and countercharges, Gore campaign chairman William Daley said his party will support legal actions by voters and supporters who say a confusing ballot may have led them to vote accidentally for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan.

The Bush campaign fired back by staking its own claim to a Florida victory and questioning Gore's motives. Still, Republicans eyed re-counts elsewhere in case

Gore prevails in Florida, raising the specter of a lengthy, multistate battle.

"One of the options that they seem to be looking at is new elections. Our democratic process calls for a vote on Election Day — it does not call for us to continue voting until someone likes the outcome," Bush campaign chairman Don Evans said in Austin, Texas.

Both sides dispatched dozens of lawyers and political operatives to Florida and geared up fundraising drives to finance what is exploding into a post-campaign re-count campaign.

An unofficial tally by The Associated

Press showed that Gore had cut Bush's lead to 229 votes with 66 of 67 counties recounted. The official total lagged behind, and Secretary of State Katherine Harris said it could be Tuesday — a week after the election — before the state certifies ballot results from all 67 counties. She pointed out that it would take even longer — at least until Nov. 17 — to tabulate ballots cast by thousands of Floridians overseas and postmarked by Election Day.

"Nobody ever said that democracy was simple or efficient," said election board member Bob Crawford.

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Nader supporters optimistic

With the votes tallied, Nader supporters remain positive and look forward to the future

By Andrew Adams
Oregon Daily Emerald

Oregon supporters of Green Party candidate Ralph Nader are resolute that their campaign had a significant impact on the presidential election, despite Nader's failed attempt to get 5 percent of the national vote.

If Nader had met that goal, he would have secured matching political funds for the Green Party for future elections.

Some polls placed Nader at just less than 10 percent of Oregon's votes before the election,

but the latest results, with 99 percent of total ballots counted, show Nader with only 5 percent, or 68,175 votes.

Vice President Al Gore leads Texas Gov. George W. Bush by 3,375 votes in Oregon, although early returns during the past two days had the Republican candidate leading.

The results also discount the widely reported "Nader factor," which many recent speakers on campus said would throw the election into Bush's favor.

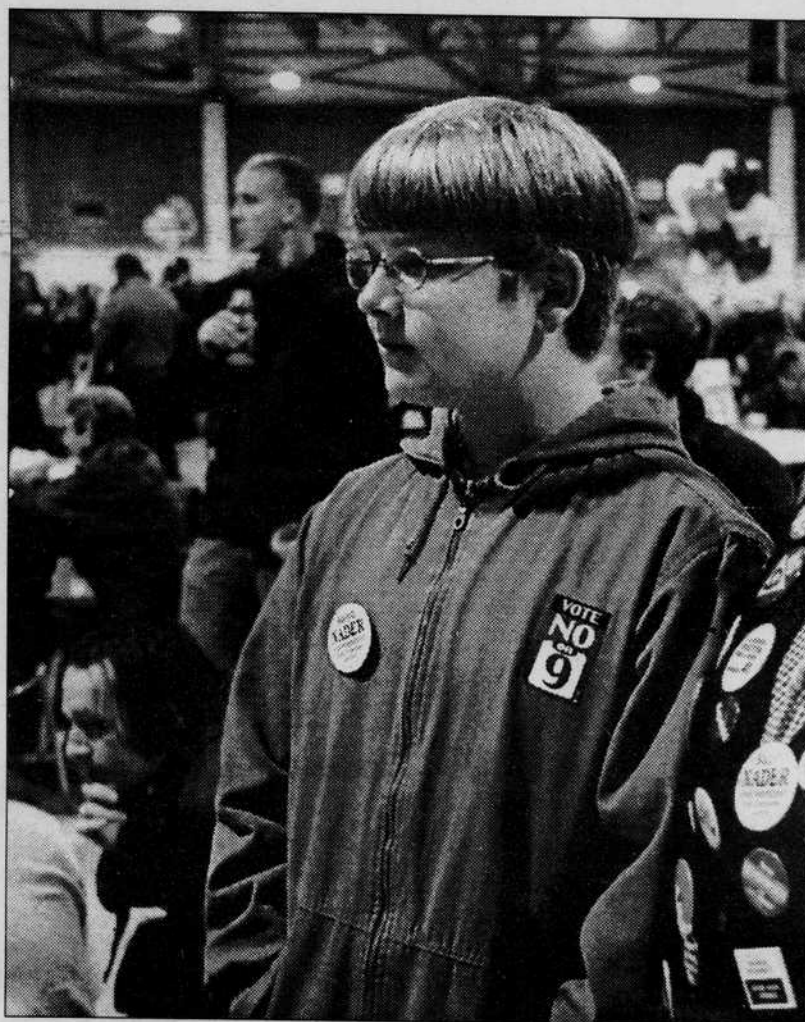
Green Party volunteer and Eu-

gene resident Mark Robinowitz said the election will not disappoint him, even if Bush, whom he described as a "swaggering dunce-head," wins in Oregon.

"Personally I would have voted for 'none of the above,' so I'm not a vote away from Gore," he said.

Robinowitz said Nader's role in the election was to place the Green Party's agenda in the national spotlight. The party's platform includes ending the war on drugs and putting a halt to clearcutting. The major political parties routinely ignore these issues, Robinowitz said, and so the attention that Nader and the

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Churchill High School student Ryan Ritchey, a Nader supporter, watches election updates at the Lane County Fairgrounds Election 2000 Celebration Tuesday evening.

Divided responses

By Lisa Toth
Oregon Daily Emerald

As tension continues to build in the presidential race between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, University professors disagree on how it will be remembered. In some previous elections, the electoral vote has not reflected the popular vote. Professors came to different conclusions about the significance of the 2000 election and how it will affect future elections.

Political science professor Priscilla Southwell said the days of the Electoral College are numbered. "There will be an abolishment or reform of the Electoral College before 2004," she said.

Southwell said an Illinois Democrat is working on a bill to change the election process because the race has generated concern about the Electoral College.

While Gore is leading the popular vote, a win for Bush in Florida will place him in the lead with electoral votes, which will ultimately decide the presidency.

"No matter what the actual output of the presidential election, no one wants to run the risk of it happening again," Southwell said.

History professor James Mohr said the electoral system is still effective because of the laws

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Law symposium addresses Alternative Dispute Resolution

Coordinators gather a panel of respected members of the law profession to discuss mediation

By Kristy Hessman
Oregon Daily Emerald

A hot topic in the justice system, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), will be the focus of a University law symposium that will be open to the public today through Saturday.

"ADR is an alternative to litigation," said Lisa Kloppenberg, program coordinator of the University ADR program. "The emphasis is mediation from a third-party, neutral person."

Kloppenberg said this type of medi-

ation gives people the chance to talk to each other in hopes of settling issues outside the courtroom.

University graduate Gary Galton and his wife Anne Marie donated more than \$211,000 to the law school to create the ADR program in June. The program educates students about various ways in which disputes can be resolved, including negotiation, mediation and arbitration.

Part of the contribution will help fund the symposium, which will in-

clude five panels of experienced judges and lawyers.

"The panelists for the symposium are fabulous," said Anne Aiken, an ADR program board member.

Ninth Circuit Appellate Court Judge Dorothy Nelson will deliver the keynote address from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. today.

"Dorothy is really the mother of this program," Aiken said.

When Nelson began to teach ADR at USC in the early 1960s, she was the

only law faculty member who taught an alternative dispute resolution program.

"When people would ask what I taught they would say, 'Oh, it's that women thing,'" Nelson said. "But now it's one of the hottest topics in the justice system."

Nelson will speak about the qualities of ADR and make suggestions to the law school about how to provide

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