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Republican upset pits Mannix against Kulongoski

■ Ted Kulongoski wins the Democratic nomination for governor and will face Republican opponent Kevin Mannix in the general election in November

By Brook Reinhard
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Democratic front-runner Ted Kulongoski won his party's nomination for governor Tuesday, advancing to face come-from-behind Republican Kevin Mannix in the Nov.

5 general election.

Kulongoski led almost every poll for the past several weeks, and his nomination came as little surprise. But GOP pundits — and many polls — had predicted conservative Mannix would lose the Republican primary to more moderate challengers Ron Saxton or Jack Roberts.

But Saxton and Roberts conceded the race to Mannix shortly after 10 p.m., when various media sources showed the conservative ahead by 10,000 votes statewide. At press time, Roberts had placed second, leading

Saxton by less than 600 votes.

In a Eugene concession speech, Roberts told his supporters to rally behind Mannix for the good of the Republican party. But Saxton supporters said Mannix's appeal is limited to far-right voters, which will practically assure Kulongoski the win.

"Republicans have shot themselves in the foot one more time," Saxton campaign manager Mike Beard said. "We had an opportunity here to elect a Republican who could actually win the general election."

Roberts said he plans to pledge his full

support to the Mannix campaign.

"I've said he couldn't win in the primary, and he proved us wrong," Roberts said. "And I think he'll do it again in November."

Kulongoski said he isn't listening to predictions that he is a lock for the governorship, and he is planning for a closely-contested battle against Mannix in November.

"I'm surprised at the margin of victory I received" in the primary, Kulongoski said. "But I don't look at this as any easier. I have great respect for Kevin's political skills."

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City voters appear to pass three tax levies

■ Voter turnout in Eugene reaches 50 percent, the threshold needed for the measures' success to count

By Brad Schmidt
Oregon Daily Emerald

While voter turnout in Tuesday's primary election exceeded the 50 percent plateau, assuring \$116 million of tax money to Eugene schools for structural improvements and \$19.6 million to continue improvements to the city's library, a city measure vying to fund the construction of new fire department facilities remained undetermined four hours after the first ballots were counted.

As of 11:15 p.m., 50.6 percent of Eugene voters returned ballots, ending supporters' fears of not meeting Oregon's double majority law, which affects all city levies asking for taxpayer funding in primary elections.

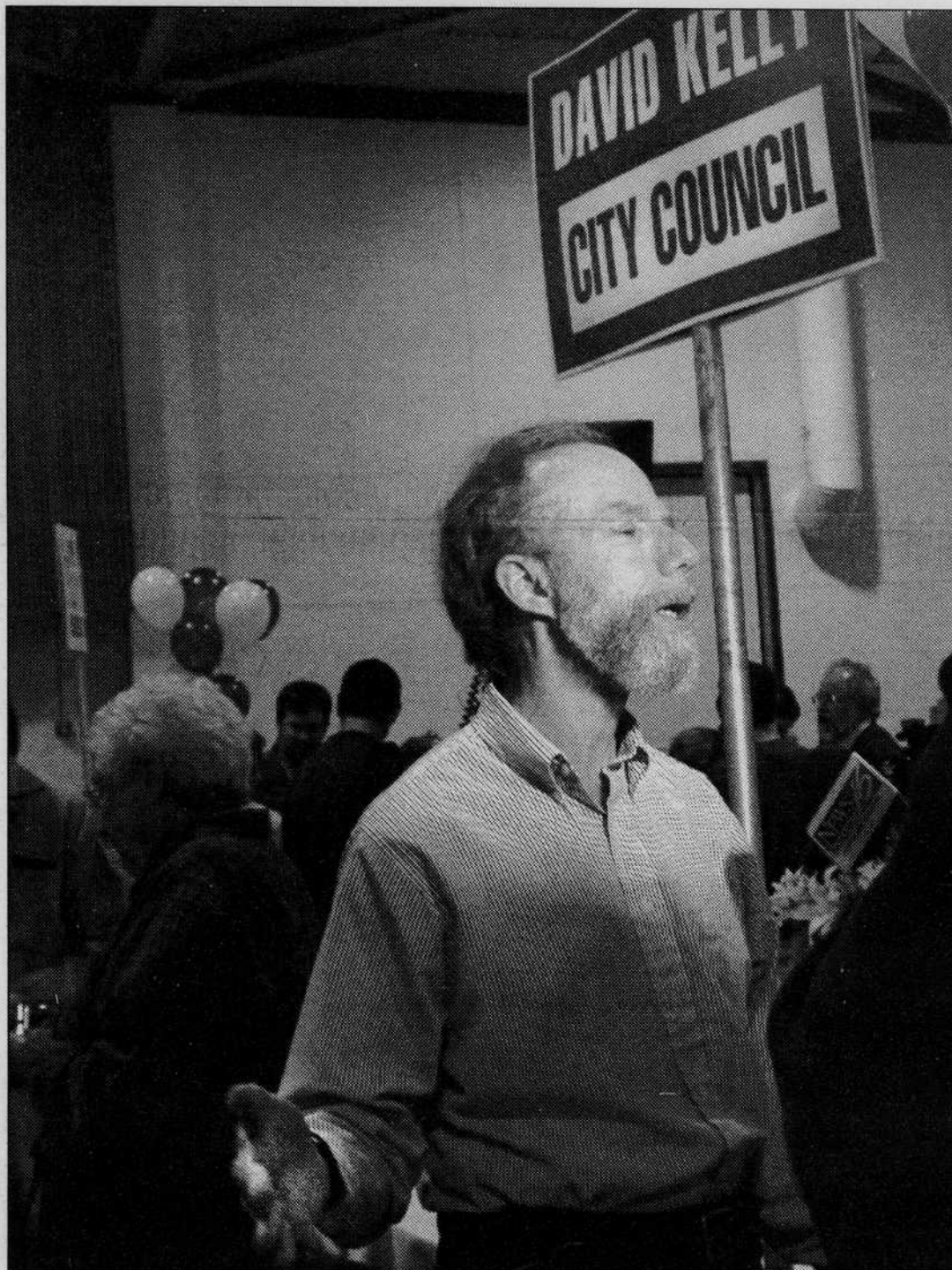
Each measure squeaked past the law's requirement, which mandates 50 percent of registered voters cast ballots and, of those ballots, more than 50 percent of citizens must vote "yes."

The focus now turns to the results of the last-minute votes, which will ultimately decide the outcome of city ballot measures.

The tallying won't be complete until late Tuesday evening or early today, and there's no telling when election results will be made official, election volunteer John Wilnau said.

Annette Newingham, chief deputy county clerk for Lane County, said she has 20 days after the election to certify the results.

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Incumbent Ward 3 City Councilor David Kelly talks with reporters at the Lane Events Center on Tuesday night after winning re-election over University junior Maco Stewart by a more than 2-to-1 majority.

Stewart concedes city race to Kelly

■ David Kelly was elected City Councilor for Ward 3 in Tuesday's primary with 71 percent of the vote

By Darren Freeman and Brad Schmidt
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Voters in the area surrounding the University elected David Kelly in Tuesday's primary election to represent Ward 3 on the city council.

Kelly defeated his challenger, Maco Stewart, with more than two-thirds of voters supporting the incumbent's campaign for a second term. Stewart, a University junior, received nearly 29 percent of the vote in an election with an 50.6 percent turnout as of 11:15 p.m.

Stewart conceded to Kelly after 10 p.m., and the two rival candidates shook hands at the Lane Events Center.

Smiling broadly, Kelly later said the election result was an affirmation of his first term in office.

"I believe that the voters in my ward have been pleased with the efforts I've made," he said. "I appreciate the support. It's been tremendous."

When the first round of election results showed Kelly leading by a two-to-one margin, Stewart said he would likely lose the election and acknowledged that his insurgent campaign was disadvantaged by Kelly's high profile as an incumbent.

But Stewart, who said he ran for office because he felt students were poorly represented on the council,

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Panel discussion examines effects of Sept. 11 on minorities

■ Professors and community members talk Tuesday about how responses to the attacks have violated fundamental civil liberties

By Mikhael Romain
for the Emerald

In a panel discussion held Tuesday, a group of six professors and community members addressed how the Sept. 11 attacks have allowed the violation of basic civil liberties, hindered the advocacy of immigrant rights and silenced the progression of social justice.

"We were taking steps forward last year, and this year those steps have gone backward," said Jose Alonso of Centro Latino.

About 40 people attended the panel discussion, held in the International Student Lounge, where panelists discussed how American responses to the Sept. 11 attacks have hindered the advancement of minority organization and defined the apparent racism in communities.

"The ruling elites in this society, the reactionary Christian fundamentalists, the Ashcrofts, the war-mongers have been emboldened by this event, and they think that

they can silence the rest of us who are in dissent," sociology Professor Chuck Hunt said. "They only succeed if we let them."

Lane Community College ethnic studies Professor Mark Harris said he thinks it is necessary to go beyond the classroom and mainstream press and look at all cultural perspectives to sustain hope and energy in the face of a conservative power structure.

Bettie Luke of the local Pan-Asian Communication Alliance said that because Eugene has so many ethnic groups, forming alliances is crucial to make their voices heard.

Bahati Ansari of the Racism Free Zone said

it is important not to give up the fight for social justice, because there is no alternative.

"It will make you tired, but stick with it and soon people will be by your side," Ansari said. "Take a quick break, and get back in the fight."

Hunt said education is the only weapon to "fight depression, attack racism and attack what is wrong with the world."

Huy Ong, the organizer of the Oregon Students for Color Coalition, said understanding the agenda of other organizations will strengthen the fight for social justice.

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