



Mannix concedes in race for governor

Ted Kulongoski leads his rival by more than 33,000 votes

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Republican Kevin Mannix conceded to Democrat Ted Kulongoski on Wednesday in one of the closest Oregon gubernatorial races in decades.

Kulongoski, the front-runner throughout the race, narrowly beat the Republican in a race where counties will not officially certify results

for weeks. At press time, Kulongoski had 592,591 votes, or 49.1 percent, to Mannix's 558,470 votes, or 46.3 percent. A third-party candidate, Libertarian Tom Cox, garnered 4.6 percent of total votes in the nailbiter.

Mannix admitted defeat today in a press conference at 5 p.m., when it finally became clear that Kulongoski had earned a key lead. The gubernatorial race shifted several times after polls closed Tuesday night at 8 p.m., with Mannix taking an early lead before Kulongoski outpaced him when results from urban areas started coming in.

The Democrat, a former Oregon

Supreme Court Justice and member of the state legislature, thanked supporters for his victory at a 6 p.m. victory rally.

"I will be with you in your community," Kulongoski said. "This is a time of change; it is a time of great opportunity."

He added citizens will feel more connected and the state will provide more opportunities for Oregonians over the next four years of his administration.

Kevin Mannix congratulated his opponent in the race but said he'll be keeping a watchful eye on the new governor.

"I wish him well in the governorship," he said. "At the same time, we will heed performance — we need positive performance."

Cox, the third-party candidate, took much of the credit for Mannix's loss. As a Libertarian, Cox said his staff had been conducting exit polls that suggested his campaign had gathered twice as many Republican votes as Democratic votes.

"If I'm taking votes from anybody, I'm taking them from Kevin," Cox said Tuesday night.

The governor's race was one of several races that hung in the balance

while precincts such as the Lane County Elections office worked through the night to count the more than 100,000 votes.

"I haven't slept since 7 a.m. Tuesday," Lane County Elections coordinator Annette Newingham said Wednesday afternoon.

In a local race, Democrat Tony Corcoran was able to securely record a win in his State Senate District 4

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Picture-perfect project

The under-construction UOMA is slated to house art from around the community and the nation

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Students may have noticed the yards of fencing surrounding the University of Oregon Museum of Art, a structure originally built during the Great Depression, as they passed by on their way to class or the Knight Library. Construction workers broke ground Sept. 10, and museum officials said the project is on schedule for its winter 2004 opening.

Museum Director Del Hawkins said the fencing is one of three "construction disruptions" that may affect the University community — the others are noise pollution and increased truck traffic.

"I don't foresee any new disruptions, just the ebbs and flows in things that are already going on," Hawkins said.

But the temporary inconvenience may be worth weathering, given that the building design includes new amenities for the University and local communities.

SRG Partnership project architect Paul Waters, who worked with architects from Chicago to develop the plans for the museum, said the new space will add several galleries.

Students will be able to review first-hand any artwork on paper, such as photos, at the Gilkey Gallery. An object study space will be installed on the lower levels, where anyone can



Jeremy Forrest Emerald

Construction for the expanded Museum of Art is scheduled to be finished in winter 2004.

check out art resources if they first make an appointment.

Changes will also provide the opportunity to touch some of the museum's collection. There also will be a hands-on learning environment available in the Interactive Discovery Gallery, where students can smell lavender or listen to music related to the artwork.

Waters said the plans will turn the previously T-shaped building into a square. The plans also include adding two new courtyards — the original historic courtyard will remain untouched at the structure's center.

Builders will also add a slew of new galleries, slated to house art with

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ASUO retracts student senate appointment

The senate ombudsman files a grievance alleging a hiring committee broke ASUO rules

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An ASUO hiring committee has withdrawn the appointment of a student senator after the committee allegedly violated procedure.

Law student Heather Medina was originally slated to be confirmed at a Wednesday senate meeting for ASUO Senate Seat 2, a Program Finance Committee seat left vacant when senator Matt Pfeiffer resigned.

By not including all four hiring committee members in every interview and failing to notify all applicants after the group decided to recommend Medina, the committee violated Exec R 80.2 (6) and Exec R 80.2 (7) of the ASUO Green Tape Notebook. Exec R 80.2 (6) states that "the same committee must participate in all interviews," while Exec. R. 80.2 (7) requires that applicants "be notified that the position has been filled."

ASUO senate ombudsman Andy Elliott then filed a grievance against the ASUO Monday, noting that both rules were neglected.

Senate President Jackie Ray said that although the entire committee met for initial interviews, only ASUO President Rachel Pilliod was present at the final interviews on Friday. Elliott added in an e-mail that not all the applicants were notified when that position was filled.

"It was because of a scheduling conflict," Ray said. "People had classes."

The final interviews had to be rescheduled at the last minute, and any time the candidates were available, three out of the four committee members were not.

ASUO spokeswoman Lacy Ogan said in a statement that ASUO did not knowingly violate procedure. She added that all other hiring rules were followed correctly.

"Unfortunately, last Friday the final interviews were scheduled and for a number of reasons, only one member of the hiring committee was present," she said. "It was ex-

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Today: High 55, Low 45,
rain turning into showers
Friday: High 55, Low 45,
chance of thunderstorms

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Diwali festival to offer folklore, feasts, fun

The University's Students of the Indian Subcontinent chapter is celebrating the traditional Indian festival of Diwali this weekend, and everyone is invited

Jennifer Bear
Campus/City Culture Reporter

Students are invited to let the light of friendship and festivity illuminate their lives at the Saturday celebration of Diwali, sponsored by the University chapter of Students of the Indian Subcontinent.

Diwali is celebrated as a festival of lights and represents the triumph of good over evil. Veena Howard, a part-time faculty member teaching Hinduism at the University, said Diwali is one of

the oldest festivals celebrated in Hinduism. She added that Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word "deepawali," meaning "row of lights."

"This festival symbolizes the idea that you must keep the light shining in your heart even when you're going into darkness," Howard said.

Although Diwali was actually observed Monday, SIS is holding an event in honor of the festival Saturday at the Student Recreation Center Bonus Room at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for non-students.

Kartick Narayan, SIS public relations officer, said Diwali honors the return of Lord Rama, a prominent figure in Hindu beliefs, to his kingdom after a 14-year exile. As the story goes, the people under Rama's rule rejoiced at his return, welcoming him back by filling the city with light

from burning lamps.

In modern times, Hindus honor the folklore surrounding the festival through feasting, prayers, fireworks and gatherings with family and friends.

"Diwali is a joyous occasion in India," Narayan said. "I get homesick every time of the year it comes around."

Narayan said SIS will keep the event as authentic as possible. Taste of India will provide traditional Indian food, and the dishes will be mostly vegetarian. Bharti Sanghani, a freshman and member of SIS, said this aspect of the celebration is important because feasting is a big part of the Diwali festival in India.

Other activities planned for Saturday include music and dancing, with most of the people in

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