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## ASUO election void of errors in accounting

President and Vice President-elect Petkun and Ravassipour have a \$67.86 campaign surplus

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The campaign money flowing to and from this year's student government candidates appears to have avoided the expenditure and contribution errors that marred last year's election.

Last year, ASUO President Maddy Melton and Vice President Eddy Morales' campaign failed to account for \$173.31 in expenses, a discrepancy that still has not been explained. Christa Shively and Greg Bae, who were beaten by the Melton/Morales ticket, failed to turn in all expenditure and contribution forms.

This year, all but one executive candidate has turned in the necessary campaign finance forms to the elections board, a process required by ASUO elections rules. Forms also showed that surpluses were minor, and both tickets that had leftover campaign funds totaled less than \$200.

ASUO President-elect Adam Petkun and Vice President-elect Mena Ravassipour's final tally left them with an extra \$67.86 this year, surplus money that ASUO Elections Coordinator Stephanie Day said must be returned to the donors.

Petkun said he and Ravassipour will either distribute the money evenly to their donors or split it between Ravassipour's mother, Linda, and Petkun, the two largest donors of the campaign. Petkun said he doesn't know if the rules allow him to keep any of the money, even though he is a donor to his own campaign. He plans to make a decision on the funds next week, he said.

"It's actually still sitting in the account," Petkun said. "We just haven't gotten around to having a conversation about it."

Petkun and Ravassipour spent \$1,894.86 on their campaign and received approximately \$168.61 in material contributions, making them the highest election spenders. Most of their expenditures went to Kinko's and Webfoot Printing, among other places.

Contributions for their campaign came from many sources, but primarily from family members. Petkun's family donated about \$900 in monetary contributions, and he spent about \$500 of his own money. Ravassipour's family gave \$500 in monetary contributions.

Executive candidates Nick Popenuk and Joe Giannetti, who

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## THE RISE OF THE ATKINS DIET

The low-carb Atkins diet continues to garner criticism despite its growing popularity

By Lisa Catto  
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With the recent warm weather, many students may be looking for a quick way to lose weight for the traditional spring fashion trend of less clothing and more skin. One of the most popular weight-loss crazes right now is the Atkins diet, and even many large grocery chains have joined the bandwagon, offering a wide variety of low-carb food to cater to the Atkins crowd.

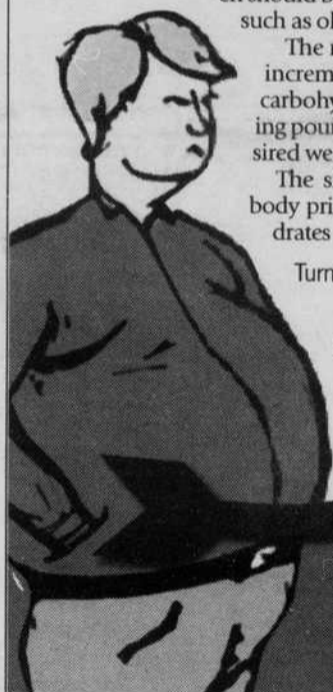
Atkins is a nutritional approach that changes traditional American eating habits and limits carbohydrate intake, according to <http://www.atkins.com>.

The first phase of the diet restricts carbohydrate intake to 20 grams per day, with most of that coming from salad and "non-starchy" vegetables, according to the Atkins Web site. The site claims the average American diet includes 200 to 300 carbohydrate grams per day. The remainder of the food eaten should be unprocessed meats, cheeses and fats such as olive oil and mayonnaise.

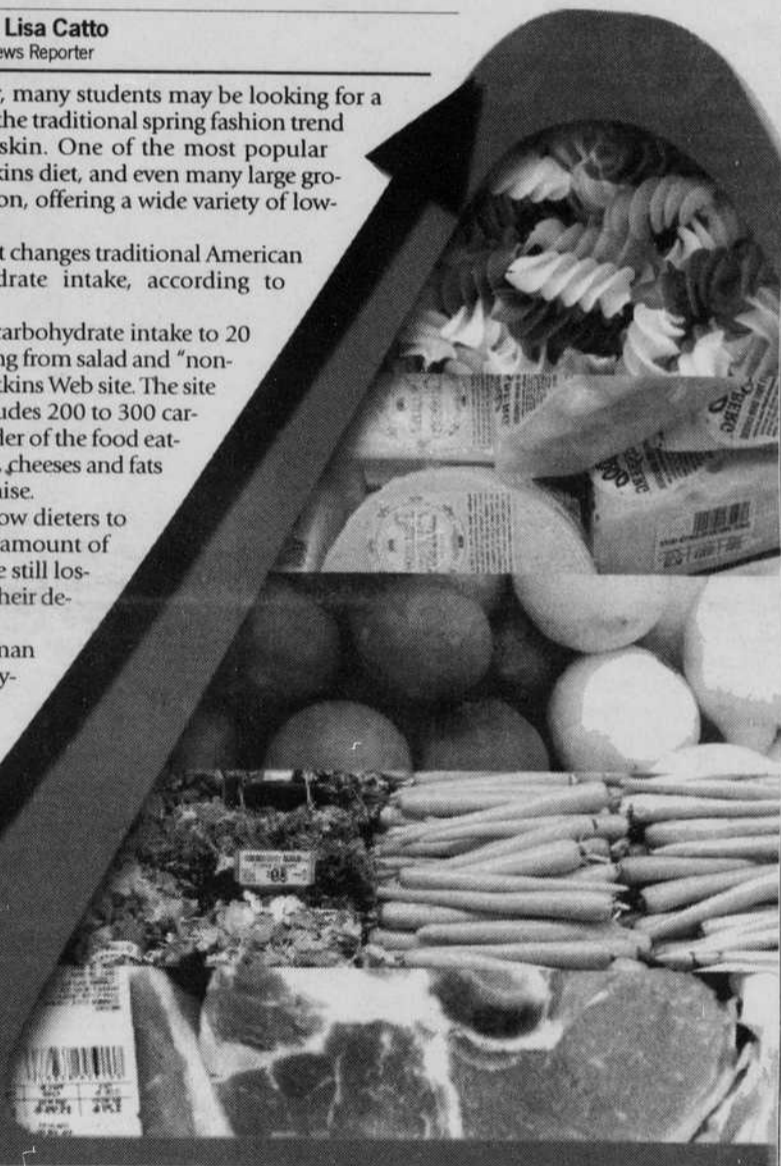
The next three phases allow dieters to incrementally increase the amount of carbohydrates they eat while still losing pounds until they reach their desired weight.

The site states that a human body primarily burns carbohydrates and fat for energy

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## Piercy's top priorities include public safety, economy

Eugene mayoral candidate Kitty Piercy brings legislative and educational experience to the May 18 primary

By Parker Howell  
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Only five days remain until the May 18 primary election to determine Eugene's next mayor, and candidates Kitty Piercy and Nancy Nathanson lead the race.

Piercy, a former state representative, said her experiences as a legislator have given her a "breadth of experience on all issues that affect our state

and our community." Piercy was elected to the Oregon Legislature in 1994, and has also worked as an elementary schoolteacher and an early childhood educator.

Piercy said public safety is a main priority.

"I think public safety is the number one thing in a city," she said. "People want to feel safe where they live."

She said community policing and prevention measures are vital, adding that the city should explore sharing public safety services regionally.

"When we have limited dollars, it is a challenge to give justice," she said. "We have to be very focused to make sure the legal process works right for

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people."

Piercy said improving Eugene's economy is another one of her top goals.

"It doesn't matter if you're talking to University of Oregon students or people in the community, jobs are the most important things on people's

minds because you can't raise your family or build a future without having access to jobs," Piercy said.

Piercy said she plans to focus on bringing environmentally friendly businesses to Eugene. Her plans include creating a "critical mass" of green businesses to allow clusters of such businesses to share materials.

"I don't think that Eugene has taken advantage of ... promoting the development and long-term growth of existing and new sustainable business," Piercy said. "It seems like Eugene, of all places, ... ought to be really hooking into developing sustainable niches for this community."

Piercy also said the University plays a significant role in her vision for Eugene, saying the city needs to strengthen its ties to the institution.

"The University of Oregon is one of the biggest economic engines in our community," she said. "The research and work done by both your professors and students have great opportunity for us for spin-off business growth in this community."

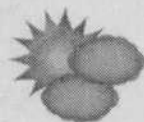
Piercy said she has worked for student issues as a legislator and an activist, including advocating for housing standards such as those in Corvallis.

"I think Eugene should really be

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