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Bettman said voters respond well to her values.

"I really bring my values to play in every single decision, and I think those values resonate very well with people in my ward," she said.

Walsh, a University student, said he was disappointed with the returns, adding that his entry into politics has been a positive experience.

"It's been a good experience so far," he said. "It's been nice to give the people in Ward 1 another option."

Walsh said he hopes the City Council works to reach out to University and Lane Community College students.

"I'd really like to see the council be a bit more visible," he said.

Ward 2 incumbent Betty Taylor received about 58.7 percent of the vote, passing challenger Maurie Denner, who received about 41.3 percent.

Taylor said she was pleased with the early returns giving her a lead over Denner.

"It's pretty much about what I expected, except half of my ward is new because of redistricting, so it's hard to be sure," she said.

In Ward 7, Bethel School District Board Member Andrea Ortiz surpassed incumbent Meisner with 59.4 percent of the vote compared with Meisner's 40.6 percent.

Ortiz said she was excited by the upset.

"I really didn't have any expectations," she said. "I felt like the little train that could."

Kelly said he also was pleased.

"I'm very excited to see Andrea Ortiz coming onto the council," he said. "She will add a very people-oriented, community-oriented view."

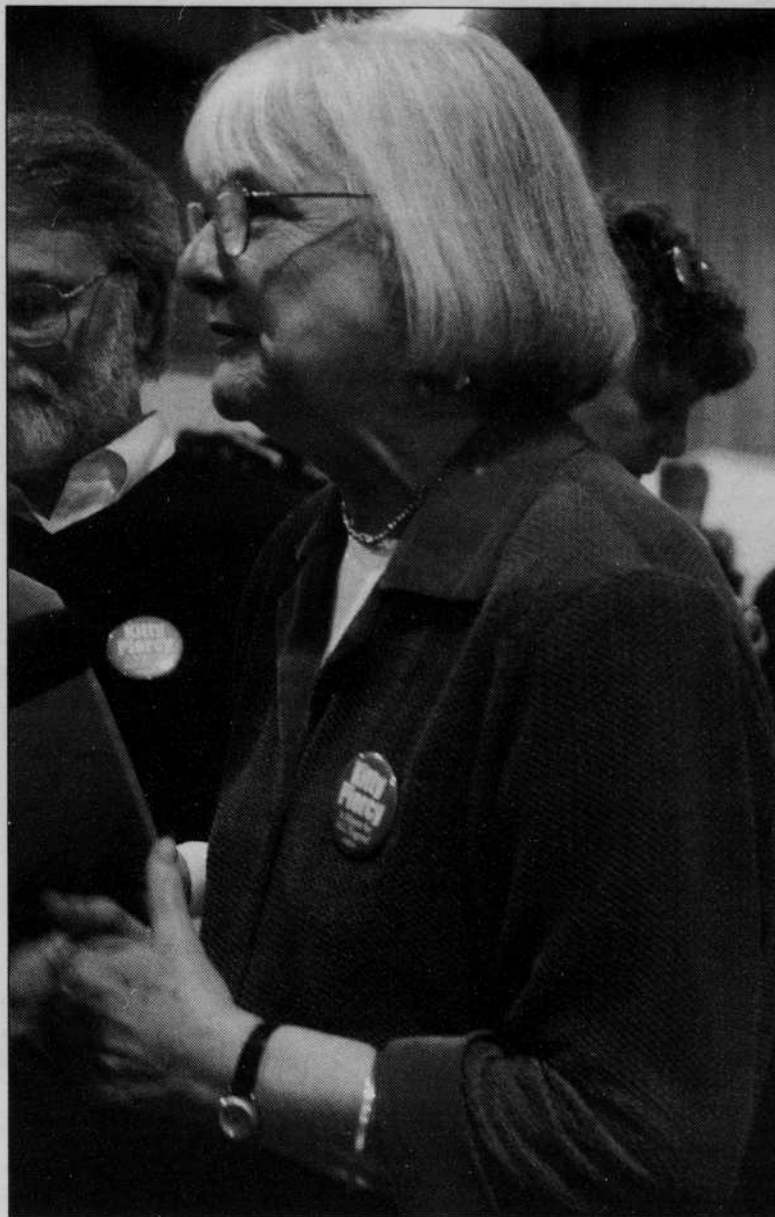
Ward 8 candidate Chris Pryor, who ran unopposed, received 100 percent of the vote.

ASUO President-elect Adam Petkun, who attended the event to meet local candidates, said the election is important because the candidates who are elected will help decide city and statewide issues that affect the University, such as housing standards and funding for higher education.

"Whatever the election is, there's definitely going to be an issue that affects (students)," he said.

Fewer Lane County voters participated in the primary election than in 2000, with only about 48.4 percent of ballots cast, down nearly 9 percent from that qualifying election.

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Former State Representative Kitty Piercy is surrounded by supporters and media officials after learning that she obtained a majority of the vote in the mayoral election.

PRIMARY RESULTS

(Unopposed seats are not listed.)

• Democratic candidate for president:

John F. Kerry — 77.79 percent
Dennis J. Kucinich — 20.42 percent
Lyndon H. Larouche Jr. — 1.79 percent

• Democratic House seat, District 8:

Paul R. Holvey — 67.59 percent
Marlene (Mitzi) Colbath — 28.79 percent
Hart Williams — 3.62 percent

• Democratic Secretary of State:

Billy Bradbury — 90.46 percent

Paul Damian Wells — 9.54 percent

• Republican Secretary of State:

Fred Granum — 51.69 percent

Betsy L. Close — 48.31 percent

• Republican U.S. Senator:

Al King — 40.75 percent

Thomas Lee Abshier — 31.10 percent

Bruce Broussard — 28.15 percent

• Lane County Sheriff:

Russel E. Burger — 60.08 percent

Steve Mackey — 26 percent

Louis Gomez — 13.92 percent

• North County Commissioner, Position 4:

Bobby Green Sr. — 68.80 percent

Greg Ringer — 31.20 percent

• East County Commission, Position 5:

Donald E. Hampton — 32.67 percent

Faye Stewart — 30.46 percent

Cedric Hayden — 28.96 percent

Others — 7.91 percent

SOURCE: Lane County Web site

Kerry nabs Oregon's primary

Sen. Gordon Smith called Kerry the "chief of chumps" if he thinks he will be president

By Parker Howell
News Reporter

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., won a place on Oregon's Democratic ticket for the presidential election in Tuesday's primary election.

But as Kerry finished a two-day campaign stop in Portland on Tuesday, Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., called Kerry the wrong choice for Oregon.

"President Bush has set our country on the course of recovery at home and strength abroad," Smith said via teleconference Tuesday. "We are safer today because this president has had the backbone to follow terrorism where terrorists are and go after them, and they have failed to strike us again on our own shores since 9-11."

Smith said Kerry has wavered on several key issues, which shows weakness.

"At the end of the day, part of Sen. Kerry's problem is that he is on both sides of virtually every issue," he said. "In all of this, he claims to have been misinformed or misled and he is sounding like he is the chief of chumps if he is asking to be made the commander in chief."

Smith said President Bush is the best choice in the election.

"And so my plea to Republicans, Independents and Democrats is that John Kerry is not the way to go," he said. "He represents socialism at home and appeasement abroad. President Bush represents economic recovery and American leadership."

However, College Democrats co-chairman Kevin Curtin said he is pleased Kerry is focusing on Oregon, adding that Kerry's plans for tuition tax credits, along with allowing students to serve two years of community service in exchange for tuition, will help students.

"I think those are two things that would really help out with students who want to get an education and can't afford to because tuition is going up so much lately," he said.

Curtin praised Kerry's ability to change his stance on an issue.

"I think things change in the country from time to time and you have to be able to step back and say this is the best thing for the country at this time," he said.

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