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Another close call sweeps U.S.

Students react as election unfolds

Supporters from both parties meet around town to cast ballots and wait anxiously for the final call

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In a tight presidential race, with President Bush's 254 electoral seats to Sen. John Kerry's 242 as of midnight, Bush supporters rejoiced and some Kerry advocates resigned themselves to the possibility of a Republican win Tuesday night as returned ballots flooded in around the nation.

7:30 p.m. — Thirty minutes before the 8 p.m. deadline to drop of ballots, sophomore Cailin Wheeler deposited her ballot in the Lane County Elections box in the basement of the EMU. Wheeler said she rushed to the drop box because she had misplaced her ballot.

"I was frantically searching because I definitely wanted to take part in the election," she said.

Wheeler said she "definitely" planned to watch the election and planned to make a "little party out of it" with her roommates.

Wheeler added that she has seen many students take the initiative to become informed voters.

"I think it's great so many young people are getting involved by watching the debates and being informed," she said.

As last-minute voters streamed in to drop off their ballots, election volunteers and John and Ralph Smeed waited nearby to collect the ballots. John, a Democrat, and Ralph, a Republican, satisfy the county requirement that volunteers who collect ballots must be members of both parties. The brothers, who have worked the University drop box for several years, said the rate of voters seemed higher this year. John Smeed, a former county employee, said the pair usually receives one locked metal box to transfer ballots back to Lane County Elections, but this year they received two.

8:10 p.m. — Local candidates, campaign supporters and hundreds of interested voters crowded around two big screen televisions at Elections Central at the Lane Events Center to watch county and national returns. As a jazz band played nearby, people flipped through the first set of Lane County returns.

At about 8:20 p.m. Springfield resident Julie Emmett, 44, stood in front of the wide-screen TVs, pacing nervously. Emmett has been involved with anti-Bush groups such as MoveOn.org and said this has been the most emotionally involved election season of her lifetime.

Emmett said she was torn between ignoring election coverage until all winners were officially declared and gluing herself to the television screen.

"Part of me wants to wait because I'm so emotionally invested I can't stand the suspense," Emmett said.

University graduate student Dan Platt said Measure 37 was the measure he was most interested in because he had been working with a local progressive organization as part of the No on 37 campaign.

Platt voted for Ralph Nader in the 2000 election but was a resident of New Jersey, which was decisively in favor of Democratic presidential

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS

A race too close to call

President Bush and John Kerry traded victories and then sweated out the conclusion as Ohio loomed as this year's Florida. Results as of 1:40 a.m. EST Nov. 3

Electoral vote count:

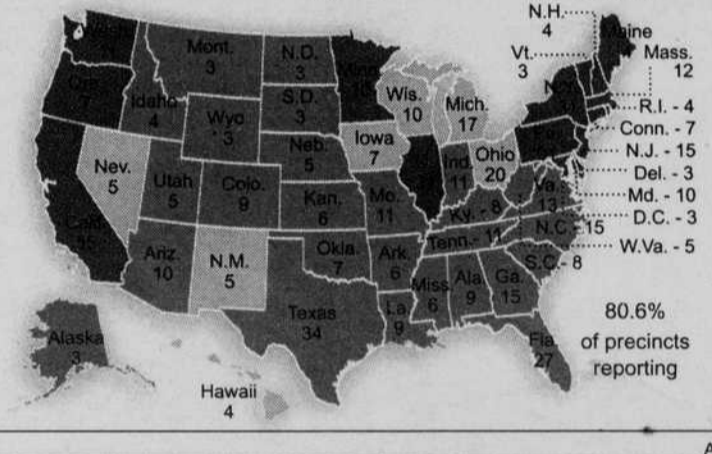
Bush: 249

Kerry: 221

Not yet called

State won by Bush

State won by Kerry



80.6% of precincts reporting

ELECTORAL VOTE

Selected blocks of electors from each state cast their votes for the presidential candidate. The number of electors is equal to the state's congressional representation. Generally, the electors vote for whichever candidate wins the state's popular vote. A presidential candidate must get 270 electoral votes of the total 538 votes to be elected. The electors meet in their state capitals on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December to cast their votes.

POPULAR VOTE

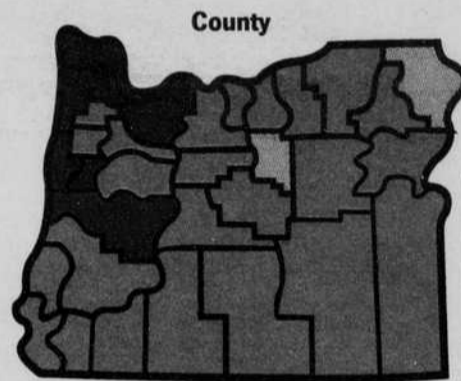
This is the total number of votes cast by registered voters during the elections for a particular presidential candidate.

OREGON RESULTS

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry carried the state of Oregon with 52.16 percent of the vote, while his opponent, President Bush, had garnered 46.48 percent, at press time.

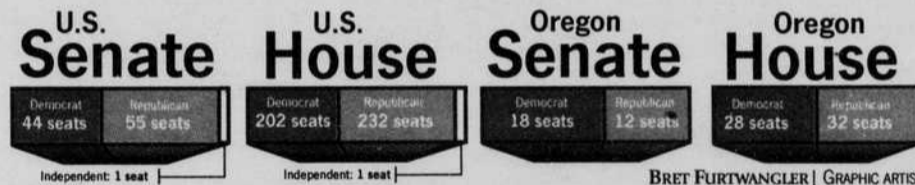
More than 1.4 million Oregonians voted in this year's hotly contested election, according to Secretary of State election statistics. That constitutes about 62 percent of the state's 2,346,300 registered voters.

A breakdown of voting numbers show President Bush with a clear lead in at least 23 counties, while Kerry held ground in Democratic strongholds like Multnomah and Benton County, along with 8 other counties. As of press time, two counties had not posted updated results: Willowa and Wheeler counties.



1,450,448 Total votes in Oregon reported.

- 1) 755,596 votes for John F. Kerry (D)
- 2) 675,099 votes for George W. Bush (R)
- 3) 19,753 votes for other candidates



Bush prepares for victory; Kerry refuses to concede

Ohio stands as this year's battleground with the state's 20 electoral votes still unclaimed; New Hampshire is first state to switch parties

BY RON FOURNIER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With Ohio looming as a Florida redux, President Bush prepared to declare re-election victory in the wee hours of Wednesday and Democratic rival John Kerry refused to concede.

"We will fight for every vote," said Kerry running mate John Edwards.

After winning Nevada and pulling within 16 electoral votes of the 270 required for a second term, Bush was laying claim to Ohio's 20 electoral votes. "We will not base our decision on a concession," said Bush adviser Dan Bartlett as other aides said Bush would soon go before supporters to declare victory.

Ceding nothing, Kerry dispatched Edwards to tell supporters in Boston: "We've waited four years for this victory. We can wait one more night."

The 92-word statement was an eerie echo of 2000 when advisers to both Bush and Democrat Al Gore told supporters that the race was too close to call — setting off a 36-day recount and a Supreme Court ruling that put Bush in office.

Republicans expanded their majority in the Senate, knocking off Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle in a grim night for Democrats. The GOP also extended its decade-long hold on the House for another two years, knocking off four veteran Texas Democrats.

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STATE BALLOT MEASURE RESULTS

31	Amends constitution: Authorizes law permitting post-ponement of election for particular public office when nominee for office dies.	PASSES 65.35 % Yes 34.65 % No
32	Amends constitution: Deletes reference to mobile homes from provisional dealings with taxes and fees on motor vehicles.	PASSES 61.49 % Yes 38.51 % No
33	Amends medical marijuana act: Requires marijuana dispensaries for supplying patients/caregivers; raises patients' possession limit.	FAILS 41.88 % Yes 58.12 % No
34	Requires balancing timber production, resource conservation/preservation in managing state forests; specifically addresses two forests.	FAILS 38.20 % Yes 61.80 % No
35	Amends constitution: Limits noneconomic damages (defined) recoverable for patient injuries caused by healthcare provider's negligence or recklessness.	PASSES 50.27 % Yes 49.73 % No
36	Amends constitution: Only marriage between one man and one woman is valid and legally recognized as marriage.	PASSES 56.69 % Yes 43.31 % No
37	Governments must pay owners, or forgo enforcement, when certain land use restrictions reduce property value.	PASSES 59.50 % Yes 40.50 % No
38	Abolishes SAIF; state must reinsure, satisfy SAIF's obligations; dedicates proceeds, potential surplus to public purposes.	FAILS 38.12 % Yes 61.88 % No

STATE RESULTS

U.S. SENATOR
Ron Wyden (D)
64.43 % of the vote

U.S. REP. DIST. 4
Peter A. DeFazio (D)
60.70 % of the vote

SECRETARY OF STATE
Bill Bradbury (D)
58.23 % of the vote

STATE TREASURER
Randall Edwards (D)
54.32 % of the vote

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Hardy Myers (D)
56.16 % of the vote

STATE SENATE DIST. 4
Floyd Prozanski (D)
60.39 % of the vote

STATE REP. DIST. 8
Paul Holvey (D)
71.56 % of the vote

EUGENE RESULTS

EUGENE MAYOR
Kitty Percy
100 % of the vote

MEASURE 20-88

General Obligation Bonds to Partially Fund Civic Center Vision Project.

Should the city issue \$6,790,000 of general obligation bonds to partially fund the first phase of the Civic Center Vision project?
39.72 % Yes
60.28 % No

MEASURE 20-90: EUGENE 4-J SCHOOL DISTRICT

Renew 5 year local option levy for school operations. In 2000 the Eugene School District 4J voters approved a local option levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value of property to support school district operations. The measure renews that levy at the same rate.

71.48 % Yes
28.52 % No