Packwood holds upper hand in Senate race



Rick Bauman

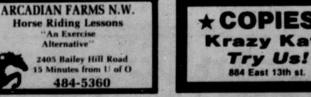
By Stan Nelson

Of the Emerald
Sen. Bob Packwood and his Democratic challenger, state Rep. Rick Bauman, offer voters a distinct choice in a lopsided race for the U.S. Senate.

An Oregonian telephone poll conducted Oct. 27-30 projected Packwood leading Bauman in popular support by a more than 2-1 margin, with 64 percent saying they support Packwood compared with Bauman's 24 percent voter support.

Bauman, a 36-year-old

Portland Democrat, has * COPIES * **Krazy Kats**



UO Bookstore Frame,
Mat and
Poster Sale! DO-IT-YOURSELF DECORATING Easy to assemble or ready to go frames and mats for a simple and inexpensive answer to traming your posters and prints.
 Large selection of posters and New York Graphic Society Fine Art Prints available at 25% of In the Art & School Supply Dept

represented a state House district in Southeast Portland for four terms and was active in shaping the state's social services budget. Bauman is offering a policy platform that centers on large cuts in the defense budget and increased social spending.

Packwood, a 54-year-old former Portland lawyer, is seeking his fourth term in the Senate, having served as Oregon's junior senator since 1968 when he upset incumbent Democrat Wayne Morse. Packwood enters the election with the confidence of never having lost an election in 24 years of public life and a wave of popular support.

Packwood is a strong supporter of President Reagan on budget issues, but has often parted with Republican colleagues to back environmentalist, labor and feminist legislation, including abortion rights.

The candidates differ also in campaign contributions. Packwood has been able to collect \$7.3 million in contributions since his last election, while Bauman's campaign appears to be operating on funding of between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Ninety eight percent of Packwood's funding is from out-of-state contributors.

'Who does this Senate seat belong to? It belongs to us; 21/2 million of us," Bauman said. The corporations and large contributors who gave money to Packwood want him back in office to be rewarded for their support, Bauman said.

It's still an uphill struggle to win support for the election, but a Democratic victory is still possible, Bauman said.

'All I need to do to win this election right now...is (to have) Democrats voting Democratic," he said. Bauman entered the race in August after Rep. Jim Weaver dropped out of the Senate race during a House Ethics Committee probe of his campaign finances.

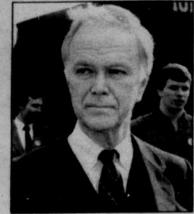
At the Democratic Forum in Eugene last Wednesday, Bauman launched an attack on Packwood, charging the senator with living primarily in Washington, D.C. He said Packwood technically keeps his Oregon residency by using his uncle's residence, although he does not live there.

Bauman also charged Packwood with pretending to be a "born-again anti-nuke" when he says that he is doing something to protect Oregonians from Hanford.

Bauman was critical of Packwood's tax reform bill, saying it will hurt Oregon's chances for economic recovery.

Packwood has been inconsistent with his Contra aid vote, despite voting against the last three aid proposals, Bauman

"When the Sandinistas were clearly supporting the rebels in El Salvador, then it purposes us to support the Contras," but since 1984 they have



Bob Packwood

significantly lowered their efforts to support the rebellion, Packwood said. As long as the Sandinistas do not try to overthrow the govrnments of ElSalvador, Costa Rica or other neighboring nations, Packwood said he would not support any additional Contra aid packages.

On the issue of higher education, Bauman said the role of the federal government is to make student loans for higher education available without many roadblocks.

The Gramm-Rudman amendment will continue to restrain spending at the national level, even in student financial aid, Packwood said. There is no way of knowing where and how much the cuts will be, he said.

"We're going to cut \$40 billion. You can't say that we are going to have a whole lot of sacred cows," including financial aid, Packwood said.

Voting measure could reduce fraud, but also could reduce turnout at polls

By Patrick Patton Of the Emerald

Proponents of Ballot Measure 13, a proposal that would require voters to register within 20 days of an election, say the measure would reduce the incidence of voter registration fraud, save tax money and ensure compliance with residency requirements.

Opponents say it would infringe on Oregonians' right to vote and hamper voter turnout.

'The people of Oregon believe fraud could result from present policy. When such a negative perception exists, voters should initiate reform,' said Peggy Jolin, incumbent candidate from House District

Oregon residents currently have the option to register until 5 p.m. on the day preceding the election. Voters who choose to register within 12 days of the election must supply proof of

"There is need for protection from fraud, but present policies are adequate," said Mary Ann Rombach, president of the Lane County League of Women Voters. "Measure 13 would do nothing to protect the integrity of the ballot.

"A passed Measure 13 would be devastating," she added. "Potential voters would be barred because of name or address

Opponents also point to Supreme Court decisions advocating that registration requirements be kept to a minimum.

But those fears are unfounded, Jolin said.

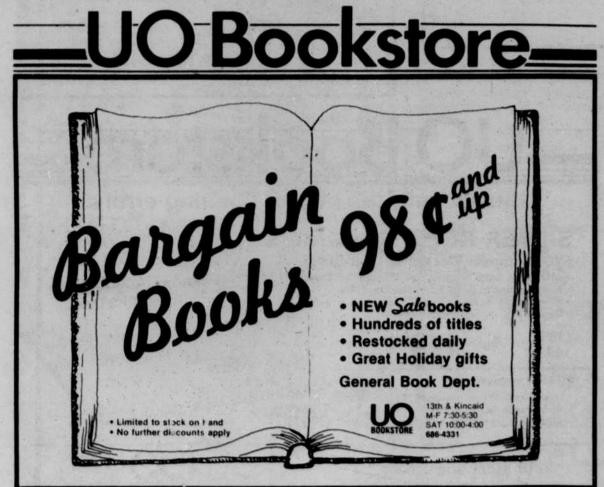
"Most people register late because they know they will be allowed to. Through an education program to inform the voters, Measure 13 will not result in disenfranchisement."

Opponents also say voter fraud is guarded against by instituted safeguards that include a prohibition against electionday registration and verification of residency for anyone who registers fewer than 12 days before the election.

Proponents' concern about voter fraud stems from a 1984 incident in Wasco County, in which followers of the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh were accused of registering ineligible voters to affect the outcome of elections.

"Same-day registration showed outsiders participating in an election could alter the course of history. This could happen in any election," Jolin

Organizations supporting the measure include the Oregon State Grange and the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation. Organizations opposing the measure include the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group, the League of Women Voters and the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon.





Oregon Baily Emerald