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## The best governor money can buy?

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Money. It has the power to buy prestige, security and comfort. And if someone has enough of this power, it might even buy a governorship.

That's exactly what the Republican National Committee is trying to do in Oregon's gubernatorial race, according to some of the state's Democrats. Rumors abound that Republican candidate Dave Frohnmayer's campaign is receiving millions of dollars from the national party and that RNC chairman Lee Atwater has taken a personal interest in the campaign.

And a few Democrats claim the Republican Party's interest is directly related to rumors about Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's personal life that swept across the state before and after the governor announced he would not run for re-election.

Paddy McGuire, executive director of the Democratic Party of Oregon, said he believes the RNC is involved directly and financially with Attorney General Frohnmayer's campaign for governor.

"I've heard reliable rumors about the RNC's commitment to a million dollars and more for Frohnmayer," McGuire said. "That's not an unreasonable sum



*The National Republican Party has targeted Oregon's gubernatorial race as one it badly wants to win. And it's willing to pull out all the stops — money, mud, high-ranking members — to do it.*

because the RNC's coffers are full, and they've expressed an interest in the campaign."

In fact, the RNC has targeted the Oregon governor's campaign. The RNC marks an election that deserves special attention when it finds "a race that you would expect either to win or to have a good chance at winning, so you put

more of your resources into it," said Tim Crawford, deputy director of the RNC-affiliated Republican Governor's Association.

"Of course, these resources include more money and more staff time than contributed to non-target races, but there is no set amount of what (RGA) usually gives to a targeted race."

RGA has already contributed \$50,000 to the Frohnmayer campaign, Crawford said. And although more RGA money may be donated to the campaign, the organization's total contributions will not come close to \$1 million, Crawford said.

"I don't think anyone could confirm the rumor that the RNC or RGA was planning on giving that kind of money," Crawford said. "We just don't have it."

### "An outright lie"

But Steve Schneider, political director for Goldschmidt's now-defunct re-election campaign, questioned Crawford's honesty.

"For them to say they don't have the money is an outright lie," he said. "The national party can and does feed the Republican state parties the money, and they have at least half a million (dollars) or more to spend on this race."

Oregon Republican Party chairman Craig Berkman confirmed that close to \$1 million of Republican Party-generated money probably will be funnelled into the Frohnmayer campaign.

"I imagine fundraising through the RNC and ORP could bring \$500,000 to \$800,000 more than what's been raised right now," Berkman said, adding that the RGA, RNC, ORP and the Oregon Re-

Turn to Campaign, Page 5

## Timber industry's side displayed at weekend logging convention

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The 52nd annual Oregon Logging Conference opened to the public Saturday at the Lane County Fairgrounds in an effort to communicate the loggers' position in the continuing battle for public opinion.

"The conference is going to make them more aware, more educated on how we are not destroying the forest and raping the land," said Randy Lewellen, a Springfield member of the Yellow Ribbon Coalition, a local pro-timber industry

lations campaign, presented videos to the public on forest management and the spotted owl. In addition, the Oregon State University forest engineering department sponsored an exhibit of historic logging photos.

"Timber receipts are about 60 percent of Lane County's income," said Dan Woodrum, a Springfield member of the Yellow Ribbon Coalition. "It has been said that our industry is trying to stop all use of timber as natural resource, and that's not true," he said.

The coalition, whose members include people in the tim-

ber industry has received has been misleading, Woodrum said. He cited television coverage of devastated forest lands as one example.

"One thing I'd like to clear up is that recent TV spots — when they get in planes and show devastated scenes — I'd bet that's private lands, maybe owned by Weyerhaeuser," Woodrum said.

Lewellen blames the devastation in those scenes on what he calls "corporate greed," which allows the cutting of all the timber at once.

"We've never done that," Lewellen said. "It's an eyesore. It remains an eyesore for about 10 years, and then y'know? It blends right in."

The key to avoiding such devastation, Lewellen said, is in maintaining a balance in the harvesting practices. Interference by environmental groups in the harvesting of old growth disrupts the growth and harvest cycle.

"We can keep a good balance if they'll just let us do it," Lewellen said. "If we go in and start cutting the second and third growth, we'll run out of supply. If we go in and keep cutting old growth on a sustained yield basis, then we'll achieve our balance."

"We've been practicing good forestry habits for the last 10 years," Lewellen added. "All we want to do is work, make a living, raise our kids, and send them to college. We're not out to hurt owls."

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group. "We simply want an unbiased view."

Drawing more than 3,100 people, the conference focused on the theme "Forest products: Oregon's past, Oregon's future," emphasizing responsible forest management and the relation of the timber industry to Oregon and the nation.

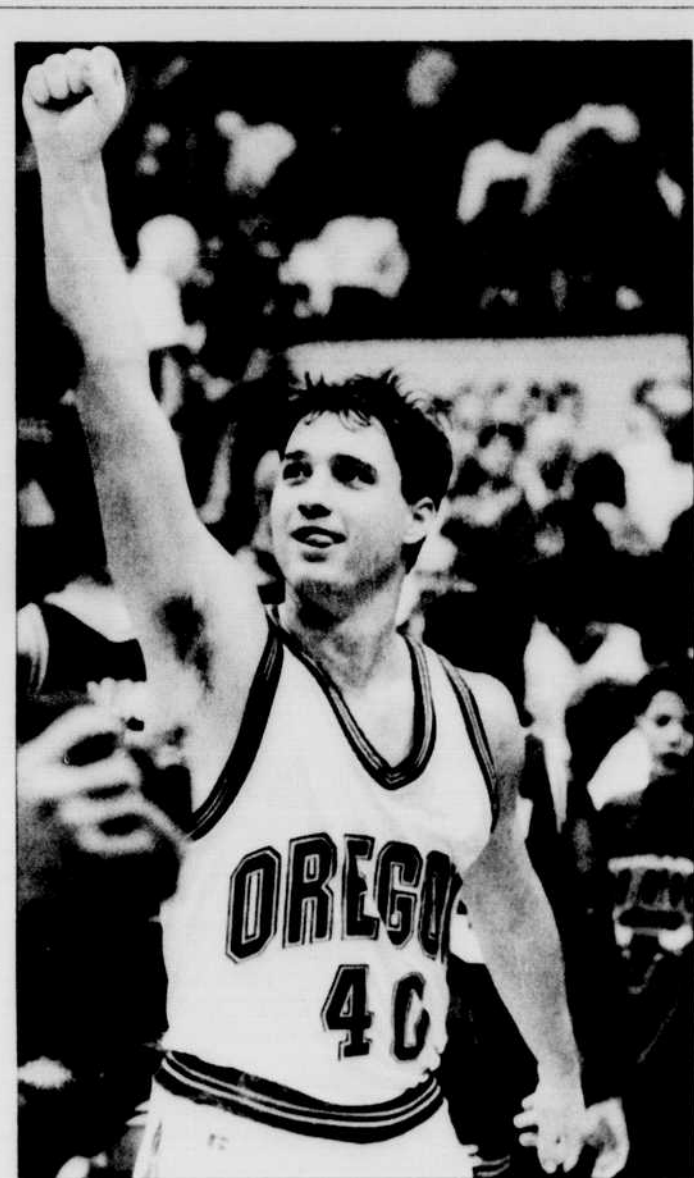
The conference also featured exhibits on everything from logging and safety equipment to poison ivy repellent, as well as seminars on production incentives and timber taxation.

The Green Triangle Project, a KVAL-TV sponsored public re-

ber industry and other community members, was organized to heighten community awareness and knowledge about the multiple use of public lands and balancing resource production and protection, according to a coalition statement.

"What we're involved in is saving jobs for Oregon and trying to show people that we are an environmental group," Lewellen said. "We're interested in saving animals and the environment. We care just as much as anyone can care because that's our livelihood."

The media coverage the tim-



### One great finish

Oregon senior guard Steve Ranniger gives a huzzah to the crowd for the Ducks' final regular-season home game. The Ducks demolished USC 96-79; Ranniger had 11 of those points. See story on Page 10.

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