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## Republicans stick up for Smith

**Defense:** Packwood says Smith treated unfairly for no-show

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Sen. Bob Packwood defended gubernatorial candidate Denny Smith for not appearing in Sunday's debate at the Hult Center.

"You pick some and ignore others," Packwood said Tuesday at a campaign fund raiser for Smith. "To read more into it is unfair journalism."

A candidate must choose only a few of the many possible debates during his campaign, Packwood said. There is not time for them all.

Smith filled a conference room at the Valley River Inn during his fund raiser. Dinner speakers included former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, Speaker of the House Larry Campbell and Packwood.

Packwood received a standing ovation at the dinner.

In support of Smith, Cheney said this may be the best Republican season he has seen in years. "Not only will we elect Smith in '94," he said, "but we will build the foundations, so that in 1996 we will send Bill and Hillary back to Little Rock."

Cheney said Republicans will win the senate. Packwood will be chair of the Senate Finance Committee and "wonder of wonders, Teddy Kennedy will go down."

He also pushed for less federal government intervention and more control on the state and local level.

Cheney said he was interested in the Republican candidacy for the 1996 presidential elections, but has not committed yet.

Throughout much of the fund raiser, more than 40 members of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial

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While demonstrators picketed outside, Sen. Bob Packwood and former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney stood up for gubernatorial candidate Denny Smith at a news conference and dinner at the Valley River Inn Tuesday.



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## Amazon complex gets audit next year

**Conduct:** Student housing will have a review by the state

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Secretary of State Phil Keisling announced Tuesday that an audit will be conducted on the Amazon Housing complex.

The audit will begin in early 1995 and will focus on student housing issues, Keisling said.

Auditors will review construction management, maintenance, cost allocation, rate setting and general overhead.

"Audits are expensive," said Keisling, but results of a preliminary survey revealed "several elements that would indicate student housing should be audited."

There has been no audit by the Oregon Audits Division of University Student Housing since 1978. An audit conducted by the Oregon State System of Higher Education revealed "internal control weaknesses," Keisling said.

The secretary of state warned that his job is as "auditor of public accounts — not a court of appeals or a land use mediator. The Oregon Audits Division will not review the University's decision to raze and replace the Amazon Housing Project."

Amazon tenants called for an audit because they believe "the University has degraded Amazon because of mismanagement and inefficiency," said Nancy Forrest, tenant spokeswoman.

In other news, a state historic agency committee said Amazon qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places. However, University officials told the *Register Guard* that they would continue plans to demolish the Amazon Housing Project, regardless of national historic status.

## University, county agencies create information system

**Grant:** Federal funds will be used to form a computer network

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The University, in partnership with 15 other Lane County agencies, received a \$525,000 federal grant to create a powerful, high-speed computer information system.

The Lane Education Network will link the information systems of the University, Eugene Public Library, Sacred Heart General Hospital, local schools,

businesses, and government to create a vast, fully accessible community network where information can be freely exchanged between these different agencies.

Funds from the grant will be used to purchase top-of-the-line computer equipment for the University to be the centerpiece of 11 electronic classrooms and public access points throughout Eugene.

The Lane Education Network was one of 100 similar programs in 45 states to receive a grant from the National Telecommu-

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### GOOD MORNING

► SALEM (AP) — Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to its lowest level in 25 years last month, providing further evidence that the state's job market remains healthy and brisk, officials said Tuesday.

The Employment Department said the September rate was 5 percent, down from the August rate of 5.4 percent. It was the seventh consecutive month that Oregon's rate has been lower than the national rate, which was 5.9 percent in September.

Last month's rate translated to 79,700 Oregonians on the jobless rolls, compared with 81,300 the previous month.

### A GLIMPSE AT THE PAST

Q: Under a provisional government, who was the first governor of Oregon?  
A: George Abernethy, elected in 1845 from July 1845 until March, 1849



### Oregon's governors with the longest term

| GOVERNOR                   | TERMS   | YEARS IN OFFICE |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 1. Victor Atiyeh G. (R)    | 1979-87 | 8               |
| 2. Tom McCall (R)          | 1967-75 | 8               |
| 3. Sylvester Pennoyer (DP) | 1887-95 | 8               |
| 4. Mark Hatfield (R)       | 1959-67 | 8               |
| 5. LaFayette Grover (D)*   | 1870-77 | 6.5             |

\*Resigned second term  
NOTE: DP stands for Democratic People's  
SOURCE: Oregon Blue Book

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