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# POLITICS

a voter's guide to the 1996 election and life on the campaign trail

**SOUND OFF**  
 Which U.S. Senate candidate will you vote for on Nov. 5. Why? Let us know.

## Senate candidate speaks out on education

*Editors Note: The Emerald had an opportunity to interview U.S. Senate candidate Gordon Smith by phone last week. The Republican answered education questions that are key concerns to students. His opponent, Tom Bruggere, was featured Tuesday.*

**By Doug Irving**  
 Community Reporter

Gordon Smith recently described his stance on issues affecting students and higher education. His answers appear verbatim below.



Smith, the president of the Oregon State Senate and a legislator since 1993, is running for U.S. Senate for the second time. He lost earlier this year to Democrat Ron Wyden in the special Senate elections following Bob Packwood's resignation.

### ISSUE: Student Loans

■ *The Federal Student Loan Program has offerings such as flexible repayment options and speeds up the rate in which students receive their loan checks.*

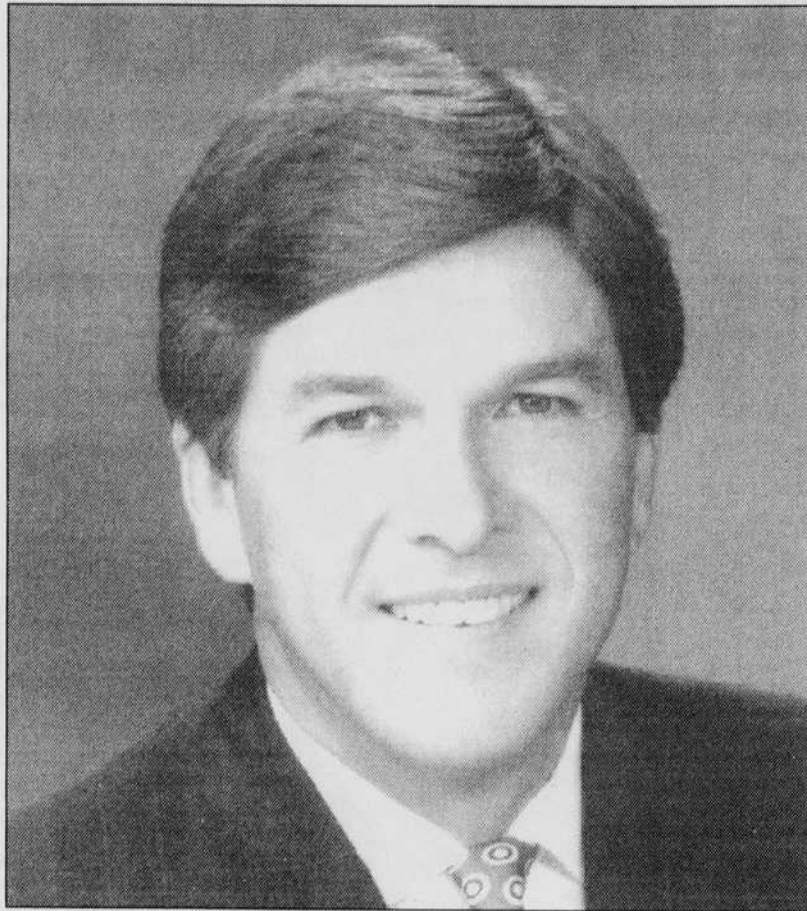
### Q. Do you support this program?

**A.** Yes I do. I think whatever we can do to reduce the cost of higher education we need to do. We need to make it more affordable and accessible. This is one of the many ways to do that.

### ISSUE: Access to Higher Education

### Q. Do you believe equal access to higher education is a right for all people?

**A.** Yes, because higher education is the key that unlocks the future. The future that includes the American dream



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needs to be available to all people who will show the initiative and go the extra mile with higher education.

### Q. How would you ensure equal access to higher education?

**A.** You do it by keeping college tuition down and making sure that the federal government does its part in that effort with college grants and loans. In my case, as state Senate president, I helped pass the Oregon Education Endowment, which in the years ahead will help to provide col-

lege funding for thousands of Oregon students.

### ISSUE: Financial Aid

■ *In the last 20 years, the government has shifted the balance of federal financial aid from grants to loans. While in 1975, federal aid consisted of 20 percent loans and 76 percent grants, in 1993, it was 80 percent loans and 20 percent grants, according to the Oregon Student Association.*

### Q. Would you take pro-active measures to reverse this trend?

**A.** I believe that a legitimate role of government is public education. Head Start to higher ed.

### Q. What kind of pro-active measures would you take?

**A.** I would resist any cuts to students, vote grants and would argue for just the reverse. Or giving students more of an ability to graduate without the burden of more debt or greater debt in their life. We need to get a start that isn't laden with years of school debt.

I think, actually, that the president's program of community service is a good way to help people to earn college tuition.

### Q. Could you describe that program?

**A.** It's his AmeriCorp program where you can give community service. It's like Peace Corp in exchange for college tuition.

### ISSUE: Debt Burden

■ *Students continue to increasingly borrow money to get through college, leaving them thousands of dollars in debt. The average University student graduates with \$17,500 of debt.*

### Q. Do you have any long-term solutions to the issue of debt burden?

**A.** I think by reversing the trend you identified earlier and take more in the form of grants is the way government should do that. And holding down tuition.

### ISSUE: Measure 47

■ *The Legislative Revenue Office estimates that local governments and schools together will lose an estimated \$1 billion statewide in the 1997-99 biennium if Measure 47 passes. The measure would reduce and limit property taxes, local rev-*

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### BIOGRAPHY

■ **BORN:** May, 1952 in Pendleton, Ore.

■ **RESIDENCE:** Pendleton, Ore.

■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in history from Brigham Young University; law degree from Southwestern University.

■ **CAREER HISTORY:** President and CEO of Smith Frozen Foods, a frozen vegetable packer.

■ **POLITICAL HISTORY:** Elected to Oregon Senate in 1992. Chosen as Senate minority leader in 1993. Elected Senate president after the 1994 elections.

■ **PLATFORM:** Includes restricting federal regulation of education and giving more power to the state. Strongly supports tax relief for working families. Suggests a \$500 tax credit per child for families with incomes below \$100,000. Will strive to balance the use of national resources.

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## ON THE BALLOT

A look at some of the 23 ballot measures in the Nov. 5 election

### THE MEASURE

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### WHAT IT WOULD DO

Would give crime victims rights such as expanding admissible evidence and limiting pretrial releases. Applies to crimes where individuals are victims and where people of Oregon are victims. Victim could be present/heard at each critical stage of the legal process if the person charged is also present. Victim could receive payment from a person convicted of an act that caused them financial loss. Defendant may be convicted of murder by and 11-to-one jury vote of guilty. Defendants' rights would be the same as those granted under the United States Constitution.

### ARGUMENTS FOR

Criminal defendants have many legal protections during the judicial process and victims deserve a comparable set of rights. All relevant evidence should be heard in judicial proceedings. People accused of serious crimes should be held in jail until trial to protect the victim, unless the judge is certain no additional crimes will be committed.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

Takes away important state rights that protect people against government invasions of privacy and replaces those safeguards with less protective federal rights. Has more to do with taking away privacy rights than helping crime victims. The Oregon constitution and statutes have established a bill of rights for Oregonians that suits their particular needs. Most of the measure's provisions that address the concern of victims are already required by Oregon law.

### THE MEASURE

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### WHAT IT WOULD DO

The constitution now provides that laws for the punishment of crime must be based on principles of reformation and not vindictive justice. The measure would delete that language, and insert language stating that laws for the punishment of crime must be based on the following principles: "Protection of society, personal responsibility, accountability for one's actions and reformation."

### ARGUMENTS FOR

Will uphold public safety while making criminals accountable and responsible. Changes don't prohibit rehabilitation efforts, but will expect criminals to take personal responsibility for their actions. The U.S. Constitution protects against cruel and unusual punishment, so there should be no concern over removing existent language.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST

The measure is not needed because it restates a long-standing interpretation of the existing constitution. The language is unclear and while adding several motivations for punishment that may be used, raises the question of whether vindictive justice is an acceptable motivation for punishment. The goal of adding criteria for punishment could be better achieved through statute.

SOURCES: Oregon Secretary of State-Elections Division, The Register-Guard, The Oregonian