

# Smith: Reveals philosophy of government

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 enues and replacement fees.

**Q.** Do you support this measure?

**A.** As the Senate president I put that measure in my wastebasket twice because I believe it asks only half the question. Yes, we all want low property taxes, but no, we don't want to cut the kinds of public services that would result. We don't want to pay for public services through property taxes. This initiative doesn't answer how we will choose to pay for them. It answers half the question.

**ISSUE: Pell Grants**

Families with incomes of less than \$15,000 a year typically qualify for the Pell Grant. Because the grant is not an entitlement, Congress can choose not to fund it at authorized levels.

**Q.** Do you support the Pell Grant as a way to meet the financial needs of all eligible students?

**A.** Yes, again for the same philosophical reasons that higher education really does unlock the doors of financial opportunity, and I believe that the best thing government can do in the marketplace is to help to educate the work force. And then you have people pursuing their dreams producing products and engaging in commerce. They will provide an America that is more bountiful than the one that we have enjoyed.

**ISSUE: The Senate Race**

**Q.** Why do you think you are the best choice for students?

**A.** I have been a consistent friend of higher education in Oregon. I specifically created the Oregon Education Endowment and added \$30 million to the higher education budget beyond what the governor requested. I have consistently voted in support of higher education because of my personal beliefs. It's been my privilege to represent Eastern Oregon State Col-

lege in La Grande. I have been their advocate in the halls of government and understand the issues confronting college students very well. It was not long ago that I was one myself.

**Q.** Is there anything else you'd like to tell students?

**A.** You will soon be income-earners yourselves. I believe my philosophy of government supports government, but keeps it limited so that your tax burden in the future will not be oppressive. And I think that will become a more meaningful thing to you after you graduate and are facing debt. My political philosophy, far more than my opponent's, will allow you to keep and take home more of what you earn. I have really bent over backwards to accommodate the needs of Oregon higher education, but I have also resisted the pressure for increased tax burdens on our citizens. I prioritized spending towards higher education not to increase tax burdens on working people.

## Pursuit: Man tried to elude police in residential areas

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with Minter, Stewart said. She was no longer in the car when Minter was apprehended.

"She must have gotten out somewhere along the way," he said.

Minter has a long record of previous violations, including

contempt of court, failure to appear in court, drunk driving, drug charges and parole violation, Smith said.

"He has a lot of arrests," he said. "This guy's been around."

Minter was also charged with attempting to elude police

when he led police on a high-speed chase in 1991. At that time, police apprehended Minter when his car ran out of gas near Harrisburg. When police searched Minter's car after that chase, they found chemicals that could be used to make methamphetamine.

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