

Smith makes Clackamas a final stop

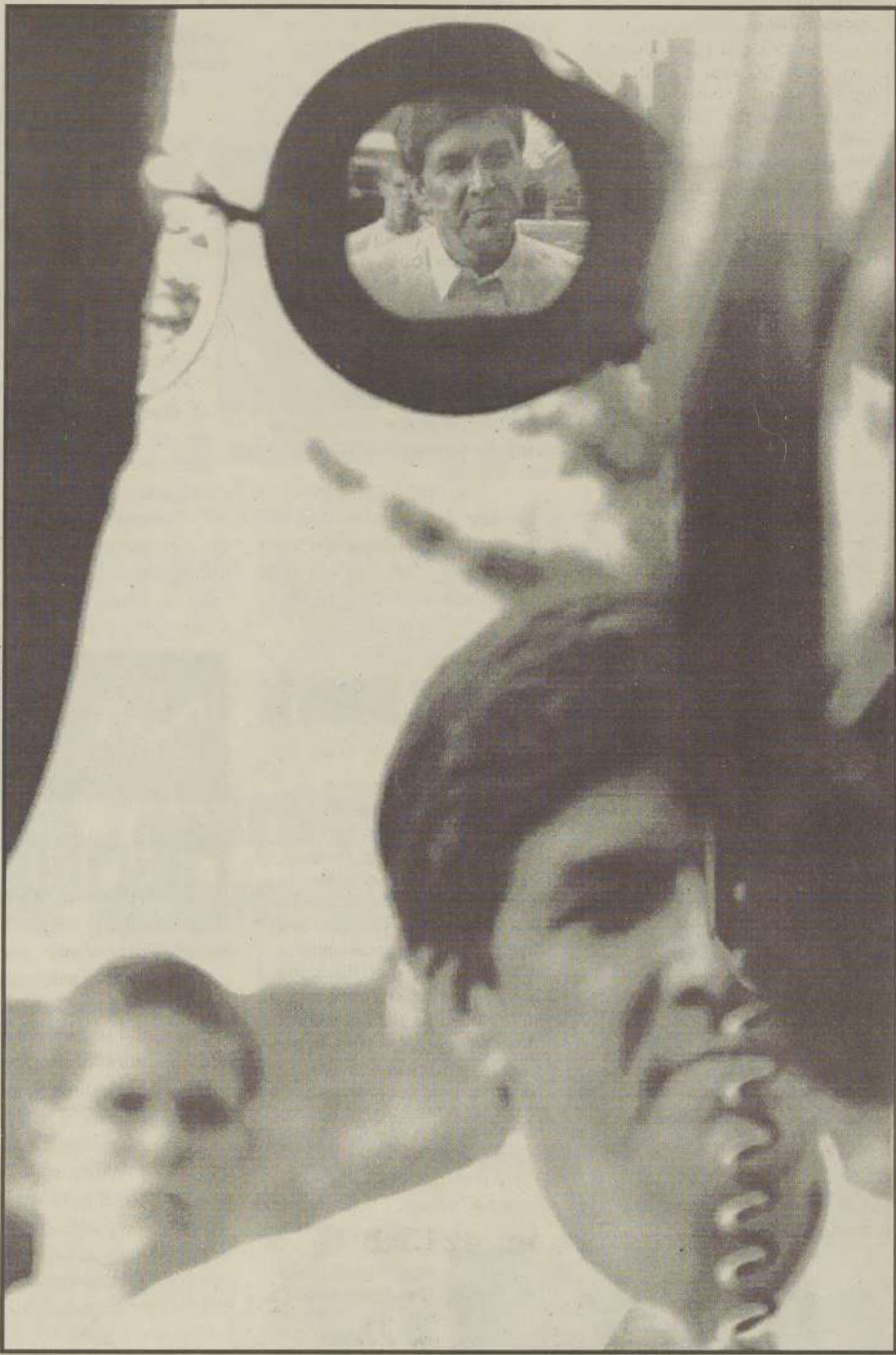
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Smith's visit brought numerous — and enthusiastic — supporters.

Right: When Smith visited Clackamas, so did KGW, KATU and CNN. Here Smith is seen through CNN's camera viewfinder.

Below: ASG President Mike Caudle and Gordon Smith shaking hands after Smith answered questions in the Fireside Lounge.



Smith, supporters visit college

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A crowded Fireside Lounge laid the stage for Republican U.S. Senate candidate Gordon Smith to address the concerns of students and faculty on Monday, the day before the general election.

Before Smith entered the Fireside Lounge, he held a small rally in the parking lot of the Family Resource Center. About 15 supporters were there.

ASG's Federal Affairs Officer Jake Boenisch introduced Smith, saying, "Clackamas Community College, members of the community, supporters of Gordon Smith, thank you for coming here today. This is exciting because this was planned Friday and it's turned out to be a good event and I appreciate your support for coming here and seeing us talk and I'd like to welcome Gordon Smith."

Smith addressed questions about ballot measures, his feelings about negative campaigning and his positions on education and education funding. Approximately 75 people showed up to hear Smith talk, ranging from students to faculty, from supporters

of Smith to supporters of Democratic candidate Tom Bruggere.

"I commend you for being in school," he said in one of his opening remarks. "I encourage you to recognize that education is the key that unlocks the kind of future, the kind of promise, that you ought to

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have for yourself to keep the American dream alive for you."

After his opening speech, Smith accepted questions from the audience.

In reply to a question regarding Ballot Measure 47, Smith replied, "I'm voting no on Measure 47." His reply was met with enthu-

siastic cheering and applause.

Smith also addressed questions about negative campaigning, federal student aid, Ballot Measures 32, 34, 38 and 44. He also defined the Oregon Health Plan.

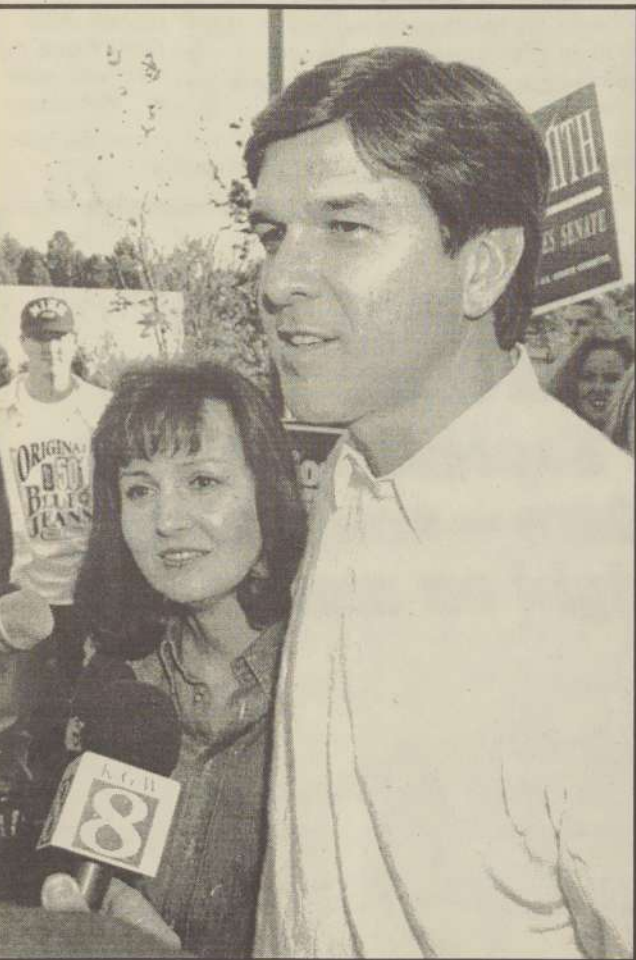
"The Oregon Health Plan would not have been funded but for Gordon Smith," he said.

One of the most highly charged moments came when Political Science Instructor Dean Darris challenged Smith's statement that it would require a constitutional amendment to make it a requirement to balance the budget.

"The Constitution can't do that for us. As Thomas Jefferson himself said, the constitution is no replacement for us," Darris said.

Smith rebutted, saying, "When you take an oath of office to uphold the constitution and part of that obligation is to balance the budget, you will do it."

Smith concluded the interview and allowed time for photo opportunities and to answer personal questions.



Senatorial Candidate Gordon Smith and his wife Sharon greet supporters and students in the FRC parking lot.