

Change made in code

Sexual behavior offense added in new section

By Peter Cogswell
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The University has added a new section prohibiting unwanted sexual behavior to the Student Conduct Code and has updated the document. The revamped code was filed with the Secretary of State's office earlier this week.

Unwanted sexual behavior includes words or conduct that threatens imminent physical harm, endangers the health or safety of any person or is unwanted and causes emotional distress, said Elaine Green, assistant director of students.

The new section makes it clear that unwanted sexual conduct will not be tolerated on campus, Green said.

The conduct code now prohibits unwanted sexual conduct on University property or at University-sponsored or University-supervised activities and also prohibits any behavior that would interfere with an individual's participation in one of these three areas.

The new provision was recommended to the Student Conduct Code Committee, which proposed the new code, by the Unwanted Sexual Behavior Attention Task Force because the

previous code was too vague on the issue, said Shirley Wilson, dean of students.

"(The task force) thought that the conduct code was not specific enough," she said.

The task force is a group of students, faculty, staff and community members concerned about on this issue, Wilson said.

Before the new section was added, there were codes that dealt indirectly with offenses such as rape or indecent exposure, but none specifically defined unwanted sexual behavior or spelled out consequences for such conduct, Green said.

"This pulls it all together into one offense," she said.

As part of the revamping process, the code was rewritten to make it more up to date and reorganized to make it easier to read, Green said.

The last time the code was updated was in the 1960s, Green said, and as a result, all additions made since then have simply been tacked on to the end of the existing code.

Disciplinary sanctions that can be imposed for conduct code violations range from a written reprimand to suspension or expulsion from the University.

Copies of the new code are available at the Office of Student Affairs in Oregon Hall and the Office of the Vice President for Administration in Johnson Hall.

State's abortion vote praised

By Brian Bloch
Emerald Reporter

A woman's right to a safe and legal abortion is a fundamental liberty that should always remain outside the influence of government, said the president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America on Thursday night.

Faye Wattleton, nationally known abortion rights activist, said to a large crowd in the Eugene Conference and Convention Center that Oregon voters' defeat of Ballot Measures 8 and 10 is a victory for individual freedom.

"In the state of Oregon, the people have stood up for

choice," Wattleton said. "You have sent a very important message that will forever change the face of the debate."

After praising Oregonians for their pro-abortion stance in the Nov. 6 election, Wattleton stressed the necessity of continuing efforts to maintain women's right to legal abortion throughout the nation.

"If we are not constantly vigilant, there are people who will fight to take away our most basic rights," she said.

"Our opposition will be back again and again. The struggle will become more intense before it is entirely

removed from politics," Wattleton said.

She spoke out against government intervention in the private lives and sexuality of U.S. citizens, saying decisions in those areas must be made based on the moral and ethical standards of each individual.

"A government that can force a woman to continue her pregnancy against her will is a government that can force a woman to end her pregnancy against her will," she said.

Wattleton said the struggle to keep abortion legal is representative of all fundamental rights guaranteed under the constitution.

Labor information offered at fair

By June Russell
Emerald Reporter

The rights and concerns of employed and unemployed people in Lane County will be the focus of speakers and information booths at the Labor Information Fair on Saturday at St. Alice's Church in Springfield.

Sponsored by the Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network, the fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1520 F St. Representatives from the Labor Education Resource Center, Legal Aid, Oregon Job Share and Chicano Affairs will be among the organizations available to offer information and answer questions. Entertainment, refreshments and child care will also be featured. The event is free.


"Our goal is public information," said Jean Hanna, one of the fair organizers. "We're trying to reach out to folks and let them know we're available."

"Everybody in our society works, but nobody talks about it," she added. "We wanted to create a space for people to do that."

Speakers will address topics including wage issues, reaching unorganized labor, discrimination, and welfare and unemployment rights. University Professors Mary Romero and Joan Acker will speak on ethnic discrimination in the workplace, and women and wage work, respectively.

"We want to feel that as working people we do have a voice, whether its about sexual discrimination on the job or as advocacy for people who aren't working," Hanna said.


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