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Women respond to Packwood rumors

Women need to speak out and men need to listen up if society is to put an end to sexual harassment, speakers said at a Wednesday press conference.

The recent allegations of sexual harassment against Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., prompted the press conference, said Chris Bauman, ASUO events coordinator. Sexual harassment may not be as visible and as defined as rape, but "the pain is the same," she said.

State Representative-elect Cynthia Wooten said incumbent politicians often believe they're not accountable for their actions. But Packwood must be "assured he's not above the law," she said.

"It's going to stop, and it's

going to stop now, but it's going to take concentrated efforts by all of us," Wooten said. "It's going to take the attention of men and women to show what sexual harassment is."

Leann O'Rourke, a Students for Choice member, said she faces almost daily sexual harassment at her job at a bar. She said if men keep hearing women say, "I'm not going to take it," they'll start to listen.

Several of the speakers mentioned Anita Hill, the University of Oklahoma law professor who accused then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment. "Anita Hill — thank you," said Mona Gentry, Women's Center student coordinator.



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the Latino and Chicano cultures and their celebrations to boost sales, senior Adela Rios said.

"When you go in Fred Meyer and the clerks are dressed in hats and over the loudspeaker someone says, 'Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo,' they're not educating anyone. They're just trying to get people in there," she said.

Sophomore Noel Lopez said culture should never be marketed, whether by people in or out of the culture.

"People shouldn't be put at the expense of a gimmick," he said.

Junior Trevor Monteith, of the Klamath tribe in Chiloquin, Ore., said it doesn't bother him if non-Native Americans wear jewelry or clothing typically associated with Native Americans, if they do so because they find it beautiful.

"But if they're wearing it to be something they're not or to validate what they say about Native Americans because they dress like Native Americans, I have a problem with it," he said.

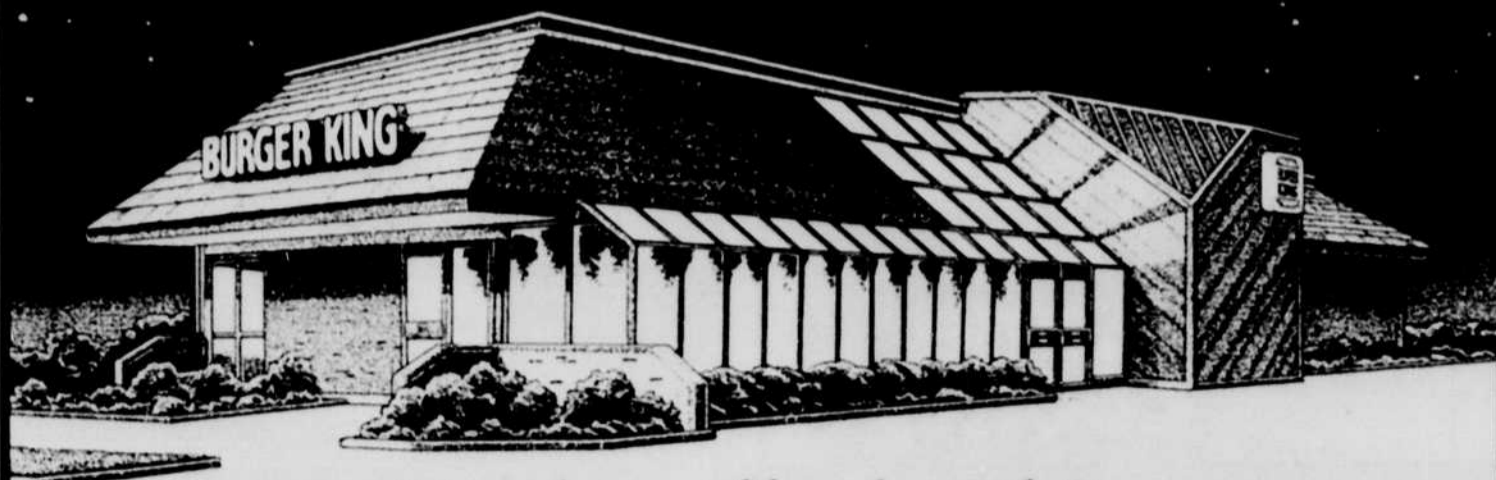
Senior Mitch Wilkinson said he wouldn't dream of wearing rosary beads or a nun's habit. But there are people not above using the spirituality of Native Americans. He said he calls these people "culture vultures."

"They should look to their culture and not go stealing someone else's culture," he said. "I laugh at them. They come (to the Native American Student Union office) and they ask about the sweats, and I tell them to go to the YMCA and jump in the sauna."

Asian-American students could think of few parts of Asian culture that non-Asians have embraced. However, senior Meri Li, a Chinese-American, said people do look at Asian culture in general as exotic.

"Fortune cookies are (viewed as) exotic, and they're not even Asian," she said.

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