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Packwood refuses to resign

By Lisa Kneefel
Emerald Reporter

In a press conference Thursday in Washington, D.C., Sen. Bob Packwood apologized for "unwelcome and offensive" conduct toward women but announced he has no plans to resign.

According to a *Washington Post* article published Nov. 22, former employees, lobbyists, campaign workers and others said Packwood made uninvited sexual advances toward them from the 1960s to the 1980s.

Packwood called his actions "just plain wrong" and "boorish." The senator said he would not use alcohol as a defense although he recently spent a week at an alcohol treatment facility.

"I guarantee that nothing like this will happen again," he said.

Packwood said he will cooperate fully with the Senate Ethics Committee, which is conducting a preliminary inquiry into the allegations. He also said he will seek counseling, if necessary, to "drastically and totally" change his attitude and professional relationships.

Packwood refused to address specific allegations and instead addressed his "unequivocally



Sen. Bob Packwood

strong" record of support for women's issues. Calling his office a "beacon of opportunity" for women in Oregon and in Washington, Packwood said his belief in women's rights has been an integral part of his political career.

"Whether it was saving Hells Canyon or French Pete, or whether it was those lonely and solitary hours in the late 70s and early 80s defending Roe vs. Wade, trying to prevent its reversal or dismemberment, I led the fight," he said.

Packwood said his political activities have been "gender neutral" since 1960, when he was elected chairman of a county Republican Central Committee. Before he took over, women equally or more competent than men on the committee were confined to subordinate roles, he said.

"Seeing both their frustration and the waste of their talents, I moved these women into positions of authority and responsibility," he said.

Packwood said his record of support for women's issues is now "clouded" by the allegations.

Even though most of the incidents happened 10 to 20 years ago and threatened no jobs, pay or status, his conduct was wrong, Packwood said.

"I just didn't get it," he said. "I do now." But Betty Roberts, a former Oregon Supreme Court justice, said Packwood "still doesn't get it."

In an Associated Press story, Roberts, who lost a bid for the Senate to Packwood in 1974, said "what we saw today was just a cover up."

"He wouldn't discuss the facts," Roberts said. "It's his attempt to avoid it."

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A new technique to discourage bike theft? An extra-large ornament? A student takes note Thursday of a bike up a tree outside the EMU Fishbowl.

University must obey waste laws

By Demian McLean
Emerald Reporter

The University told selected departments Tuesday to clean up their act.

As part of a 1989 state law, the University must find ways to reduce toxic chemical use and waste production. The same law applies to Oregon's paper mills and electronics industry, and must be complied with by September of next year.

Though the University is not among the state's largest toxic waste producers, certain academic departments and maintenance produced more than 2,640 pounds of waste last year, enough to classify the University as a large-scale waste generator.

This means the University will have to look for ways to reduce the amount of chemicals used and waste produced, largely through improved effi-

ciency. Under the Oregon Toxics Use Reduction and Hazardous Waste Act, the University will police itself, monitoring its use and generation of toxic materials and hazardous waste.

Departments included are chemistry, biology, athletics, architecture and allied arts, and other organizations such as printing, the EMU Craft Center, University Housing, the University Physical Plant, Office of Public Safety, EMU Maintenance and the *Oregon Daily Emerald*.

David Livengood, specialist at the University's Office of Environmental Health and Safety, said that departments will examine chemical use from start to finish.

"Departments will follow it all the way through the process, from where the chemical arrives here, to where it goes up the fume hood comes to us," Livengood said.

Tom Hicks, an officer with Environmental Health and Safety, said the University's new classification as a large-scale generator is due to contaminated soil found two years ago at the Riverfront Research Park. The soil was contaminated by old paint waste buried years earlier.

Almost 20,000 pounds of that soil was shipped out last year, pushing the University from small quantity waste generator to large scale.

Between now and Dec. 31, department heads will examine a 59-page document from Hicks' department which explains what substances are toxic and contains a rough draft of suggestions for reducing their consumption and waste.

By the new year, departments must have reviewed the draft and added any suggestions.