



The tunnels under the University are an explorer's dream. Courtesy photo

Tunnels a 'mazing adventure

□ Darkness, heat dominate passages

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Time: 2:30 a.m. Temperature: about 90 degrees. Location: about 15 feet below ground level, surrounded by a tangle of pipes, conduits



and concrete walls. I'm squeezing by a box labeled "WARNING: 12,000 VOLTS."

Welcome to the tunnel maze below the University.

I'd had a taste of tunnel exploring during my high school years when my friends and I discovered some old subterranean maintenance tunnels that gave us access to the high school whenever we wanted.

But for years I'd heard tales of the maintenance tunnels below the University, including

the rumor of the "CIA tunnels," passages supposedly built by the CIA that were big enough to drive a truck through. So when the invitation came to go into the University tunnels, I jumped at the chance.

Preparations were important. For clothes I wore old jeans and shirt, a multi-pocketed military jacket and boots. In my backpack were candles, a spare flashlight, a lighter, air filter mask, gloves, chalk (for marking

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Packwood defrauding case entering new legal territory

□ Senator accused of lying to reporters about sexual conduct before election

WASHINGTON (AP) — The case of Sen. Bob Packwood enters uncharted legal territory when a Senate panel hears legal arguments today on unseating the Oregon Republican for allegedly defrauding the voters of his state.

The stated offense: lying to reporters to block pre-election news stories about his sexual conduct.

The Senate Rules Committee session will take the normally dry form of lawyers arguing a case before 16 senators.

But underlying the legalities is a volatile political issue: how the Senate deals with a colleague accused by nearly two dozen women — former employees and acquaintances — of making unwanted sexual advances during two decades.

In petitions to the committee, 250 Oregon voters are demanding a fair hearing on their contention that the senator committed fraud by successfully scheming to delay stories about his conduct until after last November's election.

Also watching carefully are politically influential national women's organizations, who could make life miserable for senators sitting in judgment of Packwood.

"I'm hoping it's not just for show," says Katherine A. Meyer, the attorney who will argue the case for nullifying Packwood's election to a fifth term last November. "We've been treated fair — so far."

Packwood's lawyer, James F. Fitzpatrick, would not comment on the committee's procedure, saying only "we look forward" to the oral argument.

In written filings, he contends that a 1969 Supreme Court case, in which the House tried unsuccessfully to exclude then-Rep. Adam Clayton Powell of New

York, prevents consideration of the challenge because Packwood met all constitutional election requirements.

Key members of the rules committee bristle at the suggestion they are being anything less than scrupulously fair.

"I'm not going to give that statement credibility by responding to it," Democratic Senator Wendell Ford of Kentucky, the committee's chairman, said of Meyer's doubts.

The hearing is separate from an ethics committee investigation of whether Packwood broke Senate rules. But Packwood's opponents have the same goal in both proceedings — to kick him out of Congress.

And there is no doubt that the ground rules have shifted since the last high-profile case involving sexual harassment — confirmation hearings two years ago for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Several women — including at least one newly elected senator — say they decided to run for office last year in reaction to the treatment that Thomas' accuser, Anita Hill, received at the hands of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

David Schuman, an associate professor of law at the University, said it would be appropriate for the committee to set a standard that could nullify elections in narrow instances. The Packwood case, he said, would fit the standard.

His proposal: that candidates not be seated if it's proved they "directly and undeniably lied" about a "verifiable historical fact" and the lie "in all likelihood" altered the outcome of the election. Packwood won his election narrowly.

The Washington Post first reported the allegations against Packwood last Nov. 22, weeks after the election. In that story and a subsequent article, 23 women told of their encounters with Packwood — 11 of whom identified themselves publicly.

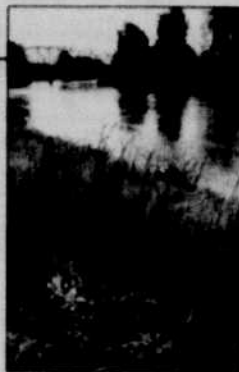
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Just like Mom used to make



Photo by Anthony Forney

Adelfa Garcia prepares cheese enchiladas Saturday at the Fiesta Latina celebration under the Washington/Jefferson bridge. Along with the many types of food available, celebration-goers were treated to Mexican music and performers during the festival.



WEATHER

More warm weather today. Highs 70-75 degrees. Good weather should last until Wednesday when cloudy skies are expected to return.

Today in History

In 1896, a golden spike was driven at Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.



Archive Photo

FROM THE PAST

Joe Reitzug provided the Ducks with one touchdown during the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., in 1989. Oregon won 27-24 against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane.

SPORTS

The Oregon men's basketball team announced Friday it has signed 6-foot-3 freshman guard Jamar Curry from St. Anthony's High School in Jersey City, N.J.

Curry averaged 10.5 points, 3.1 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 2.0 steals a game as a senior for his state champion high school team that was ranked fourth in the final USA Today prep poll.

Curry, who was coached by Bob Hurley Sr., the father of Duke point guard Bobby Hurley, was a first-team all-Hudson County selection and was a first-team selection at the Above the Rim Tournament in San Diego.

"We feel privileged to be able to get such a fine young man as Jamar," said Oregon head coach Jerry Green.