

Packwood accusers 'stand up' at benefit

□ Women continue fight against Senator

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Women who accused Sen. Bob Packwood of sexual misconduct hope the power they gained from stepping forward will push the senator out of office and make sexual harassment issues a national priority.

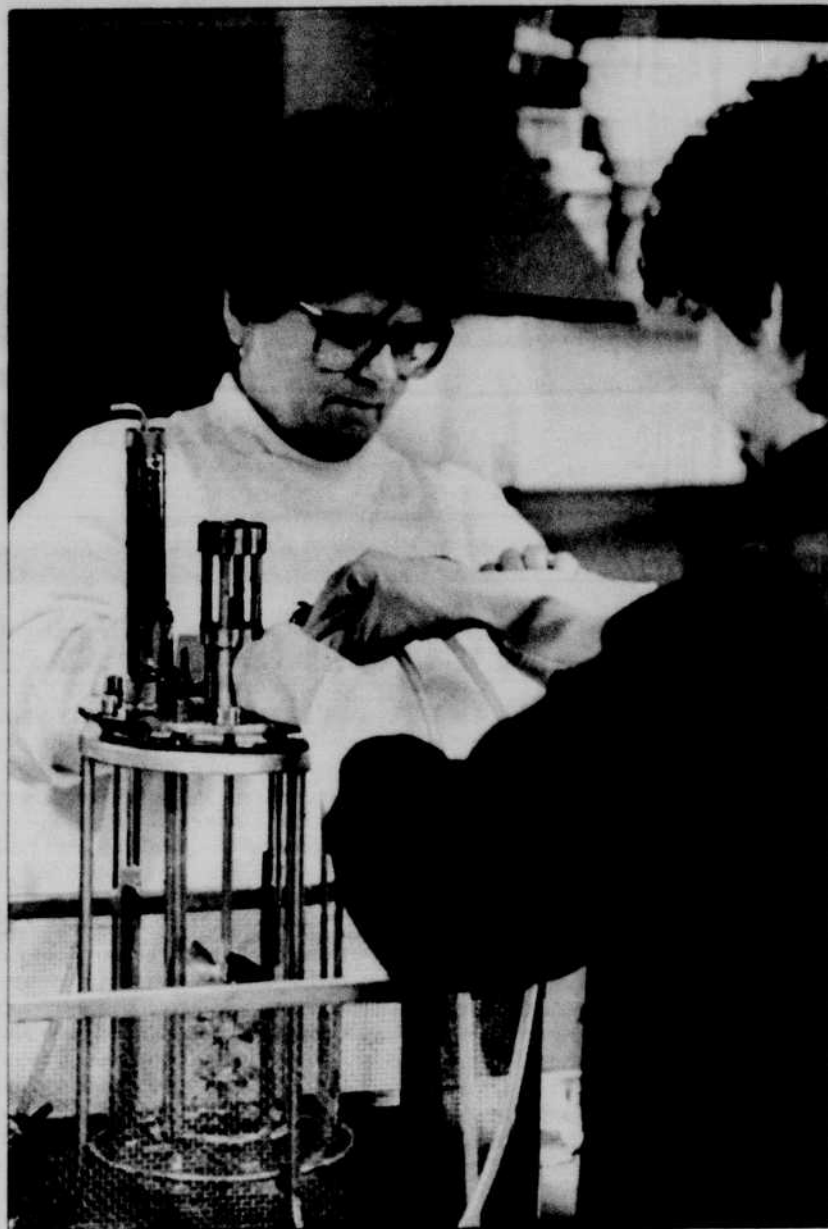
"By coming forward I've empowered myself in a way I didn't expect," said Gina Hutton, a Eugene woman who claims she was sexually harassed by Packwood while working as his Lane County campaign chairwoman in 1980. "The longer we can stand up and talk the more consciousness we can raise."

But first, the 29 women who say they received unwanted sexual behavior from Packwood need financial and emotional support if they hope to lead their fight into Senate Ethics Committee hearings, said Kitty Piercy, president of the Oregon National Abortion Rights Action League.

Piercy and members of Oregonians for Ethical Representation, a group formed last year to support the Packwood victims, sponsored a benefit reception to raise money for these women Tuesday at a local restaurant. Proceeds from the event will help pay business and travel

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New growth



Tamma Glover, left, works with her fellow lab aide, Jean Masterson in preparing a fermenter for sterilization. The fermenter is used to promote the growth of bacteria for experiments in class.

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IFC could pull funds if groups miss deadlines

□ Fee committee gets serious as it prepares for upcoming budget

By Edward Klopfenstein
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Incidental Fee Committee members and ASUO officials are gearing up behind a rallying cry of "We Mean Business" for this year's upcoming budget season, telling student groups they might not be funded if they don't meet deadlines.

"We want to get the message out this year that we're serious. We are sticking to our deadlines," said Francis Neo, finance coordinator for the ASUO. "I mean, why should we be interested in a group that doesn't make the effort?"

For student groups with budgets less than \$10,000, the deadline for submitting a 1994-95 budget proposal is Dec. 10, next Friday. Today is the deadline for requesting an extension.

For student groups with budgets over \$10,000, the proposal deadline is Jan. 15. Budget hearings begin Jan. 5.

The Dec. 10 deadline is about a month earlier from last year's deadline because the ASUO wants the budget process starting faster and ending sooner than last year's late May ending, Neo said.

If the ASUO cannot present its budget to University President Myles Brand by May 3, making changes by the end of spring term would prove nearly impossible, Neo said.

Student groups have been assigned both an ASUO finance officer and an official from the IFC to answer questions and help groups form their budgets. Groups have also received a manual that guides them through the budget process.

Several student groups didn't even receive money last year, coming instead to the IFC for supplemental funding in summer or fall.

Not meeting deadlines, Neo said, created a backlog

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Modern diet causes tooth decline

□ Increased dental problems result of new agriculture

By Eron Witzel
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Forget mashed potatoes and turkey because your teeth might be better off if you abandon society and start foraging for nuts and leaves and stalking wild prey.

Studies by University anthropologist John Lukacs, indicate that our hunter/gatherer ancestors had fewer dental problems than their successors, who depended on agriculture and were less nomadic. He has studied about 600 skeletons, skulls and other remains in his research and has made nearly 20 trips to India and surrounding countries to gather data.

"We definitely found increased dental problems as agriculture developed," Lukacs said. He believes the problems stemmed from a diet that

included more cooked and ground foods.

These foods tended to be softer and required less work from the teeth and jaws. Softer foods can cause problems because they do not grind away the natural grooves in teeth. Food and bacteria collect in the grooves and can cause cavities.

The nomadic people usually subsisted on raw foods and had to use their teeth and jaws for all grinding and softening. This strengthened the jaw and wore away the grooves of in the teeth.

"Modern dentists sometimes fill those grooves in the teeth with epoxy so food can't get in," he said, indicating that the problems have not vanished with modern brushing and flossing.

"The teeth and jaws are essentially food processors," Lukacs said. With agriculture these utensils had less work to do and they deteriorated accordingly, his studies say.

Much of Lukacs' research

focused on Harappa, Pakistan, a site near the area of the earliest civilization in the Indus Valley. There he found that females in early agricultural societies had more cavities and other dental problems than the males. He suggested this was because of significant differences in diet between the sexes and that division of labor could have been a factor.

The agricultural societies continued hunting regularly, and this activity was probably dominated by males. This may have meant more protein and raw materials in the male diet.

In addition, Lukacs said in a report published last year, the Harappan society may have valued female offspring less than male ones, leaving them with less care and an inferior diet.

Despite 20 years of research, Lukacs said his conclusions could change with new discoveries.

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Judge reduces sentences if offenders cut long hair

□ Justice gives kids new image with fines

HOUSTON (AP) — A justice of the peace has taken the law by the scruff of the neck.

Tony Polumbo, who serves a Harris County precinct, offers teen-age offenders a break on their sentences if they cut their long locks.

"The purpose is to give these kids a different mind-set or image, try to get them away from the subculture and into the mainstream again," Polumbo said. "About 80 percent accept my offer."

In the case of a 13-year-old with a ponytail, Polumbo fined him \$430 for assaulting a youth to get into a gang. The 13-year-old agreed to convert the fine to 80 hours of community service and then had 15 hours lopped off when he chopped off his ponytail.

Other teens wouldn't part with their hair.

"It looks better long this way," said a 16-year-old gang member sentenced to 144 community service hours for disorderly conduct at school.

Polumbo left his job as a state representative after 16 years to become a justice of the peace three years ago. He prides himself on being unconventional.

"When you deal with youngsters, you can't deal with normal," he said. "Our goal is to connect. Most kids are used to being beat on and using their unfortunate situations to act ugly. I try something different."