

Bouncing baby boy born . . .

Gaskell calls it 'incredible'

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Associated Student Government President Amy Gaskell gave birth to a baby boy Jan. 3, one day before Winter Term began.

Gaskell spent 18 hours in labor, with her fiancé, Rob Hibberd, and her mother, Lori Gaskell, as "coaches" by her side. The 8-pound, 10-ounce baby, named Payton James Hibberd, was born at 10:50 a.m.

Gaskell describes the experience, including the days following, as "incredible."

Gaskell was released from the hospital on Monday, and the couple stayed with Payton at Gaskell's parents' house for the first two nights. The help from her parents enabled Gaskell and Hibberd "to relax and get to know Payton," she said.

"The first night was very adventurous," Gaskell explained. While taking care of the baby, they found it hard to do simple, everyday tasks that the average person may take for granted.

"It's taken some adjusting," she said. "We've gotten a lot more confident though." Gaskell said that the couple hasn't experienced "burn-out" yet, being with Payton simply re-views them.

The couple took Payton home, to their Oregon City apartment, Jan. 6. "That was fun," she said. It gave them a chance to use all of the "baby-things," like the hand-carved cradle made by Gaskell's uncle, that they had been storing for months.

Now that Payton is settled in his home, Gaskell and Hibberd are working out a daily



Photo by Nolan Kidwell

Payton James Hibberd was born Jan. 3, 10:50 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

routine. Gaskell returned to school on Monday, and the two hope to achieve a balance between their schedules so one of them can be with Payton at all times.

Hibberd also has found the experience "exciting."

"It's difficult because I have to go to work (or school) everyday. When you have a baby, you want to spend a lot of time with him—especially in his first week," he explained. The time that Hibberd isn't able to spend with Payton, is used for work, school and for his responsibilities as the Co-Editor-in-Chief of *The Clackamas Print*.

Hibberd has realized that sacrificing time with Payton is necessary. "Having a baby is definitely

a motivating factor because you want to be able to provide a lot of things, so there's a definite reason to succeed," he said.

As for Payton's future, nothing is set in stone.

"Everybody seems to have a plan for him," joked Gaskell. "We have very eager grandparents." According to Hibberd, the grandfathers already have an athletic future in mind for Payton. Hibberd and Gaskell, however, aren't looking that far into the future. The two are more concerned with the baby's health and safety.

"Right now I just hope he can learn to sleep through the night," said Hibberd.

Editors' note: This article was written before Gaskell's removal.

Birthing experience has rewards for men, too

by Robert A. Hibberd
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I have been a father for only 10 days and already I am resorting to utilizing lists to translate a message or an idea.

(List One) Top Five Proudest Moments of My Life

- 5) Finally learning to ride a bicycle.
- 4) Receiving air assault wings.
- 3) Receiving airborne wings.
- 2) Moving in with Amy.
- 1) Being with Amy as she gave birth to our son Payton James.

My son Payton James was born two Sundays ago, on a marvelous Jack Frost afternoon. He and Amy gave me the experience of a lifetime. The emotional high I achieved was greater than taking a snowboard over the edge and into the cosmos. It's no wonder that so many men are afraid of it.

"Oh man, she is going to call you every name in the book," my dad and Amy's pa said to me as time grew closer to delivery. "You're going to want to come out to the waiting room and watch football with us," they said.

A lot of men make the mistake of not being with their wives during the act of childbirth. Men are meant to witness delivery. When they miss it, they miss the meaning of life. Without this understanding, men are handicapped.

(List Two) Top Five Biggest Mistakes Made by Men

- 5) Aiming your weapon and pulling the trigger.
- 4) Opting for beer instead of food.
- 3) Ignoring that pain in your foot.
- 2) Not properly disposing of the car's oil.
- 1) Leaving your wife and kids.

Let's face it guys, the majority of the world's problems are directly related to the fact that too many men bail out on their women upon learning that they are pregnant. I know of two or three and I bet you do too. Across the world, women and children are being oppressed by men's inability to handle this form of responsibility.

I guess what I'm trying to say is: when you take some time away from the football game and focus in on the real world around you, you can easily see that there is much more to get done.

(List Three) Top Five Things Needed to Get Done in the World

- 5) Take out the garbage.
- 4) Clean up the yard.
- 3) Mend the house.
- 2) Return the neighbor's tools.
- 1) Love your wife and children.

Women are the givers of life, thereby divine. Children offer a view into the future.

Packwood shouldn't be forced to resign

by Paul Valencia
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Now that Senator Bob Packwood has taken office and awaits an investigation by the Senate Ethics Committee, it is time for his opponents to take a break. Since he has not resigned yet, it is a pretty good bet that he won't. At least not until after the committee decides what type of punishment, if any, to give the veteran lawmaker.

It has been more than two months since allegations of sexual harassment hit the newspapers. Now everyone, it seems, has jumped on the bandwagon to overthrow Packwood. But the only people that can make a difference in Packwood's future are the committee members.

Yes, I know the Senate Ethics Committee sounds like a bunch of old, white men getting together at a tropical island resort to toast the unethical things a politician has done in the past year. Sure, it is not perfect, but the committee is the best thing we citizens have to correct any wrongdoing by our politicians.

Hopefully, the committee will come up with appropriate disciplinary action. I'm thinking along the lines of making Packwood go to a real alcohol rehab. center, instead of check-

ing in at a convenient one for the weekend like Packwood did earlier. The committee should appoint counselors who can report back to them on the progress, if any, Packwood makes.

Also, Packwood should personally apologize to each and every one of his accusers. None of that apology through the press stuff that every politician thinks is enough. These women deserve more than a speech prepared by a staff member, they deserve an honest apology. If any of these women don't even want to be in the same room with him to accept an apology, then that would be understandable, but Packwood should at least make the effort to say he is sorry.

If you expect me to go on with further justifiable punishment for Packwood, you will be disappointed. Packwood should not be forced to resign. He did something that he is not proud of. He has admitted fault and he is sorry. Most likely, he will not do it again. And since these allegations come from years back, there is no reason to think that he cannot act as a responsible senator today.

(News Flash: Before I go on, I must admit that in 1979 I stole a candy bar from Kienow's. Please do not ask me to resign from *The Clackamas Print*. Please, don't

circle my home with pickets telling me to quit school. Come to think of it, I might have stolen two candy bars. Oh dear, I think I'm in trouble.)

Statute of Limitations probably saves me from any crime record, thank goodness, but what is the limit for sexual harassment? That is the question the committee must find an answer for. If these allegations were from the last two years, I could see a reason for Packwood to step down. In the last two years, our society has finally realized that the kind of behavior that Packwood used 20 years ago is not right. Whether you believe Anita Hill or not, you must admit that what she did made us more aware of wrongdoings. For that, we can thank her.

But back in 1969? Were there any morals at all back then? 1969? Hey, what Packwood did was definitely wrong, but those were the times. And he didn't fire any of these women after they refused his sexual advancements. I would bet that there were plenty of other leaders who used the same type of behavior back then. No, it doesn't make it right, but it would be difficult to ask a man to resign from his position for something he did 20 years ago. Bad taste in 1969 does

not merit losing a job today. If that were true, the unemployment rate would be 45 percent.

If he does have to resign, though, we all will know why. The committee, like just about everything else on Capitol Hill, is run by Democrats. And if you boil it down, don't you think all of this Packwood bashing comes down to political affiliation?

Try to figure these comparisons out: Dan Quayle uses his name and power to get out of the Vietnam draft and joins the National Guard. In 1988, the press finds out about this and for the last four years, he has been blasted by nearly everybody. It is something he will be tagged with for the rest of his political life.

In 1992, another young politician came into the limelight in the presidential race. But this time it was Democrat Bill Clinton. He, too, used his name and power to get into the Reserved Officers Training Corps, only later to resign after he realized he might actually have to go to Vietnam. Imagine that? Later, he participated in protest marches and didn't inhale dope.

Unlike Quayle; however, Clinton's actions were tabbed as something done in his youth and nothing to really worry about. Seems to be a bit hypocritical to

me. In other words, it's OK to protest your government, dodge the draft and smoke dope as long as you're a Democrat.

Now look at Packwood's incidents, which happened when he was young. He's a Republican so he might not get off so easy. I just hope Senator Ted Kennedy gets to ask a few questions. Packwood could answer like this: "Yes, Senator, I did some pretty dumb things back then and I'm sorry. But please, before you punish me, remember, I didn't kill anybody, Teddy."

Yet another hypocritical move. If Packwood is forced to resign for something he did 20 years ago, then I will expect Kennedy to be right beside him. I hope Packwood will drive Kennedy home.

Bob Packwood needs help. If he doesn't get it on his own, then the committee should force it on him. If he doesn't comply, then he should be forced out.

But to kick him out of office just for what he did back then would be wrong. Packwood has been good to Oregon, and will continue to be, if he is given the chance. Oregonians should hope that the committee sees it that way.