

Hearings spur gender, race issues

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who teaches classes in gender and politics at Oregon State University. "The hearings took on a symbolic significance for issues of race and gender that cut to the heart of American society."

Harriett Woods, president of the National Women's Political Caucus, calls the hearings "a moment of truth when a connection is made between private lives and public policy."

The hearings already are having an effect: -In the three months following Hill's testimony, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission received 1,244 charges of sexual harassment. - a 70 percent increase over the same period a year earlier.

-Organizations that raise money for women candidates report a surge in contributions.

"We've raised half a million dollars," says Jane Danowitz of Women's Campaign Fund. "We expected half of that if we were lucky."

The National Women's Political Caucus also says contributions have doubled.

Emily's List, which gives money to Democratic women, anticipates tripling the \$1.5 million it collected in 1990.

-Three women seeking Senate seats say the treatment accorded Hill during the hearings was the stimulus for their candidacies.

Lynn Yeakel, who entered the Pennsylvania Senate race as an unknown, is in a neck-and-neck campaign for the Democratic nomination in Tuesday's primary, seeking the right to oppose Republican Sen. Arlen Specter.

During the hearings, Specter questioned Hill aggressively and accused her of committing "flat-out perjury."

In campaign commercials, Yeakel, ignored her primary opponent and used a moment of Specter's questioning, then asked voters: "Did this make you as angry as it made me?"

Cook County recorder of deeds Carol Moseley Braun says the way Anita Hill was dealt with by the committee was what made her run. Braun upset Democratic Senate incumbent (and Clarence Thomas supporter) Alan Dixon in Illinois' primary, with the help of crossover votes from Republican women.

Voter Karen Twitchell of Houston, like a number of other out-of-state women, sent Braun a check for \$500, election records show. Why?

Her check was a response to the hearings, she said: "They were a disaster run by an all-white committee of older men."

In Iowa, a third Hill-inspired candidate, state Sen. Jean Lloyd-Jones is the likely Democratic nominee to oppose Republican Sen. Charles Grassley, one of Thomas' supporters on the Senate committee.

Students voice concerns about cable fees

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the possibility of making change on that," Rogers said.

Other complaints dealt with TCA's fees for installation of cable service.

Referring to installation fees, the report said "The policy of charging college students \$35 for merely activating their outlets is an exorbitant charge in light of the minimal cost (time and equipment) involved. In a dormitory, this cannot be more than five minutes at most."

City council minutes of the Feb.

6 public hearing indicated, however, that the installation fee is \$15, not \$35. Rogers is quoted in the minutes as saying that the \$15 charge is a "trip" charge and covers administrative costs to set up the account.

Muricon's performance report also describes deficiencies not brought out in public debate.

One shortcoming is the assertion that TCA stated that it did not know the date of its last system upgrade or the extent of that upgrade.

The report said, "If, in fact, the company does not know this,

there exists in the mind of the consultant a major concern as to the company's sense of responsibility, both as a cable operator as the owner/operator of a business."

Rogers countered that the gation was "a misinterpretation of what we had written down in a form document that they go to fill out."

TCA took over cable TV operations in Bryan-College Station October 1989. Its current franchise runs out in September 1994.

Library official defends display of paintings

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are a number of paintings hanging that I don't particularly like, and some are even offensive to me, but they're not going to be offensive to everyone.

"A library should represent as many different viewpoints as it can."

The fact the painting was donated by a prominent alumnus of Texas A&M did not have any bearing on her decision, Hoadley said.

"Mr. Krueger is dead and his family has not been a donor to the library," she said. "This decision would not be linked to that."


Hoadley said she would be willing to move painting to a less prominent location.

"Part of the problem is that it's a huge painting and it needs a big wall to hang on," she said. "I already asked members of my staff to look for a location to hang it."

Owen said if more people noticed the painting more people would be alarmed.


"So many people just go by the painting and never look at it because your in the library and not paying attention," Owen said.

"Once I just glanced at it, I thought, 'Oh my, this is horrible.'"



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