

Fund-raising hearings open with speeches

Proceedings to focus on Democratic donations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Setting the stage for campaign-finance hearings with both legal and political consequences, senators arranged Monday to summon as their first witness a little-known Democratic Party official who oversaw daily fund raising.

The long-awaited hearings into 1996 contribution abuses open Tuesday with a day of oratory by the nine Republicans and seven Democrats on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

When testimony begins Wednesday, former Democratic National Committee finance director Richard Sullivan is expected to be the first in a month-long parade of witnesses that will include President Clinton's top political aide.

At issue is whether some of the hundreds of millions of dollars the two major political parties raised came from overseas in violation of U.S. law, and whether any foreign companies or governments gained influence or access to intelligence in return. The major focus is on allegations against the Democratic National Committee, which has returned \$2.8 million in questionable donations.

Even as senators prepared questions for Sullivan, further revelations arose about

the party's chief Asian-American fund-raiser, John Huang, whose ties to China and access to U.S. intelligence have tantalized investigators for months.

Huang was appointed by Clinton in 1994 to a senior Commerce Department job, where he had access to intelligence for 18 months before moving to the Democratic Party as a fund-raiser. The party has returned nearly half of the \$3.4 million Huang raised because of suspicions about its origins.

A congressman has already accused Huang of leaking classified information after records showed Huang made calls to his former Lippo employer several times after receiving intelligence briefings at Commerce.

Huang has broadly denied wrongdoing but so far has declined to be interviewed or provide some documents to investigators, citing his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

The Senate's other early witnesses are expected to include former Democratic Party chairman Donald Fowler, former Democratic finance chairman Marvin Rosen and former White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes, who was Clinton's chief political strategist in 1996.



Light Up the Sky

Cody O'Donnell, an 8-year-old from Katy, watches the conclusion of Friday's Independence Day fireworks celebration at Olsen Field.

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Starbucks employees found shot

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three Starbucks Coffee employees were found shot to death Monday in their shop in upscale Georgetown.

Area residents were shocked by the murders at the Wisconsin Avenue coffee shop. It is across the street from a supermarket known for its high-profile clientele including Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former House Speaker Tom Foley and former Kansas Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker.

The store's doors were locked when the three were found, and nothing appeared to have been stolen, said a homicide detective.

The three young workers apparently were shot late Sunday night after the shop closed, police said. The bodies were discovered in a back room by a manager who arrived before dawn to reopen the shop. Each had been

shot in the head.

Georgetown, a neighborhood of upscale row houses, is home to some of Washington's most powerful figures. One of its two main thoroughfares, Wisconsin Avenue is lined with stylish boutiques and nightspots that make it a magnet for tourists, teens and students from nearby Georgetown University.

"This is something that I never expected would happen in this area of the city," said Jo Griffith, who lives nearby.

The Seattle-based coffee chain said in a statement that it was deeply saddened by the murders and that it was "committed to providing the safest possible environment for both our partners and customers."

Security guards are also being posted at some stores at the request of managers.

THEFT

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Kretzschmar said theft at the Student Recreation Center increased in March and April this year.

Lockers are available at the Rec Center to store valuables. A student can use a locker for 25 cents, which is returned when the locker is unlocked.

“Students should use the lockers at the Rec Center instead of leaving their wallets out.”

**Lt. Bert Kretzschmar
UPD Crime Prevention Unit Supervisor**

Kretzschmar said students can prevent theft by taking simple precautions.

"Students should use the lockers at the Rec Center instead of leaving their wallets out," Kretzschmar said. "Also, roll up windows and lock your doors. Thieves look for an opportunity to make in an easy in and out and that can be prevented."

SANCTIONS

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However, a student can appeal a penalty on three premises, Goodman said. One, the student believes the penalty is too harsh; two, the student believes he or she was not given due process; or three, the student can say he or she was not in violation of a University rule.

Goodman also said University sanctions are different from state penalties because the focus of the sanctions is to teach students, not punish.

"Although we want people to be held accountable for their actions, we really want to make sure they learn something," she said.

Goodman said no set sanction exists for a student arrested for DWI. She said that generally a probationary period is given for a DWI, and a student found in violation of the University's rules on alcohol may have to attend an alcohol workshop facilitated by the Alcohol and Drug Education Programs office in the Department of Student Life. But the staff of the Student Conflict Resolution Services usually considers circumstances

surrounding the offense before making a sanction against a student, Goodman said.

Sgt. H. Allan Baron, who works in the Crime Prevention Unit at the University Police Department, said the department made 141 DWI arrests during the 1993-1994 school year, 107 for 1994-1995, 137 for 1995-1996 and 32 from September 1996 to June 1997. Baron said he did not have an exact number, but the majority of DWI arrests on campus are misdemeanors, not felonies.

Goodman said that any time a student is involved in some type of criminal incident on campus, UPD sends an incident report to the Student Conflict Resolution Services in the Department of Student Life. But the report does not mean the student is guilty. Staff in the Student Conflict Resolution Services office review the report to see if the student has committed a violation of the University rules.

Goodman said Student Conflict Resolution Services also receives reports from the recreation sports or residence life departments that might indicate a student has violated a rule.

Goodman said that with DWI reports, enough evidence usually exists to show that a student has violated a University rule.

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