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— Todd Miner

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Senators prepare for Thomas vote

After hearing perplexing allegations, many still debating confirmation

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Supporters of Clarence Thomas worked yesterday to preserve Senate support for his Supreme Court nomination as senators "pained and perplexed" by sexual harassment allegations decided how to vote.

A key Southern Democrat, Sen. J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, reaffirmed his support for Thomas, saying the allegations by University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill had not changed his mind about the nomination.

"I believe Judge Thomas is qualified. I said so two weeks ago. I know nothing that has transpired in the meantime to take away from that," said Johnston, who led a group of Southern Democrats to oppose Robert Bork's failed Supreme Court nomination in 1987.

But others were wrestling with the issue as another former aide to Thomas, Sukari Hardnett, told the Associated Press that black women in his office at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission felt they were objects of his sexual interest and physical inspection.

"I am generally undecided," said Sen. J. James Exon, D-Neb., who had been a Thomas

supporters before Hill's allegations surfaced.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said in a news conference yesterday that the three days of testimony left him undecided going into today's vote.

"I was so disturbed over the events this weekend that I'm literally, entirely in the undecided category," Dodd, who had previously been leaning toward Thomas, said at a news conference in Hartford, Conn.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., who had originally been a Thomas supporter, said the hearings left him undecided.

"I'm as pained and perplexed as the rest

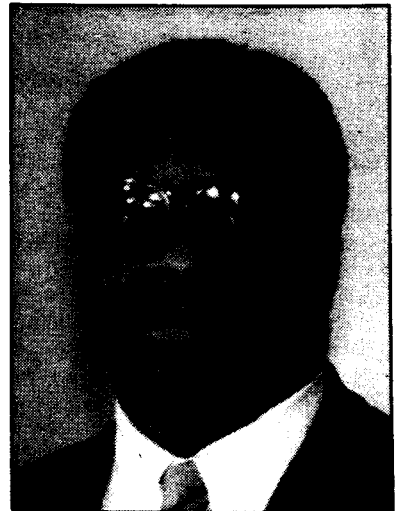
of America," Lieberman said on NBC. "It's quite possible . . . that we're not able to decide that anybody is lying," he said.

Thomas would have 52 votes, barely a majority, if 41 Republicans and 11 other Democrats stick with pledges of support made before Hill's allegations surfaced.

Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., another Thomas supporter, predicted the Senate would approve the nomination in a vote that both sides expected to be close.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said yesterday in remarks to the Atlanta Rotary Club that he would "review all the evidence tomorrow before

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Clarence Thomas

Council hopefuls face off

Borough, PSU top forum issues

By ANTHONY J. DeGOL
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Ideas for downtown revitalization and stability took center stage yesterday as the State College Borough Council candidates faced off at the Downtown Business Association's candidate forum.

Seven of the eight candidates vying for a council seat in the Nov. 5 election attended the forum. Republican Jim Van Horn (senior-history) was unable to attend because of a scheduling conflict.

After brief introductions, the candidates fielded questions and concerns from downtown business leaders about everything from taxes to competition.

When asked for suggestions to curb the University's competition with downtown businesses, some candidates expressed concern about the situation.

The competition "has longed bothered me," said Democratic incumbent candidate Jean McManis.

Businesses like the Penn State Bookstore on campus, the University Creamery and the HUB provide direct competition with their counterparts downtown.

Incumbent candidate R. Thomas Berner, meanwhile, reiterated his proposal that the University should pay an impact fee to compensate for the money the borough loses from the University's tax-exempt property.

About \$1.5 million could be collected annually in taxes, said Berner, a Republican.

An impact fee, he added, could reduce taxes, which would draw more families to the borough, thus providing new business for downtown.

But past negotiations with the University for a contribution in lieu of taxes were unproductive, said Republican incumbent candidate F. Dan Winand. If the borough independently negotiates with the University again, the results may be the same, he added.

Some merchants, meanwhile, probed candidates about ideas for targeting students.

The role of students in improving the downtown area is crucial, said Michael Svoboda, owner of Svoboda's Books, 227 W. Beaver Ave.

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Calm after the storm

Haitian children wait for breakfast at a Port-au-Prince soup kitchen early Sunday morning. The city was calm yesterday as the National Assembly narrowly ratified Jean-Jacques Honorat as Haiti's prime minister. He promised to hold elections within three months and to not tolerate infringements of constitutional legality. Because of the Sept. 30 coup, the Organization of American States has ordered political and economic sanctions against Haiti. Effective boycott steps have not yet been taken.

AP LaserPhoto

Police accused of poor investigation of secret societies

By BRIAN C. RITTMAYER
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Students present at last week's egg melee between members of two secret societies are accusing University Police Services of not fully pursuing the case.

"We're not really concerned about the damage, we're concerned about the double standard on implementing University regulations on students," said Craig Manley (senior-architecture), one of many architecture students who were present during the incident.

"They're giving preferential treatment to these societies because there are big, powerful people involved," he said.

Members of Skull and Bones and Parmi Nous, two secret societies, ran through Engineering Unit C Building, throwing eggs and water balloons last Wednesday.

The investigating officer denied giving special treatment to the case.

"I personally will not show any favoritism. If I have enough to charge someone, I will do that. I was trained to do my job objectively. I don't let politics come into play," said Officer David Scicchitano.

The only action currently being taken is holding Skull and Bones and Parmi Nous responsible for the cleanup. Further action may be pending upon review of the case and if any further information becomes available.

Mark Verratti, president of Parmi Nous, said only a few of his group's members were present that night. He believes they turned up to crash Skull and Bones' initiation.

Steven Signor, president of Skull and Bones, declined to comment on any questions.

The students refused to make any charges due to fear of reprisal from the groups, Scicchitano said.

"We'll follow up on any leads," he said. "So far no one has come for-

ward with any further information."

But the students who witnessed the event said they are not afraid of the society members.

"We're not scared, the police told us they couldn't do anything," Manley said.

Tom Ludwig (senior-architecture) said he and other students present could identify the people in the group, but not which ones threw eggs.

"The offense wasn't committed in the presence of any officers," Scicchitano said. "We need witnesses if we're going to make charges. Nobody would point out a person who was throwing eggs."

But Manley said the police are blaming them for their inability to file charges.

"We're not laying blame. We need witnesses," Scicchitano said. "They chose not to provide information at the scene and we can't force them."

The students said the groups also appeared to be hazing initiates, and that the police were not looking into that aspect.

"We'll fully investigate any charge of hazing. We'll review the case. The key thing is if we can get a victim or a witness to testify," said Dwight Smith, a University police supervisor.

He added that the students made no comments about hazing at the time.

"These people were hazing their initiates. They walked them around blind-folded, egged them, all kinds of crap," Manley said. "There's a double standard on hazing. If a fraternity or a sorority got busted for hazing they'd face serious charges."

Hazing is illegal in the state. Last year, the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Council all wrote statements condemning it.

"If we can prove hazing we will

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Jordan, PLO consider joint delegation at peace conference

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AMMAN, Jordan — In a move signaling a Mideast peace conference may be near, top PLO officials discussed with Jordan yesterday proposals for forming a joint delegation in a bid to resolve major sticking points over Palestinian representation at the talks.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III said after a related meeting with King Hussein that "We will know within a reasonably short time if we will have an active peace process for this region."

Hussein agreed, saying "I believe everything will become clear in a short space of time," and "We hope to have results soon" from the dialogue with Palestinian leaders.

Meanwhile, the offstage role of Yassar Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization came into sharper focus as three of its executive committee members conferred with Jordanian counterparts on such unsettled issues as the chairmanship and size of the proposed joint delegation.

Baker sought to assure Israel that the United States was not trying to

set up a dialogue between Israel and the PLO. At the same time, the fact that top PLO officials had come to Amman to consult with Jordan, he said, "is not a surprising phenomenon."

Baker is pushing against a late-October target, as set by both the United States and the Soviet Union, for convening the peace conference.

Baker hinted earlier in Cairo that even if the Palestinian issues are not settled soon, the two governments would issue invitations anyhow.

Earlier, after more than four hours of talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Baker said, similarly, "At some point . . . we will have to issue invitations." Other U.S. officials said the invitations would

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University restructures bureaucracy; eliminates upper administrative position

By LISA LOEFFLER
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The position of University vice president and vice provost is vacant — permanently.

Robert Dunham, who formerly held the title, assumed the position of senior vice president and dean for the Commonwealth Educational System Oct. 1.

Shifting some of Dunham's former responsibilities to University vice provosts and eliminating the position aims to streamline the administration.

"It will be an effective use of existing vice provosts and others reporting directly or indirectly to the executive vice president and provost," said Vice Provost Grace Hampton.

The Office of Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education will now be responsible for the Office of Student Aid, University Testing Services, ROTC and the University Registrar.

The office has been responsible for University admissions for years, said C. Gregory Knight, vice provost and dean of undergraduate education. The addition

of financial aid and the registrar will enable the three closely-related areas to work together, he said.

"This shows we are very serious about trying to be efficient," Knight added.

Associate Vice President Eugene Melander, who had reported to Dunham, was renamed associate vice provost for academic services and will work out of Knight's office.

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education Jack Royer, who had reported to Knight concerning CES matters, will now report to Dunham. Moving the large work

load resulting from commonwealth matters from Knight's office will allow proper attention to the office's new additions, Knight said.

Faculty personnel issues, the tenure and promotion process, executive searches, administrative reviews, liaison with the Office of Human Resources and coordination of University involvement with the Committee for Institutional Cooperation will now fall under Vice Provost Grace Hampton.

Vice Provost James Stewart will be responsible for the Summer Sessions, Disability Services, Veterans Programs and

the Multicultural Resource Center.

Vice President for Administration Carol Herrmann, who reports to University President Joab Thomas, will hold administrative responsibility for the Affirmative Action Office.

The changes are in a transitioning stage, Hampton said.

The changes were made possible by the work of Executive Vice President and Provost John Brighton and his staff in restructuring administrative positions, according to a news release.