

Newly-elected women should follow through

Women are coming to the U.S. Senate, and business as usual will soon be a thing of the past. Right? Wrong.

The good-ol'-boys are now good-ol'-girls, playing the same political games as their testosterone-driven counterparts.

One of the primary reasons women were successful during this past election was the glaring sexism of the Senate, as exemplified by the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings. Many people believed if a woman had been on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Thomas would not have been appointed to the Supreme Court, and Hill would have been treated with more respect and less contempt.

Now that they've been elected, the senators-elect have turned their backs on the judiciary committee.

In fact, Illinois Senator-elect Carol Moseley Braun began her quest for the Senate after being angered by the behavior of many of the senators on the committee. Throughout their campaigns, California senators-elect Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer campaigned more against the hearings than against their opponents.

But now that they've been elected, the senators-elect have turned their backs on the judiciary committee. Instead of putting their money where their mouths are, the senators-elect want to put their mouths where the money is. They want to serve on funding committees, such as appropriations and ways and means.

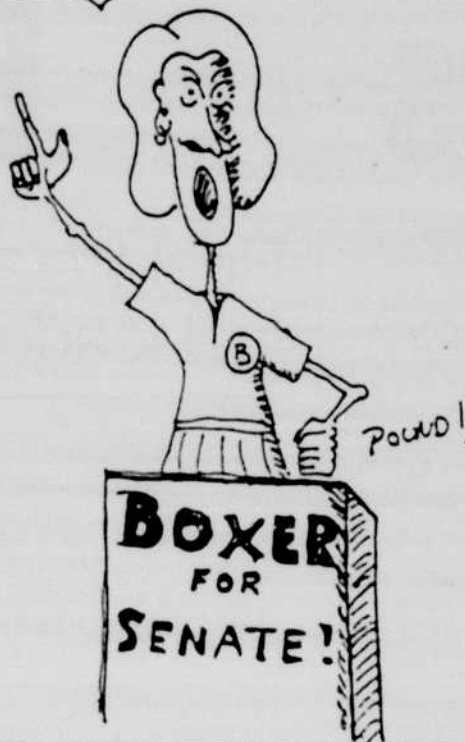
It's not that no one wants them on the judiciary committee. Senator Joseph Biden, chairman of the judiciary committee, has been actively pursuing the women for committee seats, but they have all declined.

Considering that the next appointee to the Supreme Court may be called upon to vote on Roe vs. Wade, or similar legislation, it is inconceivable that no woman wants to sit on the committee that will evaluate that nominee.

Women across the nation considered the election of Braun and others as a milestone in getting equal representation in the U.S. government. Instead, the newly elected women senators seem to be turning their backs on the hopes of women across the country.

Of course, money is where the power lies, and it should be of no surprise that politicians tend to gravitate around the color green. As for now, it seems the women senators have forgotten the judiciary committee, and we can expect the continuation of business as usual.

...AND, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT WE PUT A WOMAN, ANY WOMAN, ON THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE!!



IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT WE PUT A WOMAN, ANY WOMAN BUT ME, ON THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE!!



LETTERS

C'mon Bob

It is my opinion that Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., should resign his office. Packwood is representing the people of Oregon on issues that affect the residents of our state. I feel that if lawmakers cannot set a good example for their constituents to follow, then they must relinquish their power.

The cloud of controversy surrounding Packwood extends further than flirting with female co-workers. His statements that try to shift the blame of his conduct on his abuse of alcohol are the most disturbing.

The senator will inevitably be less effective in Washington on the account of his tarnished reputation. The citizens of Oregon who campaigned on his behalf — as well as the citizens that tried to prevent him from being elected — are all victims.

The hardest-hit victims are the women's groups that endorsed his campaign. Oregon is in enough trouble without bearing the image of a man who intimidates women in the workplace.

The United States is struggling to get out of the dark ages and away from compromising women's integrity. Packwood is now trying to improve his public image by drying out in an alcohol rehab clinic and will probably try to convince the people of Oregon that he was a victim of liquor.

C'mon Bob, who ya kiddin'!

**Tim Overstreet
Business**

Pay for nothing

As an entering freshman this year, I was asked to prove I had met certain measles requirements, among them two measles shots.

I went to the Student Health Center by the University's deadline, displayed my immunization records and received

assurances from two nurses that I would have no problems registering for winter term classes.

When I tried to register eight days later, the computer informed me the health center had placed a hold on my registration. It was 6:30 p.m., the health center was closed, and I was left to deal with a problem I hadn't caused.

The next morning, the health center told me my file had simply gotten lost, and if I hadn't waited so long to show them my records, I would have avoided this hassle. So 15 hours after my scheduled time, I was allowed to register.

I was made to feel like it was my fault, yet I had met all requirements. I am still extremely angry, for I pay more than \$11,000 a year to attend a university that won't let me register. While I consider it a true privilege to be here, I expect a lot less bureaucracy and a lot more organization. I'm paying for it.

**Kelli Congelli
Pre-journalism**

Bitch and moan

I was shocked and disgusted by the opinion piece written by *Emerald* editor Pat Malach that ran Dec. 2.

The point is, I was appalled that someone in his position would dare accuse any student of this university — or this community — of writing a really *crapy* letter to this "publication."

The question that needs to be asked here (I think) is so what? So what if some freaks with a Mac and nothing else better to do want to *mispel* a word or *too*? So what if *they're* word usage is a bit off?

Are you perfect, Pat? The point is, you're not? You're not exactly Jackie Collins, you know. Do you really think you have the moral authority to *proof read* our letters

like some fifth-grade English teacher? And what about "The Catholic Issue"; has the Campus Crusade for Christ heard about this, or are they just Baptist Bible thumpers?

The point is, we have rights. We can write *what ever* the hell we want. It is our God given right to write stupid (and long) letters. So what if our facts aren't always straight? Haven't you ever heard of the Third Amendment?

Anyway, the point is I know where you live. I know where you work. I know where you get your hair cut. So watch out, Malach, *our* I may just redirect a DC-7 over your house.

**Kevin Tripp
Staff Writer
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More semantics

I am extremely concerned about Pat Malach's reaction to the reader who complained about "bigotry against Catholicism" (*ODE*, Dec. 2).

In his reaction, he wrote the phrase "latent Catholic bigotry?" Pat, what you meant to write was latent *anti-Catholic* bigotry. Catholic bigotry refers to any bigotry Catholics would have against others, not vice-versa. To gain a clearer understanding of this, try looking the word up in a dictionary, or maybe examine other adjective/noun pairs — for instance, "editorial arrogance" or "journalistic silliness."

Oh yeah, one other completely different thing. I'd like to express thanks for the advice Pat, but please remember, "The right to be heard does not include the right to be taken seriously."

**Fred O. Roellig
History**

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