Anita Hill arguments continue in Oklahoma

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — After a year-long sabbatical, Anita Hill cannot expect the debate to have subsided when she returns to the classroom for the fall semester at the University of Oklahoma law school.

A year and a half after her Senate testimony against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, a new book titled The Real Anita Hill: The Untold Story has renewed the controversy that made her a national symbol in the debate over sexual harassment.

And to stoke the fires, Hill's first public writings on her appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee are due out in spring 1995 in a collection of essays tentatively titled Race, Gender and Power in America.

Hill returns to teaching in August. While she's been away. conservative state legislators led by Sen. Leonard Sullivan, an Oklahoma City Republican, have been clamoring for Hill's dismissal.

The Real Anita Hill, by Washington Times editorial writer David Brock, "is revealing to the entire world the type of person she is and the type of testimony she gave," Sullivan said. "I'd just like to see her disappear, and go away. Not cause us any more embarrassment."

The book, based on government records and interviews with Hill colleagues, purports to show that she lied throughout her October 1991 testimony on her allegations that Thomas sexually harassed her. Thomas forcefully denied the allegations and was narrowly confirmed by the Senate.

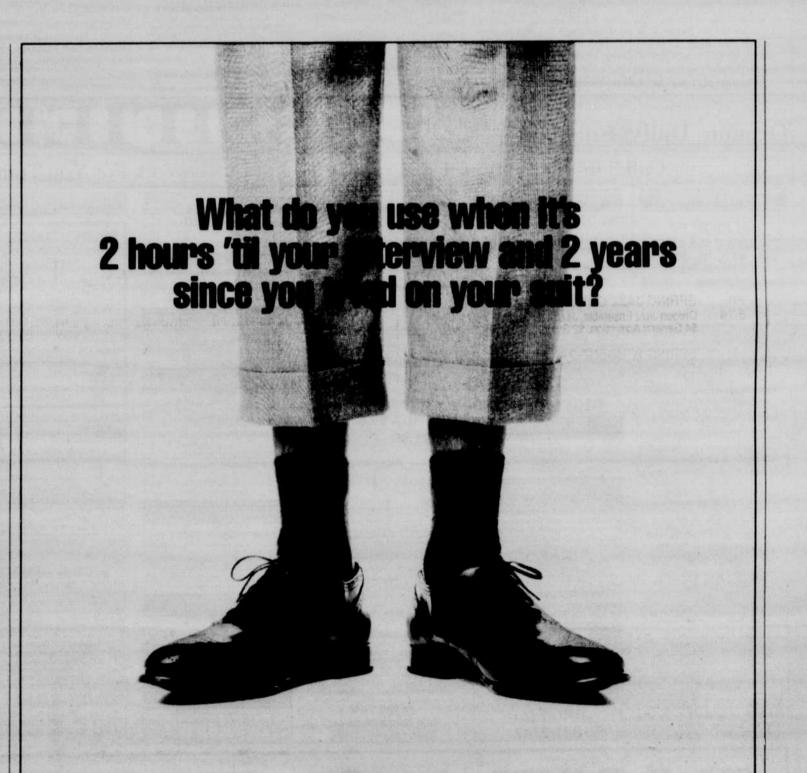
Saturday, in a rare public appearance in Georgia, Thomas called for more public tolerance of diverse political views including his own. The conservative black jurist did not discuss Hill's allegations or his confirmation hearings.

"The book came out to fan the flame of additional press coverage," said E. Melvin Hall, a university regent and friend of Hill's. "I think a lot of people want it to be bigger than it is. But it's a non-issue."

"Sullivan fought Hill's sabbatical and is marshaling opposition to a nationwide fund-raising drive to endow a chair in her name for the study of genderbased issues.

He now wants a special prosecutor appointed to investigate the charges in Brock's book. "I don't think we can let it go by





untouched," he said.

While on sabbatical, Hill has organized a conference at Georgetown University on sexual harassment and has been editing a collection of essays with Georgetown law Professor Emma Jordan.

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