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On August 31, 1987, a new law went into effect in the State of Texas regarding HAZING. Below is an abbreviated summary, in question and answer form, of the contents of that law and the applicability and implications for students, faculty and staff at Texas A&M University. THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY. Certain points in the law have been omitted in this summary for editorial purposes. For the full text of the law, please see Appendix XI of the 1989-90 University Regulations.

What is the definition of Hazing?

"Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off campus of Texas A&M University, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student; that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliation with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at Texas A&M University. The term includes but is not limited to:

- (a) Any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity.
- (b) Any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small place, calisthenics, or other activities that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
- (c) Any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
- (d) Any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, or adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in the subsection.
- (e) Any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the penal code.

In addition, Texas A&M University has also defined hazing to include:

- (a) Misuse of authority by virtue of your class rank or leadership position.
- (b) Any form of physical bondage.
- (c) Any form of "quadding".

How do I commit a hazing offense?

A person commits an offense if the person:

- (a) Engages in hazing.
- (b) Solicits, encourages, directs, aids or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing.
- (c) Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permits hazing to occur.

(d) Has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student of Texas A&M University, or firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report said knowledge in writing to the appropriate University official.

Does it matter if I did not intend to hurt anyone?

No. Texas A&M's policies state that if one of the above occurs, it is HAZING, regardless of the intent.

Does it matter if the person being hazed agrees to the activity?

No. The new law and Texas A&M's policies state that if one of the above occurs, it is HAZING, regardless of the consent or cooperation of the recipient.

What is the penalty if I am found guilty of hazing?

- (a) Failing to report hazing: Fine up to \$1,000 and/or up to 180 days in jail.
- (b) Hazing resulting in no serious bodily injury: Fine of \$500 to \$1,000 and/or 90-180 days in jail.
- (c) Hazing resulting in serious bodily injury: Fine of \$1,000 - \$5,000 and/or 180 days to 1 year in jail.
- (d) Hazing resulting in death: Fine of \$5,000 - \$10,000 and/or 1-2 years in jail.
- (e) Except where the hazing results in death, the student may be required to perform community service in lieu of confinement in jail.
- (f) The student may also be subject to University disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the University, in addition to or regardless of any penalty imposed by the state.

Can an organization be found guilty of hazing?

Yes. An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing.

Can I get into trouble for reporting hazing?

No. Any person who reports a specific hazing incident involving a student to an appropriate University official is protected from civil or criminal liability. However, a person who reports in bad faith or with malice is not protected by this section.

Where do I report hazing?

Office of the Commandant 845-2811 if the hazing was committed by members of the Corps of Cadets.

Department of Student Activities 845-1133 if the hazing was committed by members of a Greek organization or other recognized student organization.

Student Judicial Affairs Office 845-5262 all other incidents of hazing.

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Student Organization Hazing Violations:

Organization name: Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity
Date of Incident: November 14, 1989
Description of Incident: Two pledges of the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity were taken by 13 members on a "snatch" breakfast in the back of a pickup truck. They were told to remove all of their clothes except their underwear. They were caused to purchase syrup, vaseline, and Crisco at a convenience store. They had some syrup on them when stopped by the College Station police.
Action Taken: The Interfraternity Council Judicial Board placed the fraternity on one year's probation from the date of the hearing (Nov. 20, 1989), mandated the chapter to incorporate hazing educational seminars into their pledge program, to present a university-wide program on hazing issues and laws, name a new IFC representative who is an A&M student, find a chapter advisor by spring 1990 rush, and have the new chapter president meet with the IFC Advisor twice monthly during the probation period.

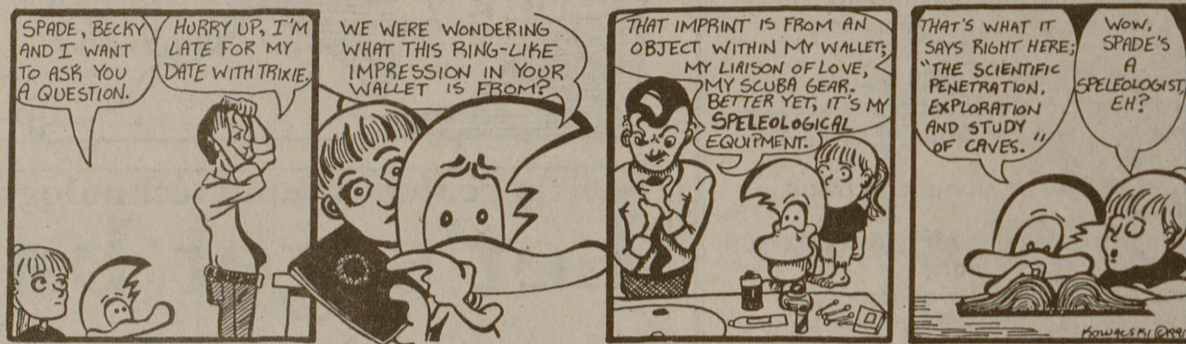
Organization name: Phi Delta Theta Fraternity
Date of Incident: April 11-14, 1991
Description of Incident: The fraternity was found guilty of the following incidents of hazing during "Hell Week" activities: consumption of alcohol by minors, padding, creation of excessive fatigue, sleep deprivation, calisthenics, misuses of authority by virtue of class rank or leadership position, physical discomfort, and embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.
Action Taken: The Interfraternity Council Judicial Board placed the fraternity on probation for the 1991-92 academic year, as did the international headquarters of Phi Delta Theta. The IFC Judicial Board probation includes five additional terms of probation and the headquarters probation includes 12 conditions of probation.

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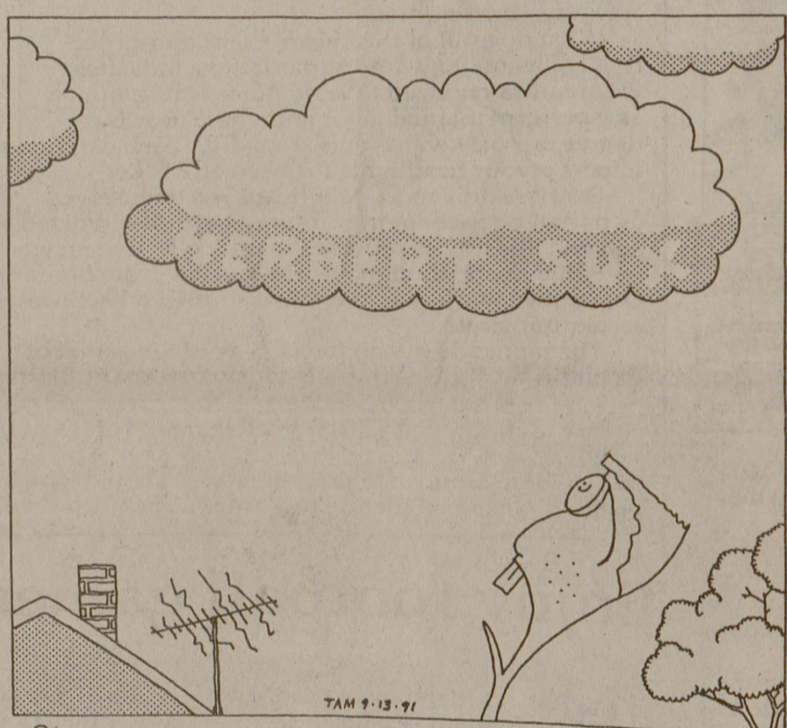
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as very, very favorable." Israel also repatriated the bodies of nine Muslim guerrillas on Wednesday after receiving word on the death of one of its missing soldiers. The Jewish state has said it wants information on all its missing soldiers before releasing more Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners.

Thursday's statement came from the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad. It was accompanied by a picture of American Terry Anderson, whom it is believed to hold. An identical photo was released by the group last month.

Anderson, 43, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was kidnapped March 16, 1985. He is the longest-held Western hostage.

In the statement, Islamic Jihad urged Perez de Cuellar to keep trying to arrange a deal. "We are fully prepared to extend the required support for him to reach the required comprehensive solution," it said.

Islamic Jihad welcomed the Israeli prisoner release as a "positive step," but said it was not enough.

"We ... consider it (the prisoner release) an incomplete one unless it culminates in freeing all our imprisoned brethren in the world,

especially in Europe and the jails of the Zionist enemy," it said.

That apparently referred to Shiite prisoners including hijacker Hussein Hariri, held in Switzerland since July 1987, and brother Mohammed Ali Hamadi and Abbas Hamadi, jailed in Germany since 1987.

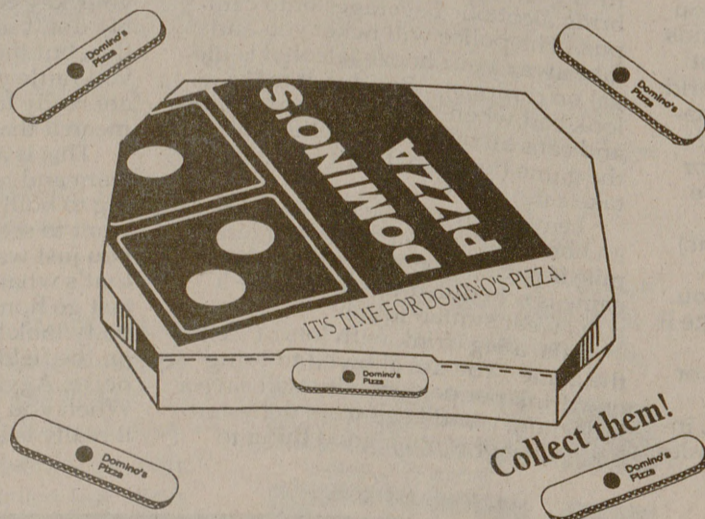
Mohammed Ali Hamadi is serving a life sentence for the hijacking of the TWA jet to Lebanon in 1985, in which a U.S. Navy diver was killed. Abbas Hamadi was sentenced in 1988 to 13 years in prison for kidnapping.

Germany has maintained that the Hamadi brothers were legally tried and sentenced for terrorist activities and their release cannot be brokered. Perez de Cuellar has made similar statements.

The Hamadis' elder brother, Abdul Hadi, heads the security apparatus of the pro-Iranian faction Hezbollah, or Party of God, which is believed to be the parent organization for extremist factions holding most of the missing Westerners.

The Islamic Jihad statement came hours after another hostage-faction, the Revolutionary Justice Organization, said Wednesday's moves by Israel raised hopes of a "happy ending" to the hostage saga.

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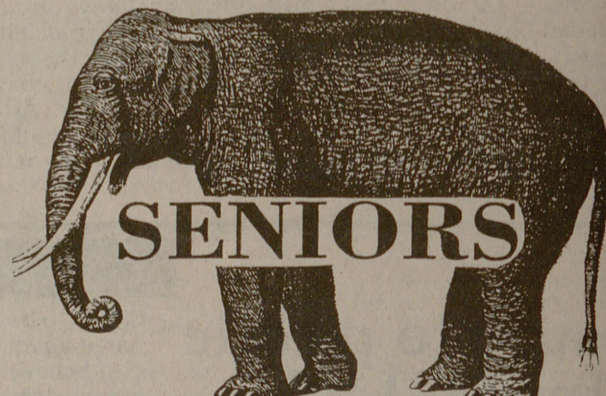
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