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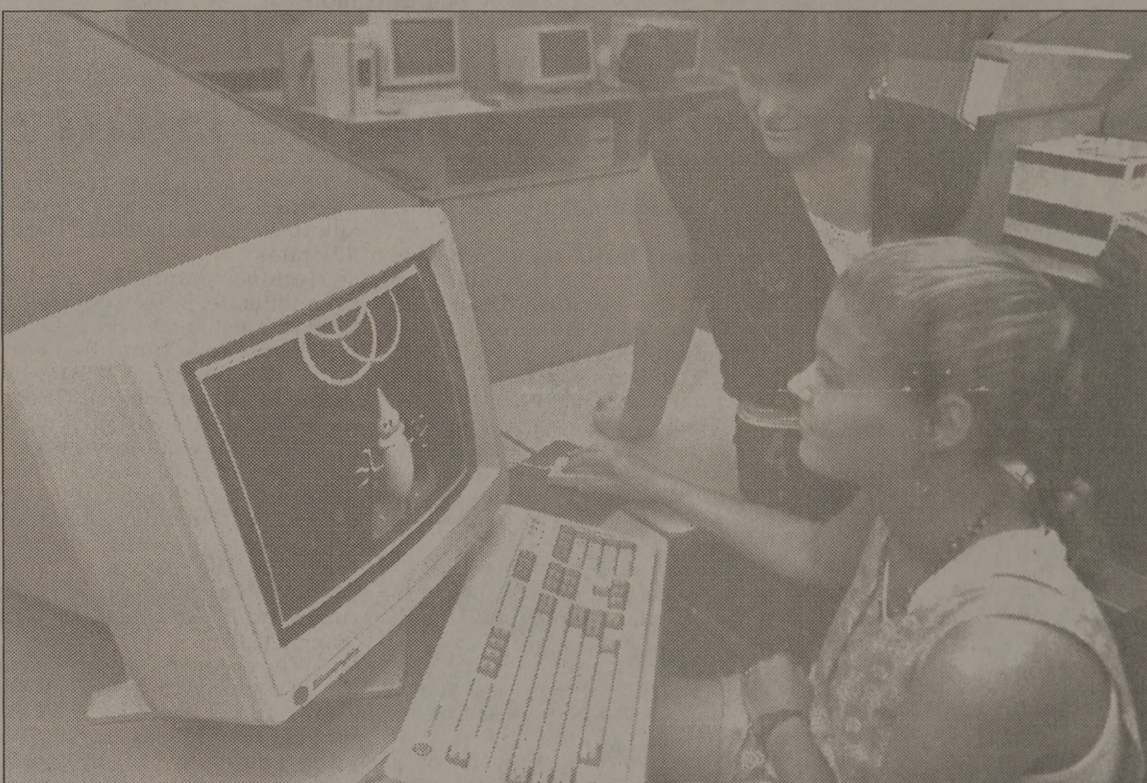
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Students learn the art of visualization



Melissa Saul (front), works with Amanda Ronai on a test frame from an animation Modeling package. Both are graduate students in visualization.

By ANAS BEN-MUSA
Staff Writer of THE BATTALION

In the modern world, the ability to create images is no longer confined to a piece of canvas or paper. Today's computers allow for creativity and imagination that is only confined by the artist's mind.

Texas A&M's visualization program, located in the Langford Architecture Center, teaches many students the techniques of com-3. "We... solve visualization problems," Susan Van Baerle said, assistant professor of the visualization program.

One major project at Washington-on-the-Brazos showed what the state park used to look like by rebuilding, on a computer simulation, the cabins that were originally there, Van Baerle said.

"By videotaping the (other) cabins, texture mapping them on 3-dimensional objects and then

placing them along the main street, it showed how the park looked like when the Declaration of Independence was signed," she said.

Amanda Ronai and Melissa Saul, visualization graduate students at A&M, interned in California during the summer solving visualization problems themselves.

"Internships give you the hands-on experience in order to get around a big computer work station environment," Ronai said.

Ronai interned at Rhythm and Hues, an animation studio in Hollywood. The studio creates advertisements, commercials and does feature film work, and amusement park shows, Ronai said.

"I was part of a software team that wrote graphic software for production use," Ronai said. "We had about eight people in the software group writing basic interface software and utility programs to let animators get their work on tape."

Saul interned at CRSS Architects, originally founded in the 1950's in Bryan. Several of the founders of CRSS were Aggies.

"We worked in the architectural division in downtown Los Angeles and we basically were animating architectural projects," Saul said.

Saul said one interesting project was animating the burned-out sites from the L.A. riots last spring.

"Using a computer, we visualized what the reconstructed buildings on the sites would be," Saul said.

Saul was not a part of the L.A. reconstruction project, but she did participate in an competition held by Sony Entertainment to design an architectural visualization of a

Both students enjoyed their experience of seeing first-hand what the real world job market is like.

"I liked seeing how relaxed everyone was about their job,"

Hutton

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really like to listen to him," Hutton said. "We should bring a good crowd."

Hutton said he really enjoyed playing in Bryan/College Station, and is excited about what the future holds for him.

"I want to go into writing, be able to get paid to dream and do something you love, I can handle that," said Hutton.

Hutton will open for Clint Lee Berryhill Friday night at the Stafford Opera House.

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The following information appears in compliance with the 1987 State of Texas Hazing Law:

Texas Hazing Law Texas A&M University

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, affiliating 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 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.

The following information appears in compliance with the 1987 state of Texas Hazing Law shown above:

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 n 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, paddling, 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.

Organization name: Squadron 15
Date of Incident: September 29, 1991
Description of Incident: Striking of others with ax handle. After working hard all day at bonfire cut, the Commander was talking to the freshmen about motivation and maintaining a positive attitude. One of the fish asked what was done in "Ol Army" days? The Commander stated that ax handles were used at which time he asked one of the fish to bend over. The freshman did and the Commander struck him one time with the ax handle. This was repeated with each of the fish in the unit.
Action Taken: The Unit Commander was placed on Corp Conduct Probation for the remainder of the Fall '91 semester and the Spring '92 semester. Forfeiture of Cadet Commander pay for one month and assist in the preparation and delivery of a training and information program for all outfit Commanders and First Sergeants.

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