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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, 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:

- Any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

- Misuse of authority by virtue of your class rank or leadership position.
- Any form of physical bondage.
- Any form of "Quadding".

How do I commit a hazing offense?

A person commits an offense if the person:

- Engages in hazing.
- Solicits, encourages, directs, aids or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing.
- Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permits hazing to occur.
- 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?

- Failing to report hazing:
Fine up to \$1,000 and/or up to 180 days in jail.
- Hazing resulting in no serious bodily injury:
Fine of \$500 to \$1,000 and/or 90-180 days in jail.
- Hazing resulting in serious bodily injury:
Fine of \$1,000 - \$5,000 and/or 180 days to 1 year in jail.
- Hazing resulting in death:
Fine of \$5,000 - \$10,000 and/or 1-2 years in jail.
- Except where the hazing results in death, the student may be required to perform community service in lieu of confinement in jail.
- 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 Commander 845-2911 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 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, misuse 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 "O" 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.

Lady Aggies prepare for game with TCU hoopsters

By Kristine Ramirez

THE BATTALION

The Lady Aggies' basketball team will take their undefeated conference record and four-game winning streak to Fort Worth tonight against the Texas Christian University Lady Frogs at 7 p.m.

The Lady Frogs are 1-3 in the Southwest Conference and 5-9 on the season. The Aggies are 11-3 this season and in first in the SWC with a 3-0 record, but head coach Lynn Hickey says the team has to stay focused.

"We have to go in with a lot of focus," Hickey said. "We can not go in low-key. For us to do well is important for us."

"TCU is a much improved team. They had a big win against Houston and went into overtime against SMU," she said.

A&M sophomore center Martha McClelland agrees with Hickey. "We have the confidence of being undefeated in the conference, but we need to stay focused," McClelland said.

Sophomore guard Lisa Branch said the Lady Aggies have the momentum in the conference.

"It's a very big game for us," Branch said. "Right now we're in first place and this game can help us out. They (TCU) have played well in the conference."

Hickey said the basic game plan is to go with a press and try to take it inside.

The team needs to execute on offense, run the fast break and play a solid defensive game, Branch said.

Two key players for TCU are forwards Donna Krueger, a 5-foot-10 senior, and Janelle Hunter, a 6-foot junior, both of which are known for their mobility. Krueger is averaging 10.9 points and 4.7 rebounds, while Hunter is scoring 11.4 points per game and brings down 5.3 boards.

The Lady Frogs' up-tempo offense is also a concern, McClelland said. "TCU is a pretty solid basketball team," McClelland said. "The key for us is to stop them. We have to take them out of their running offense."

This is a big week for A&M in the conference race, Hickey said. A&M has never finished higher than fourth in the conference.

"We have an edge if we can take care of business," Hickey said.

The Aggies received 12 votes in the Associate Press Top 25 which is the highest A&M has ever received in the history of the poll. Hickey said the votes are well deserved but they still have a lot more to prove.

After taking on TCU, the team will travel to Dallas on Saturday to play SMU.

"We have to take them out of their running offense."

— Martha McClelland, A&M center

Wilbert

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make it out of Bryan and into A&M," he said.

But, he said he wants children to realize that it takes studying to reach A&M.

"My parents told me to go to A&M and dedicate myself to books," Wilbert said. "Studying is like basketball. If I practice everyday, my basketball will improve, and as I study everyday, my grades improve. Children in Bryan need to realize that."

"By playing basketball at A&M, the attention focused on me will help get that message across to those kids. I want to serve as a role model to all kids in Bryan," he said.

A&M head coach Tony Barone agrees that Wilbert's basketball has improved.

"Joe's adjustment to this level of basketball has been rapid and faster than most kids," Barone said. "He has a great basketball I.Q."

TCU head coach Moe Iba said Wilbert is a big-play player that

is helped by never giving up. "He plays very aggressive on the court," Iba said. "He is very active, and I thought he played very well. He survived his early troubles and made the big plays for them went it counted."

Wilbert said confidence is the reason he does not let slow starts bother him.

"I have confidence, and that helps me pick up my game," he said. "If things go bad, I realize that it won't last a long time."

Wilbert credits Barry Davis, his high school coach, with helping him gain the confidence that has helped him at A&M.

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Barry Davis," Wilbert said. "I was one of those kids that wasn't into athletics. He made me believe in myself."

Davis, who was placed on temporary paid leave of absence from coaching last week, is facing some problems at Bryan High, and Wilbert said he knew his former coach in mind.

"People will always say the negative not the positive things about you," Wilbert said. "I want you to persevere like he has ways told me."

TCU

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TCU mounted a small comeback, cutting the lead to eight points before A&M pulled away for good in the final three minutes of the game. Coach Barone said he was extremely pleased with his team's

tough defense and said that was the difference in the game.

"We have to be thankful that we're 4-0 and now look to SMU and try to get another win," Barone said. "The biggest thing for us is, no one is going to take those four games from us. We only take care of the next game."

The Aggies' next game is Saturday, Jan. 29 at G. Rollie White versus Southern Methodist University.

Pokes

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Then, as the Pokes took one on the chin from the Atlanta Falcons, and Leon Lett donated a victory to the Miami Dolphins, the "Letters From Hell" returned.

"What happened to the Cowboys?" she asked in her letter. "Thank Leon Lett and the Cowboys for giving the 49ers home field advantage during the playoffs."

It was all in fun, I thought. But, did she have to punish me by sending me an authentic red and gold 49ers scarf?

You see, I really can't handle the Pokes dropping games. It has something to do with semi-tears

pouring through my eyes.

My belief that the Pokes were headed to Georgia never wavered, but I try not to brag about the Pokes. I let Troy Aikman's, Emmitt Smith's, Michael Irvin's and the rest of the Pokes' playing do the talking.

The game was finally played Sunday, and my sister-in-law decided to show her lack of football. Before the game was played, she decided leave me a phone message.

"The Cowboys s---k, and they are going down," she said. "See you at the Super Bowl."

Knowing that my family went through the Los Angeles earthquake last week, I excused the call as an effect of having her brain scrambled.

But, at halftime I decided that my brother, a loyal L.A. Ram fan

and Cowboys hater, and his wife should hear from me. I called them—and yes, I did call collect.

"It is over, baby," I shouted at my brother. "Maybe Steve Young and the 49ers can buy some tickets to the Super Bowl."

He told me the game wasn't over yet, and he couldn't believe I was calling collect for something as stupid as the game.

By the Pokes blasting the 49ers on Sunday, I was saved from the thrashing that my family gives me during Cowboys-49ers games.

Last year my uncle, remembering when the 49ers got lucky in 1982 against the Pokes, bombarded me with bad Dallas memories.

"Hey junior, remember how you cried when the Cowboys lost after Dwight Clark caught

"The Catch," he said. "I'm afraid you will be crying again ten years later. This time Steve Young will throw the 'The Catch II' to Jerry Rice."

"Want to bet \$50 that the Cowboys will lose?"

That was a cheap shot because he knew I never let on to the Pokes. But, hearing the laughter of my family and friends, I thought I did not believe in the Pokes, I bet him.

Actually, I spent his money on some nice Cowboy paraphernalia.

Maybe next year when the Pokes and 49ers play for the NFC championship everyone will just let me back in the glory of just watching the Pokes make it to the game. If they don't, I will have to laugh at them again. Yesssss.

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