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**Novotna ready
to play Graf
in semifinal**

NEW YORK (AP) — The memory of The Choke is conveniently tucked away in the dark recesses of Jana Novotna's mind.

Wimbledon 1993. The championship match. One point from a 5-1 lead in the third set. Wild serves. Crazy shots. Steffi Graf winning. Novotna sobbing in the Duchess of Kent's embrace. The world watching.

Don't ask Novotna about it. She won't talk about it and doesn't want to hear about it.

"I only remember what happened after that match," Novotna said Wednesday after advancing to the semifinals of the U.S. Open.

Whether she chooses to remember or forget, Novotna has a chance to put that episode truly out of her mind and everyone else's when she meets Graf on Friday in the semifinals. It will be their first match in a Grand Slam since that Wimbledon final.

It is somewhat of a surprise that Novotna has found her way back to facing Graf again in a big match, and that Novotna feels confident about it. Never mind that Graf has won their past nine matches, going back to the French Open in 1992, and is 20-3 against her overall. And forget that Novotna hadn't gotten past the quarters of any Grand Slam since the '93 Wimbledon.

Cheating scandal rocks UH football

Players admit to newspaper that Weatherspoon took exams for them

HOUSTON (AP) — At least a dozen current and former University of Houston football players routinely paid another player to take their math exams, the Houston Chronicle reported in today's editions.

Former players told the newspaper that defensive tackle Linton Weatherspoon, who played from 1990 to 1992, took exams for other players in exchange for small amounts of cash and other gifts.

The cheating came to the university's attention last December when Weatherspoon was caught attempting to take an algebra exam for offensive lineman Tim Winburn, who played during the 1993 season.

Weatherspoon was suspended from the university for five years. He declined to be interviewed by the Chronicle.

Winburn, who was suspended

for the 1994 spring and summer terms, said Weatherspoon last fall took an algebra midterm for him and two UH players who remain on the team. He estimated 10 players may have been involved in the scheme.

"I know Linton took tests for a lot of players," said Winburn, who now attends Collin County Community College in McKinney. "I mean, this happened a lot."

Former linebacker Delithro Bell said his former roommates, all current UH players, were among those who had their tests taken for them.

The three players named by Bell — safety Dedric Mathis, cornerback Delmonico Montgomery and guard Steven Williams — declined interview requests by the newspaper through the university's sports information department.

Bell said between 10 and 20 players had Weatherspoon take their tests.

Former Cougars quarterback Chandler Evans said he, too, knew about the cheating.

"I never did talk to Linton that much, but everybody knew if you needed a math test (taken), you went to him," he said. "I know he

had been doing it for several years while he was there."

Bell and Evans both said Weatherspoon, who was forced to give up football before the 1993 season because of blood pressure, never took tests for them.

Henry Trueba, UH's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, said he was unaware of widespread cheating. However, he said the university may need to tighten testing procedures and that he looks into the allegations.

The former players said Weatherspoon would go to class with teammates, sit among them and fill out their answers. Winburn said he promised to buy Weatherspoon dinner in exchange for taking the ill-fated algebra final.

Weatherspoon usually charged \$10 per test but occasionally accepted free meals instead of cash, Winburn said.

Winburn said he first learned that Weatherspoon was taking others' exams from a current player he described as a "time starter." He declined to identify the player.



Weatherspoon

Secret meeting at hotel might settle baseball strike

NEW YORK (AP) — Owners and union officials met secretly at a Manhattan hotel Wednesday night as bargaining teams reassembled with just 48 hours left before the deadline to cancel the rest of the season.

At least three of the six members of the management delegation that arrived in New York City on Wednesday evening met

with union head Donald Fehr as expectations rose that the union would offer a new proposal.

"It's hope," Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington said before leaving for the meeting. "It's something that's necessary."

Harrington attended the meeting with Colorado Rockies owner Jerry McMorris, Milwau-

kee Brewers vice-president-general counsel Wendy Selig-Pearce and management lawyer Charles O'Connor.

"We're hoping that they make a counterproposal to our original offer," McMorris said earlier.

Twelve players from the union's negotiating committee were said to be headed to New York.

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 memberships are or include students at Texas A&M University. The term included 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 to 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 hazing agrees to the activity?

No. The new law and Texas A&M's policies state that if one 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: 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 "Old 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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