

# THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

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## Seven arrest warrants issued in UT fraternity hazing

AUSTIN (AP) — Arrest warrants have been issued against seven former members of a University of Texas fraternity accused of hazing.

Police say the members of Pi Kappa Alpha used cattle prods to shock pledges and burned them with cigarettes.

Officers said that when one pledge came forward to report the hazing incidents, he was assaulted by one member and threatened with a baseball bat by another.

There are also reports of paddling, humiliation, a forced trip to a secret location and being given food laced with cayenne pepper, police said.

Court documents filed on Wednesday said another pledge suspected

of betraying the organization by reporting hazing had his toes broken.

There have been some highly publicized hazing incidents at the university in the past.

In 1990, four members of the Sigma Nu fraternity pleaded no contest to criminal hazing violations. They were fined \$500 and three were sentenced to 15 to 30 days in jail. They were arrested after a pledge was beaten and led around the room with a claw hammer gripping his testicles.

Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi and Pi Kappa Alpha were convicted in 1991 of hazing charges.

A grand jury declined to issue any indictments in two cases in which the hazing led to the death of fraternity

members or pledges.

In 1986, no action was taken when fraternity member Mark Seeburger died of alcohol poisoning. In 1996, a Bastrop County grand jury declined to indict anyone in the drowning death of Gabe Higgins, a pledge of the UT Cowboys.

Hazing incidents have declined since Higgins drowned, but some complaints trickle in, university officials say.

"It's an ongoing battle," said Sherri Sanders, UT assistant dean of students. "There are constantly new students coming into the system, and we constantly have to educate them."

Pi Kappa Alpha was ordered last week to cease campus activities for three years because of hazing violations.

More charges may be filed against Pi Kappa Alpha members, Austin Police Sgt. Dusty Hesskew said Wednesday.

The charges filed Wednesday were based, at least in part, on statements given by Hunter Bywaters, 19, who was pledging the fraternity last fall.

Maxwell Lancaster Oliver, 20, was charged with assault with injury and Brian Gale Newman, 19, 2323 San Antonio St., was charged with making a terroristic threat against Bywaters. Police said Newman threatened to beat Bywaters with a baseball bat at a part held Feb. 7.

Joshua Van Maele, 22; Justin Louis Tacl, 21; Kevin Walen Fricke,

20; Alan McGregor Watters, 21; and John Hubert Davenport, 22, were charged with hazing.

Oliver was the only fraternity member charged who could be reached for comment, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

"I had no physical contact with that young man," Oliver said.

Bywaters was kicked out of the fraternity after he went to the fraternity president to complain about what was going on, according to a court affidavit.

But some current members said Bywaters dropped out of the fraternity last fall while he was pledging.

Sgt. Hesskew said Bywaters at first did not help university investigators because of his loyalty to the fra-

ternity. He decided to help, Hesskew said, after another pledge had his toes broken "for failure to cooperate with the fraternity members."

Hesskew did not name the pledge who suffered broken toes, said he did not want to file criminal charges. Bywaters could not be reached for comment, the newspaper reported.

Scott Clinton, a current member of the fraternity, said the people in arrest warrants are no longer members of the fraternity.

"We were surprised to hear the Austin Police Department gotten involved because UT conducted a thorough investigation and punished individuals they thought involved in wrongdoing," Clinton

### ► Campus

#### APO gives parents free babysitting

Alpha Phi Omega, a service organization, will host Parents Night Out tonight in 301 Rudder from 6:30 to 10.

The organization sponsors this service three times a semester to give parents a free night of babysitting.

To participate in Parents Night Out, parents must bring their children to Rudder and fill out a registration form. Parents must show identification when they drop off and pick up their children.

Children are paired with a "buddy,"

an Alpha Phi Omega volunteer, and can watch movies, play with blocks or Legos or participate in other activities.

### ► State

#### Pilot still going on Earhart adventure

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Only about 800 miles into her 29,000-mile trip retracing the last flight of Amelia Earhart, Linda Finch says she is still having lots of fun.

School students today, then leave Friday in her modified Lockheed Electra 10E, for New Orleans.

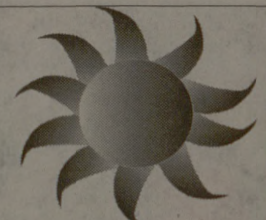


Finch, a millionaire business-

woman from San Antonio who began her 2 1/2-month trek this week, rebuilt the twin-engine propeller plane — bolt by bolt. The plane has a top speed of about 150 miles per hour and won't go above 14,000 feet.

It has been reconfigured identically to Earhart's plane, except for the latest satellite-based navigational equipment.

"Amelia had a message that she wanted to deliver to people everywhere, and it was that you could live a larger life, and that people should have their dreams," Finch said. "That message is something we feel is really needed today and we want to bring it back by remembering Amelia."

### ► Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected High 84°F
Clear and sunny with winds from the south at 5-10 mph.	Clear with southerly winds at 5-10 mph.	Becoming partly cloudy and breezy. Winds from the northwest at 15 mph.	Tonight's Expected High 55°F
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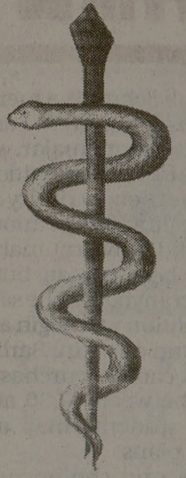
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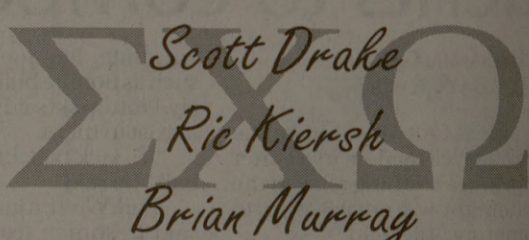
Beginning March 23, Sterling C. Evans Library will extend hours Sunday through Thursday to 1:00 a.m. on a trial basis.

**New Library Hours**

Monday-Thursday	7:00 AM-1:00 AM
Friday	7:00 AM-9:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Sunday	Noon - 1:00 AM

After midnight services and some portions of the collection will not be available. Library will provide security personnel. West Campus Library will maintain its regular schedule. This extended schedule for Evans will continue until the 24-hour exam period begins.

We love the 1997 Sigma Chi Derby Daddies.



*Steve Albers*  
*Scott Drake*  
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*Brian Murray*

Good luck to all sororities participating.

Chi Omega

## AGGIECON XXVIII

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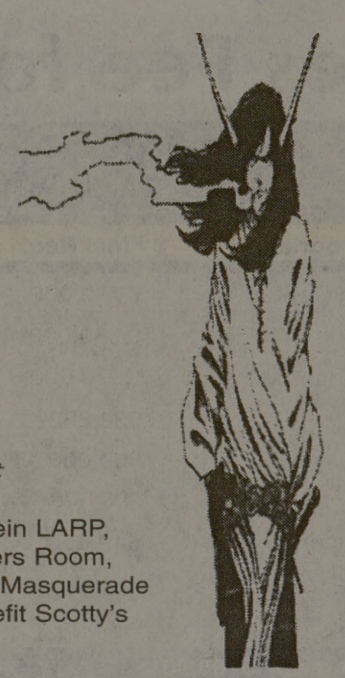
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