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All frats guilty of hazing SOC votes to oust future violators

The Student Organizations Committee (SOC) passed a resolution Wednesday afternoon stating that all campus social fraternities have been in violation of anti-hazing regulations.

The resolution also stated that any chapter found guilty of hazing in the future will forfeit its right to exist on campus.

Violations of the anti-hazing regulation found in the General Information Bulletin had been reported to Director of University Programs and Services Don Mills in a meeting with Inter-Fraternity Council adviser Ted Chase and Panhellenic adviser Marilyn Bachnik.

The resolution, which passed 8-4, stated that the instances of hazing were in violation of University regulations, national fraternity laws and Texas law.

The University will also adopt a new definition of hazing, based on a statement of position from the College Fraternities Secretaries Association. The association defines hazing as "any action or situation created, intentionally . . . to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule."

The definition includes padding,

creation of excess fatigue, physical and psychological shocks, quests, treasure or scavenger hunts or road trips. Also included are stunts and public buffoonery that would degrade a pledge or interfere with his studies.

According to a committee member, some of the hazing incidents include:

—Taking a pledge a long distance from Fort Worth in his underwear, giving him a dime and telling him to get back to the fraternity house.

—Making a pledge recite chapter slogans, harassing him until he cried.

—Making pledges run up and down stairs in the fraternity house until they collapse from exhaustion.

—Making pledges stay awake for long periods of time, cleaning chapter rooms and then dirtying the rooms to make them do it over and over.

"Every fraternity had been to a greater or lesser degree involved in hazing," said Mills. He confirmed the incidents listed by the other committee member. He said he was not aware of "sexual" activities but there had been what he called "physical aberrations."

There was no discussion of immediate suspension or probation of any fraternities, Mills said.

Other hazing activities listed by Mills included forcing pledges to eat large amounts of "garbage—not literal garbage," making pledges shine shoes for actives and spend the night in a laundry room.

All fraternities had been involved in a "systematic hazing," said the other committee member. The hazing included "mental and physical harassment" designed "to make pledges second-class citizens," said Mills.

The committee did not place any chapters on probation, Mills said, because "any fraternity that has been doing a lot of hazing will have to do a lot of work to change its pledge structure." He said this would be more effective than probation.

The committee did discuss in detail whether it should take a milder stance that would have made fraternities merely "subject to" forfeiture, rather than providing for automatic banishment from campus.

The resolution that was adopted said organizations involved in hazing "will forfeit their right to exist" on campus.

The committee decided if a member conducts hazing on his own, it will not be regarded as hazing if the fraternity acts to stop it. If, however, a fraternity knows of individual hazing and condones it, it will be guilty of hazing.

The SOC voted 9-2 to adopt the following policy regarding hazing:

"The University defines hazing as any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.

"Such activities and situations include padding in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside the confines of the house; wearing, publicly, apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; late work sessions which interfere with scholastic activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution."

The SOC voted 7-5 to close the meeting. The action was in violation of a bill passed last year by the House of Student Representatives. The bill provided all meetings of University policy-making committees be held in open session.

If a committee is investigating disciplinary charges against an individual student, it may close the part of the meeting in which it discusses the charges. The SOC was not investigating charges against individuals.

Filing open for town reps

Filing for four town student vacancies in the House of Student Representatives opens at 8 a.m. today.

Students may get applications to file for the vacancies in the House offices. Filing

will close at noon Wednesday, Jan. 29. The election will be Thursday, Jan. 30.

The first meeting of the House this semester will be Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 5 p.m.

Power not in institutions

Priest defies church law

God gives authority to persons, not to institutions, said the Rev. Carter Heyward in Carr Chapel Tuesday.

Heyward is one of the 11 women who defied canonical law when she was ordained as an Episcopal priest in July 1974. The Episcopal Church allows women to rise only to the level of deacon. Her ordination has since been challenged.

"This authority is given to all people," Heyward said. "For Christians, it is given by baptism.

"Our call is to accept this authority, given to all persons, to make a significant, positive difference on humankind."

One critique of her analysis, she said, was some might claim that "anything is God's will. The result is anarchy."

However, she said, God's authority is given to us, not over us, "each with the authority to give or receive to the other." With this authority, she said, "we become people of God, able to do service or disservice, able to accept or reject.

"Jesus had to leave, I think, so we could pick up ourselves and walk. Not just Jesus, but we as well, are authorized to live, to work, and indeed to die, with a free spirit, a holy spirit."

Although communion is an important part of both Episcopal and Disciples of Christ services, none was served. "Some people would (object), I'm sure" if Heyward helped serve the communion, said Marjorie Procter, one of the Brite Divinity School students who invited Heyward.

All the ushers and scripture readers in the service were University women, including Cathy Mabee, president of the Association for Women's Awareness.

"God is the only authority to whom, in the final analysis, we are responsible," Heyward said. During her North Carolina childhood, she said, she became aware of the injustices, particularly racial, which the "best people" practiced.

She said she felt this was because "God was not being obeyed."

"I have been blessed with wise parents," Heyward said. From them, she said, "I realized that my life was my life, and it was my duty and responsibility to live it. What rules there were were more like parameters, limits. Lying, cheating, stealing, swimming alone and throwing rocks at cars, which I occasionally would do, were not things to do."



CARTER HEYWARD

Soviet press chooses detente

As the uncovering of Watergate chicanery crawls along at a snail-like pace, one gets the impression the media here are pulling Richard Nixon under for the third and final time. It may come as a surprise to many Americans that Nixon has received better treatment from the Soviet press through the whole ordeal than from the United States media.

Certainly the events surrounding the Watergate fiasco provided more propagandistic ammunition than the Soviet press needed to further its case on the evils of capitalism. The opportunity was there, but the Soviet press declined to pounce on it.

Some skeptics have rationalized that the Soviets failed to capitalize on the event because the investigative process which culminated in Nixon's resignation was too efficient.

After all, the skeptics claim, how would tales of a popularly elected legislature vested with real powers, ethical standards invoked in political deliberations and public denunciation of the nation's chief executive be received by the Soviet populace? Such accounts might rock the Soviet Union's political system, leaving its people with a thirst for more freedoms, these skeptics claim.

To an extent, these contentions

may be valid. But in a larger and more practical sense, the USSR's attempt to preserve the detente between the two countries, which Nixon worked to establish, would be a more logical explanation for Russia's hands-off approach to Watergate.

On August 15, a Soviet paper declared that "normalcy is returning to the political life of America . . . after some hectic days." Russian newspapers maintained that presidential succession was strictly American political business, implying that writing at any length on the subject would be meddling.

The USSR appeared to be eager to retain the political and

economic links with the United States.

The USSR could gain nothing by post factum criticism of Nixon, and a great deal could be lost. Such attacks could strain, if not sever, ties with the United States at a time when a faltering Soviet economy could use American trade support.

Regardless of the underlying Soviet motives, the spirit of detente voiced in the Russian press is the tone of cooperation Nixon worked for. It is unfortunate that such a monumental foreign policy will probably be obscured in the annals of history by the Watergate scandal.

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Reader feedback

Fowl play feared in death of swan

An Open Letter:

To whomever is responsible for the death of the Swan on Worth Hills Pond.

I am sure the quacks and honks were quite disturbing down at your end of the row. It wasn't so bad at my end. In fact, I was beginning to enjoy watching the big white bird cruise the pond

and greet each day with a morning call. I am sorry the fowl disturbed you.

I would like to ask a small favor of you now. Before you shoot any of the remaining ducks please contact me. I will personally take the responsibility of removing the little beasties to a safe place where they won't bother anybody.

John Langfitt
Fraternity Hall Director
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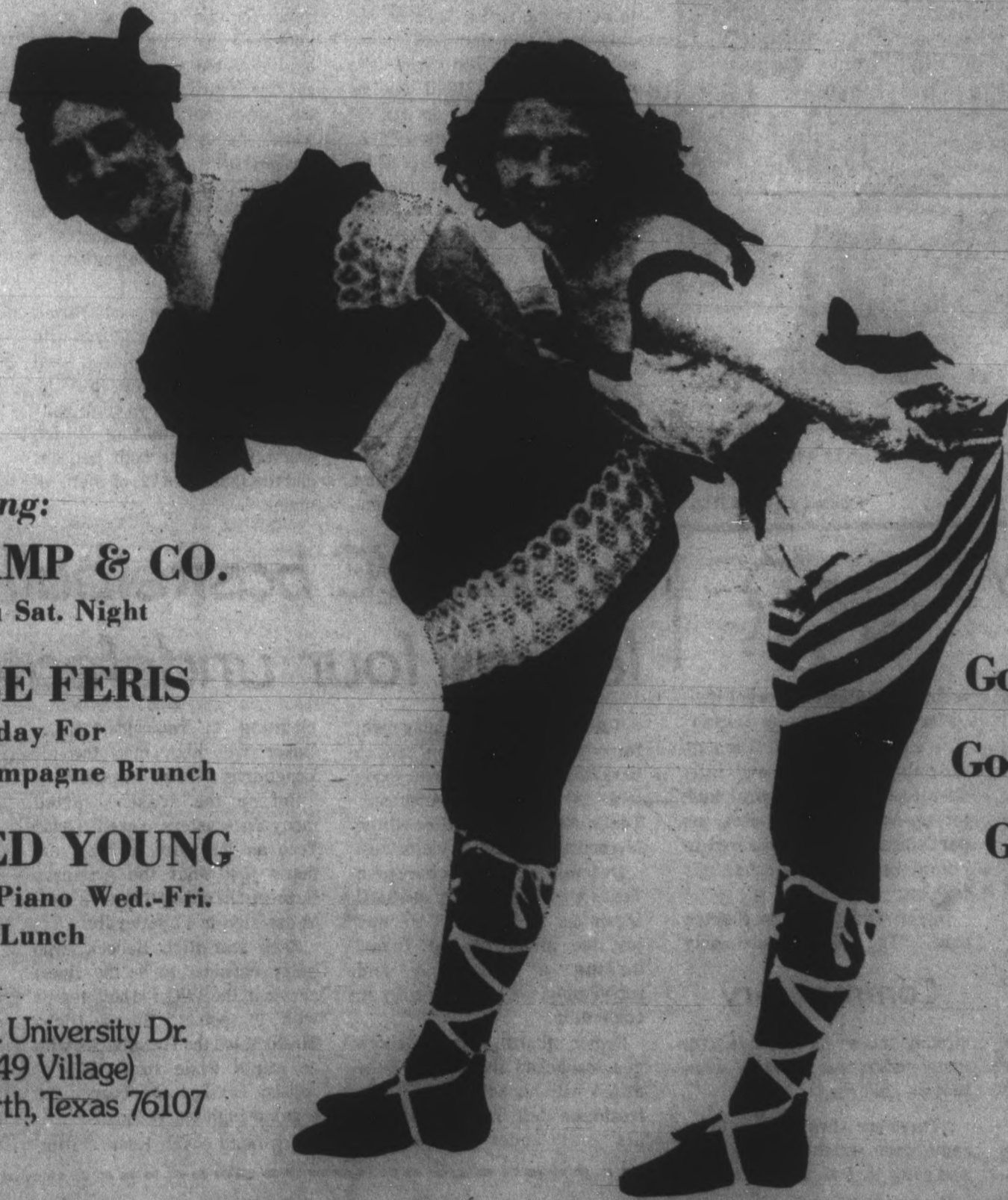


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Purples 'Bleed' Bears in opener

Frogs never lose lead in first SWC win



SKY HOOK—Big Bill Bozeat goes high for a hook shot while two Baylor defenders watch helplessly. Rufus is Baylor's Tony Rufus, a 6' 9½" freshman who was the game's leading scorer and rebounder. The Frogs won 73-65.

Photo by Frank Houx

By TOM BURKE
Assistant Sports Editor

The Horned Frog cagers, led by Thomas "Blood" Bledsoe's 20 points and 10 rebounds, captured their first conference victory by defeating Baylor University 73-65, Tuesday night in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Before this loss Baylor had won the last five games against the Frogs. But this was not the night to be for the Bruins as they led only once, and that was in the early minutes of the game. The score was tied a total of five times but once the Frogs got the lead they never relinquished it.

The first half was marred by poor shooting and numerous turnovers by both teams. TCU shot only 37.5 per cent in the sloppy first half while Baylor shot only 34.4 per cent.

The Purples led by as much as nine points in the first half but the Bears kept the pressure on. Baylor's top scorer was Tony Rufus, a 6'9½" freshman who led both teams with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

Head coach Johnny Swaim started his "winning com-

ination" which consisted of Bledsoe, Gary Landers, Bill Bozeat, Richard Johnson and Eddy Fitzhugh. Lynn Royal broke out of his mild slump with a respectable 13 points and nine rebounds.

"Lynn (Royal) played real hard. If you think we didn't need his effort tonight, well..." Swaim said.

This was the first game in 10 days for the Frogs and they appeared a little rusty. "In analyzing the game I'd have to say the players were sky high and ready mentally. Both teams were playing struggling basketball. Our effort was beautiful but we were tight. There was no lack of hustle anywhere. Baylor was about the same. It was just dog-eat-dog," Swaim explained.

Besides Bledsoe and Royal, Ted Jones hit double figures with 10 points. "Jones played real well," Swaim said, but he wouldn't offer any comments about the officiating which seemed to anger both benches and the fans, all 3,739 of them, at times.

At half-time the Frogs had a five point lead. They stretched that lead to seven in the second half but with only 2 minutes and 56 seconds remaining, the Bears pulled within one point. After a TCU time out the Frogs came out roaring and eventually won by eight points with freshman Robert Hollie, a late substitute, scoring at the buzzer.

The game was marked by 59 fouls with both teams losing key players to foul problems. Bozeat, Johnson and Landers fouled out for the Frogs while the Bears lost their starting forward, Jeff Miller.

Bledsoe's superb performance was his third game in a row in which he has scored 20 points or more. "Blood" was scoring underneath, while continually crashing the boards for offensive and defensive rebounds.

Hopefully this game will be a stepping stone for the Frogs. They are now 1-0 in conference play while Baylor slipped to 1-1. Texas A&M is the next opponent for the Purples. That game is this Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. in College Station.

Technically foul



At Tuesday night's basketball game against Baylor, several sets of ears were peeled, waiting to hear racially inspired jeers from the TCU fans.

Instances occurred where some overexuberant fan shouted at opposing players, but few individuals stooped to racial slurs as University of Hawaii officials charged after the Rainbows concluded a road trip here.

The 'Bows, you recall, lost that game and Hawaii coach Bruce O'Neil laid the blame on crowd harassment and officiating.

Such immature acceptance (or non-acceptance) of defeat indicates a classic example of poor sportsmanship on the part of O'Neil.

If such racial bantering did occur, it is indeed unfortunate, as the Frog cage team lists six blacks, while the Hawaii roster sports seven. Anyone in the Daniel-Meyer gallery who insults a black player cuts our throats with such childish behavior.

As for blaming officiating, most coaches won't say a word about questionable calls after a game. The same goes for the players. An athlete or coach might complain a little during the contest, but when it comes to

a formal statement, forget it.

The Bear-Frog game Tuesday was a prime example. Although officials Percy Penn and Billy Cowan showed an uncanny knack for upsetting both benches, no participant interviewed cared to comment in a derogatory fashion.

Baylor assistant Tom Stanton said, "The officials are only

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human, and we have to live with their judgments. That's what they're paid for.

"There are always going to be some calls which go your way and some that won't," he added.

Home crowds always get down on officials, and although the TCU crowd is not as bad as some partisans, it is no exception.

As for the stories in Honolulu newspapers calling the loyal Frog supporters a group of "big-mouthed, bigoted fans," congratulations are in order to the anonymous author.

Whoever wrote the stories, lacking the nerve to put his byline on them, has reached a low level of journalistic expertise called extreme loyalty to an organization that can't face the fact that it was beaten fairly.

—FRANK HOUX

Busy SWC basketball schedule leaves four undefeated teams

Tuesday night was a busy night for Southwest Conference basketball teams as everybody took to the courts. Arkansas, Texas A&M, TCU and Southern Methodist emerged victorious.

Defending SWC champion Texas was destroyed by the SMU Mustangs in Dallas. SMU was just too proficient and Texas, lacking a hot hand and rebounding, was never really in contention.

Senior guard John Sagehorn quarterbacked the potent Pony attack with his ball control while freshman Jeff Swanson pitched his tent under the boards

claiming 21 rebounds. Bruce Baker was high man for the Longhorns with seven points.

Before the season started many forecasters picked Texas Tech as the team to beat and that's just what the Arkansas Razorbacks did as they took a 65-62 decision in Fayetteville.

Tech star Rich Bullock, who many consider to be the finest center in the SWC, led both teams with 21 points, Guard Ricky Medlock led the Razorbacks with 16 points while forward Kent Allison crashed the boards for a game high ten rebounds.

Hog head coach Eddie Sutton

said Tech was the best team his Hogs have played this year. This was the conference opener for both teams.

The Rice Owls went into their game against Texas A&M with upset in the back of their minds but A&M outlasted the scrappy birds for a 64-61 victory in Houston.

This was the lid-opener for the Aggies while Rice dropped their conference record to 0-2.

Charles Daniels of Rice led all scorers with 23 points while Sonny Parker led A&M with 14 before fouling out with six minutes to play.

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