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Sam Houston
State University

ANNUAL HAZING REPORT 2023

Division of Student Affairs

Dean of Students' Office

Hazing Violations

Sam Houston State University is committed to providing a safe educational environment for everyone and does not tolerate hazing by any group or individual affiliated with the university. The university expects all students and organizations to observe and fully comply with state law and university policies associated with the prohibition of hazing.

Hazing is prohibited under state law and university policy. The university will take disciplinary action for hazing that takes place during official university functions, or during functions held by registered or sponsored student organizations. The university will also take disciplinary action for hazing incidents that have a substantial connection to the interests of the university, wherever they occur.

State Law

- [Texas Education Code, Higher Education, Hazing \(Section 51.936\)](#)
- [Texas Education Code, Chapter 37, Subchapter F. Hazing](#)

University Policies

- [Student Code of Conduct](#)
- [University Policies](#)

Hazing Violations Within the Last Three Years

In alignment with state law, and to inform students in their choice to join student organizations, Sam Houston State University publishes and distributes this report of hazing violations and the organizations disciplined. The violations listed below include those with conduct processes resolved within the last three years.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity

Date of Incident

- Fall 2022

Date of Report to University

- November 19, 2022

Date Investigation Initiated

- November 19, 2022

Date of Resolution

- January 19, 2023

General Description of Incident

- Pledges were required to stay at the ATO house at all times with minimal exceptions, forced to do physical exercise, sprayed with a water-hose, and required to sleep outside in wet clothes around a fire

Student Code of Conduct Violation(s)

- 5.2 Student Misconduct, 5.2(2) Violation of University Policy, 5.2(9) Hazing

University Finding(s)

- The pledge class were required to stay at the ATO house at all times with minimal exceptions for class or doctor's appointments
- The pledge class were forced to do physical exercise in the form of push-ups, sit-ups, and wall-sits
- The pledge class were required to roll in the grass after it was sprayed with a water-hose for a prolonged period
- The pledge class were required to sleep outside around a fire

University Sanction(s)

- Social Probation for the spring, summer, and fall semesters of 2023
- Completion of a hazing prevention educational course
- Submission of a new member education plan

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity**Date of Incident**

- Fall 2021

Date of Report to University

- October 19, 2021

Date Investigation Initiated

- October 19, 2021

Date of Resolution

- October 21, 2021

General Description of Incident

- Pledges were verbally abused, forced to do physical exercise, complete a scavenger hunt, and write the fraternity letters on female's body

Student Code of Conduct Violation(s)

- 5.2(1) Unlawful Act, 5.2(7) Endangers Others, 5.2(9) Hazing

University Finding(s)

- The pledge class were verbally abused in the form of yelling and cursing, forced to arm wrestle one another, and perform physical exercise in the form of running, burpees, and push-ups
- The pledge class were required to complete a scavenger hunt retrieving several items including a urinal cake and a piece of roadkill
- The pledge class were required to locate female's, write the fraternity letters on their breast and buttocks, and have them pose for a photograph
- The pledge class were required to stay up overnight in shifts and cook a brisket
- The pledge class were required to purchase items for a tailgate with personal funds as well as tickets for other fraternity members

University Sanction(s)

- Disciplinary Suspension from October 21, 2021, until May 13, 2022
- Disciplinary Probation from May 13, 2022, until May 13, 2023
- Co-host an educational program on sexual misconduct for the Greek Life Community in partnership with the Office of Title IX

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority

Date of Incident

- Spring 2020

Date of Report to University

- February 19, 2020

Date Investigation Initiated

- February 19, 2020

Date of Resolution

- March 25, 2020

General Description of Incident

- Pledges were verbally abused and required to do chores for other sorority members

Student Code of Conduct Violation(s)

- 5.2(1) Unlawful Act, 5.2(9) Hazing

University Finding(s)

- The pledge class were assembled, blindfolded, taken to an unknown destination, required to link arms while other sorority members yelled at them

- The pledge class were required to make food, do laundry, and pick up sorority members after their shift work
- The pledge class were required to download an app so sorority members could monitor their location 24/7

University Sanction(s)

- Disciplinary Suspension from March 25, 2020, until January 1, 2021

Kappa Sigma Fraternity

Date of Incident

- Spring 2019

Date of Report to University

- October 28, 2019

Date Investigation Initiated

- October 28, 2019

Date of Resolution

- November 7, 2019

General Description of Incident

- Pledges were verbally and physically abused

Student Code of Conduct Violation(s)

- 5.2(1) Unlawful Act, 5.2(9) Hazing

University Finding(s)

- The pledge class were abused in the form of yelling and cursing, and forced to perform physical exercise in the form of push-ups, sit-ups, and wall-sits
- A member of the pledge class was forced to kneel while another member of the fraternity picked up dog feces with a diaper and threw it in the face of the kneeling pledge class member

University Sanction(s)

- Loss of recognition, university disaffiliation