



Statement of Policy on Hazing

Chapters and/or individual members are not permitted to impose menial or personal tasks or to allow any form of hazing. Any chapter officer responsible for allowing such activities shall be removed from office. Delta Gamma policy strictly forbids hazing, which is defined as any act or tradition that endangers the physical, mental or emotional well-being of a new member and/or member, that requests, encourages or suggests violation of city, county, provincial, state or national law; is mentally or physically degrading; or requires a personal or menial task of a new member and/or member, regardless of location, intent or consent of the participants. Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to, embarrassing and/or required stunts or costumes; harassing; interrogating; line-ups; kidnapping; "tuck-ins;" personal services; drinking or eating on command, request or suggestion; deprivation of sleep or food; authority over new members and/or members; anything that tends to diminish the self-esteem and dignity or categorize the new member and/or member as a second-class person. Hazing corrupts the true meaning of Fraternity life; it negates the values of loyalty, hope, trust, supportive friendship, kindness and compassion that Delta Gamma affirms. The moral integrity of the Fraternity is inseparable from the conduct of its members. Because Delta Gamma supports the integrity and dignity of women; basic human rights; decency, honor, gracious living and positive reinforcement of each other; there is no place for hazing (which is negative and archaic) in our Fraternity of women. (06-18)