

Fraternity members have no right to save seats

University student Amy Hope is incensed about fraternities that send their members into Autzen Stadium to save an inordinate number of seats before Oregon football games. Who can blame her after what she went through at the Oct. 20 Arizona State-Oregon game?

Hope says she was verbally and physically assaulted by Phi Delta Theta fraternity members at the game after she and three friends refused to move from a section fraternity members were saving for other members.

She might have moved if they were just saving a few seats, but she says they were trying to hold down six rows.

Hope alleges that several members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity then proceeded to yell obscenities at her throughout the first quarter.

Hope put up with it, just to prove that kind of intimidation was not going to work.

And what transpired during the rest of the game, from Hope's point of view, and mine as well, was definitely out of line.

After the verbal abuse, four of them spat tobacco on her—a move of true class.

The abuse continued until halftime, when one of the members intentionally punched her in the back and pushed her off of the bench, she said.

"They were laughing," Hope said, "saying, 'Way to go ----!'" (The name is omitted due to legal restrictions, better known as innocent until proven guilty.)



From the Sidelines

by

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Hope has filed fourth-degree assault and harassment complaints with the Eugene police department.

After she was punched four more times by the same person, Hope said she went to the nearest security guard to get some help.

"He said, 'We get a lot of flak from the Greeks when we step in,'" she said, and he did nothing.

That's an interesting stance for someone trained to defend people who are subjected to abuse at games. Kind of makes me wonder who was actually paying this guy.

"This is the first year that we have had a totally professional security staff," said Sandy Walton, assistant athletic director. "We gave instructions to all of them that seat saving was not a viable alternative, and apparently this was one person who missed the briefing."

But I think the situation goes much deeper than just missing a briefing.

Hope's experience proves that at least one fra-

ternity believes it has a right to demand those seats, or make someone pay for sitting there, and shows that the practice of using intimidation to save seats is more prevalent than is reported.

So Hope, angry and bent on getting justice, went to the fraternity house and talked to Phi Delta Theta President Craig Wanichek the day after the game.

"He didn't care about what had happened," she explained, "but he was begging me to keep quiet about it. He was so concerned with the image of his house, but he didn't care about what had happened."

Wanichek said he tried to stop the member from yelling obscenities, and never saw him spit on or punch Hope.

"The house does not condone his actions in any way," he said. "We are conducting our own investigation. And (the member) claims that he never hit or spit on her."

Yet Hope said that there were four members spitting tobacco on her.

Hope was quick to point out, though, that all fraternities and sororities are not involved in these kind of activities.

Many of them are great places to get peer support and leadership on the long road through college. But sometimes the support and leadership turn into control and power, and that's when people like Hope have to stand up and say, "Enough is enough."

Oregon moves up in poll, Castle receives honor

Oregon moved up three notches in this week's Associated Press Top 25 football poll as the Ducks check in at No. 22.

Oregon was ranked 25th last

week, but moved up three spots with an impressive 31-0 shutout of Stanford this past Saturday. Oregon's first shutout since 1988.

The Ducks moved up as

Oklahoma and TCU, ranked 22nd and 24th, respectively, a week ago, both lost. Arizona, still at No. 23, struggled to beat Washington State.

Oregon free safety Eric Cas-

tle, who had 16 tackles in the Stanford game, was named as Pacific-10 Conference defensive player of the week.

All five Pac-10 teams will be in action against one another again this week.

The Top Twenty Five

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press 1990 college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's rankings:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Virginia (44)	7-0-0	1,462	1
2. Notre Dame (6)	6-1-0	1,380	3
3. Nebraska (5)	8-0-0	1,350	4
4. Auburn (2)	6-0-1	1,284	2
5. Illinois	6-1-0	1,230	5
6. Houston (2)	7-0-0	1,196	6
7. Washington (1)	7-1-0	1,189	7
8. Miami, Fla.	5-2-0	1,074	8
9. Colorado	7-1-1	1,009	10
10. Brigham Young	6-1-0	943	9
11. Tennessee	4-1-2	870	11
12. Florida St.	5-2-0	807	12
13. Iowa	6-1-0	759	15
14. Texas	5-1-0	742	13
15. Florida	6-1-0	638	14
16. Georgia Tech	6-0-1	612	16
17. Mississippi	7-1-0	519	17
18. Clemson	7-2-0	424	19
19. Wyoming	9-0-0	407	18
20. Michigan	4-3-0	403	20
21. USC	6-2-0	333	21
22. Oregon	6-2-0	230	25
23. Arizona	6-2-0	225	23
24. Penn St.	5-2-0	123	—
25. Louisville	7-1-1	108	—

Other receiving votes: Michigan St. 50, Ohio St. 38, Texas A&M 37, Oklahoma 29, Central Michigan 9, Georgia 6, Indiana 5, TCU 4, North Carolina St. 1, North Carolina 1, South Carolina 1, Syracuse 1, UCLA 1.

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