HAZING

In compliance with state law, hazing is strictly prohibited. On November 26, 1985, legislation prohibiting hazing took effect in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Although hazing is most commonly associated with induction into college fraternities and sororities, the practice can also occur in a number of other circumstances.

The legislation states:

The term “hazing” ...shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person.

Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, or other substance, or any brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

As a member of the ____________________________ intercollegiate team at Mount Holyoke College, I have read the above stated material and understand its content.

Name: ____________________________________________ (please print clearly)

Signature: ____________________________________________

Date: ________________________________________________