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with Fraternities and Sororities

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Greek life provides memories, network

Rush, philanthropies, Greek Week, all part of life in chapter houses

Rush, charity work, barn dances, Greek Week and the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils. It's all part of belonging to a fraternity or a sorority. Through 17 chartered fraternities and 12 chartered sororities, students can become a part of an individual network of students on campus.

RUSH

Greek rush, held during the week before fall term classes begin and informally other times of the year, is a chance for students to meet current fraternity and sorority members and become familiar with the different campus chapter houses.

Chapter members serve as rush counselors and guide groups of rushees through the chapter houses. Included in rush are open house, tour and activity days and preference night.

During rush, houses will bid, or invite, students to join their organization. When the student accepts a bid, they become a pledge to the chapter house for a term. As pledges, students learn about the history of the house and the Greek system as

a whole and national officers and philanthropies. Pledges are then given a test over what is learned to prepare for initiation. During initiation, the pledges become official members of the house.

PHILANTHROPY

Every year the fraternities and sororities raise tens of thousands of dollars for local and national charities. Each fraternity and sorority has a specific philanthropy with which they are affiliated nationally and members hold fund-raising events annually and donate the money to the philanthropy. During Greek Days of Giving, usually in February, the Greeks single out and support a special charitable cause.

Fraternity and sorority members also volunteer their time to University Day, campus blood drives and other community events.

NEW CHAPTERS

The newest members of Greek life are Tau Kappa Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities and Sigma Kappa sorority. Sigma Kappa gained its charter this year while Tau Kappa Epsilon is getting theirs this week and Pi Kappa Alpha will gain theirs next fall.

GOVERNMENT

The Panhellenic and In-



Fraternity and sorority members toss the watermelon during Greek games.

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terfraternity Councils comprise the government for the Greek system.

The Interfraternity Council (for the men) and the Panhellenic Council (for women) consist of presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers and nine

other positions related to Greek life.

The councils are there to serve as a link between the administration, fraternities and sororities and other campus groups.

In addition each council has

a president's council, made up of each chapter's president, which deals with current issues. Each president then reviews the issues or problems with his or her house members.

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