

# Fraternity existence benefits community

Jared Paben's story about Student Judicial Affairs Director Chris Loschivo ("Fraternity incidents elude University sanctions," ODE, March 12) is not the objective news story it pretends to be. It is an opinionated, one-

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sided attack on our greek system that unfairly pigeonholes fraternal organizations for their scattered mistakes. It leaves out the numerous great things members of the greek system do for this community.

First of all, suggesting that members of greek organizations are the only students on campus who make mistakes that most young people make is absolutely ridiculous. The only difference between the greek community and the general student body is that we are accountable for our actions and we allow ourselves to be judged by the general public, whereas others can often elude the accountability that comes with being affiliated with an organization.

Secondly, our endorsement standards are second to none on this campus. Who else on campus attends Impact Leadership retreats and hears successful speakers such as John Spence and other social issues speakers? Who else pushes themselves to achieve a better GPA than the

all-men's and all-women's averages, which are currently above a 3.0? Those are hardly easy marks to attain as a group. Each house has a yearly philanthropy event to raise money for organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of America, the YMCA, Looking Glass shelter and more. How come nobody on campus hears about those things from their campus newspaper? Every member of a fraternity is also required to volunteer five hours every term to give back to his community, but the reality is that many do more on their own because they want to do something for their community. Delta Upsilon, in winter term, volunteered more than 500 hours with just 30 members. Many of those hours came from coaching YMCA basketball along with members of Sigma Chi. Where is the front-page article on that?

When you focus on the scattered mishaps of a few people, you leave out all the great things greeks do for the University. Maybe Paben should stop attacking greek organizations with his opinion and over-emphasis on the negative. He should start doing some real news reporting and write about all the great things and accountability that greeks bring to this university.

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