

Everything You Wanted to Know About Fraternities but were afraid to ask !!!

I've heard that fraternity members form really strong friendships...is that true?

You bet it is! The most important component of fraternity life is friendship. There's always a fraternity brother around to play a pickup game of basketball, to go on a 2:00 a.m. pizza run, or to help you with that tough computer project. You'll never feel alone at college when you've got your fraternity brothers around!

Why do fraternity men call each other brothers?

It's the sense of family that the fraternity provides. Fraternity friendships are forever. Even after graduation, the bond of brotherhood keeps friendships alive. From the Class of 1968 to the Class of 1995, you have something in common...the bond of friendship.

I want to succeed academically. Will fraternity membership help or hinder my efforts?

Getting good grades in college can be tough. It takes hard work, commitment, and knowing the right resources. In the fraternity, you can use the network of members who already take advantage of campus resources such as the library, computer and math labs, and job placement centers.

While you are still ultimately responsible for your own success, many opportunities are opened up to you as a result of your membership. Educational workshops on study skills, time management, stress management, study halls or study hours, in-house tutors, and award and incentive programs are built into the scholarship program.

I was a leader in high school. Will I have opportunities to lead in the fraternity?

In fraternities, you're in charge! Everyone in the fraternity is a leader, whether you're an officer, a committee chairman, or organizing a holiday party for underprivileged children you'll find everyone works together with lots of team spirit.

You will learn by doing. You'll learn how to manage a budget, run effective meetings, speak in public, motivate others...skills that will help you in college and throughout your life. Remember, it takes more than just a degree to get a good job!

What about volunteering time to help others?

Helping others will make you feel good about yourself! Whether raising funds for a particular charitable organization or volunteering your time to help others in the community, you will see that human service is an unimportant part of the fraternity experience. From dance marathons to blood drives, service is fun!

Sounds great, but how much time does it take?

Through your involvement with the fraternity you'll learn how to better manage your time and balance your academic, work, and fraternity commitments.

Does it cost a lot to be in a fraternity?

Fraternities are not expensive. Each fraternity is self-supporting from dues paid by its members. Fraternity housing and meals are competitive with other campus housing options.

What happens my first months in the fraternity?

You're going to make a lot of new friends, friends you'll soon call brothers. It's an exciting time...electing officers...planning socials...going on a retreat...learning fraternity history...and getting to know more about yourself and your new brothers.

You also get a "POP," and older fraternity member who will help show you the ropes of college and the fraternity. Without a doubt, he'll be one of the best friends you ever have.

What is Rush?

Rush offers you the chance to meet other people and learn about what fraternity offers its members.

Be concerned with friendships, scholarship, leadership, and service to others. Just like researching, visiting, and choosing a college, during rush you should seek out the fraternity that best fits you personality, needs, and goals.

What about hazing?

Hazing is absolutely forbidden. You don't have to prove yourself. Each fraternity does have expectation of their members though. During rush, you'll want to ask each fraternity specific questions about what is expected of you as a new member.