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THE RECRUITMENT BIBLE

With recruitment beginning this past Sunday, all anyone can talk about is what houses are best and what to wear for recruitment and who you talked to in the houses. If you are in a frat, I am guessing that your recruitment is a little different but it is similar principles: talking with the current members, bonding, deciding which you like best, etc, only with you boys you do it all hammered. Well, I guess those interested in sorority recruitment could still get hammered, to each their own. However you approach panhellenic recruitment, these little tips and tricks will be sure to make your recruitment process that much easier and can help you get into your dream house.

✦ **Partying.** Always talk about alcohol. Be ready to answer these questions: how much do you go out? Do you like drinking? What is your favorite type of alcohol? What do you think of people who don't depend on alcohol for fun.... Fools, right?

✦ **Academics.** When discussing school, always bring up grades and be sure to share your opinions on which majors are full of the big dumb-dumbs and which majors are far superior

✦ **Sex.** Be sure to talk about your sexual history. It is important to share these types of intimate secrets. Did they have a valentine? Did you have a valentine? At what age did you lose your virginity (if applicable)? Also, if you have shared partners with people, that is great! These girls will upgrade from your Eskimo sisters to your sorority sisters.

✦ **Politics.** With the political climate being how it is, this can be a touchy subject but still, so important to bring up. It is not polite to directly ask someone who they voted for, but don't be afraid to dance around the question until they get the hint and tell you. Ask them what they think about the insurrection? What do they think about the impeachment trials? Who does their family support?

✦ **Covid-19.** The thing that hasnt left our minds for an entire year. With such a profound impact on our lives, it would be silly to not talk about it. But these are the key questions to ask people so that you get a grip on how much they care about the pandemic and how they respect others: Will you get the vaccine? If not, why? Are you anti-vaccer? Do you believe in masks? Do you care for anthony faucci in a passionate way that exceeds the normal boundaries of just respect?

✦ **Greek life.** When going through recruitment, it is so important to ask the current members about their experience in the chapter and why they chose that house. But you can always go a step further and ask them for their opinion on other houses. Which house is the WOAT? Which house is the best? Which house has the thots? Is it true that ____ house has girls that did _____? Which house has the smartest girls? All of these are important questions in order for you to get to know the greek life community

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More tips and tricks on back.

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✦ Family. How many siblings do you have? Where do your siblings go to school? Are your parents together? If they are not together, why is that? What kind of emotional baggage has that left you with? Are you one of your parent's favorite? If not, do you know why they don't like you as much as another sibling? What other familial drama can you tell me? Have any of your familial relationships given you the inability to love?

✦ Religion. Always remember that it is important to find a house that shares your values and shares your faith. How does one find a house that supports their religious views? That is easy! Just ask them! Ask them questions like: Do you believe in God? Are you going to heaven or hell? Thoughts on reincarnation. How do you feel about the Pope and the Catholic church? If you could be any other religion than your own, which would you be? Monogamy or polygamy?

I wish you all great luck on your quest for the best house. By following these simple rules and talking points, you will be golden! Good luck future panhellenic members - get ready to shell out hundreds of dollars for everything :p

-Katie Kerrigan, Head Writer

LET'S GET PUNCTUATIONAL

The Oxford (or serial) comma is the final one in a list of items that is placed just before an "and," "or" or "nor." The Oxford comma dates back to 1893, when Horace Hart, printer and controller of the Oxford University Press, included it in his style guide for printing press employees: *Hart's Rules for Compositors and Readers*. There is another theory that F. Howard Collins introduced the comma in his 1912 book called *Author & Printer: A Guide for Authors, Editors, Printers, Correctors of The Press, Compositors, and Typists*. Collins worked with a man named Herbert Spencer who supposedly coined the term "Oxford comma." Regardless of its origins, this little pen stroke makes sentences more clear and understandable. Unless of course, you are using the AP Stylebook, which neglects the Oxford comma. Another fun fact about the Oxford comma is that it is more common here in the states than in the UK, Australia, and South Africa. Regardless, this comma is one of the most common punctuation marks in English, which is one reason why you should care about it. The reason it is commonly omitted is to save space and time, especially in mechanical printing (like for newspapers).

While many feel that the use of the oxford comma is stylistic, it is more than that. It is truly a neglected, but crucial piece of punctuation. Omitting it can lead to misunderstandings and a general lack of coherence.

For example: "I love my parents, Charlie Sheen and Adam Weinberg ." This sentence can be interpreted as stating that you love your parents, and your parents are Charlie Sheen and Adam Weinberg. Here's the same sentence with the Oxford comma: "I love my parents, Charlie Sheen, and Adam Weinberg." With the oxford comma, you have gotten rid of any confusion that may occur by clarifying that your parents are not Charlie Sheen and Adam Weinberg, but rather you just love them along with your parents.

Clearly, this is an important topic because Vampire Weekend wrote a whole song about it. I just feel bad that it is so entirely neglected. Many people don't even know what it is. Maybe I just like the Oxford comma because I like the song. Or maybe I just care about punctuation. It is probably both. Anyhow, this is a sign for you to care more about the oxford comma and to use it. I think that it should really be standard practice. You will sound smarter, more coherent, and professional.

So to answer your question, Vampire Weekend, I do, in fact, give a f*ck about the Oxford Comma.

All info found on google and/or my own brain. I am too lazy to pull together some citations. But just look at wikipedia.

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