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WHAT THE RUSH GUIDE DIDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT GREEK LIFE

After the release of the rush guide, we of course had to put in our two cents—mostly because we never got tapped to be Wingless Angels (rude).

For Freshmen:

-It's easy to see the appeal of Greek life. Meeting new people is harder than ever in a pandemic. But just keep in mind that people gravitate toward certain Greek organizations for a reason: safety. When you get your bid, just look around the room and take stock of your new sisters/brothers: Do they all look like you? Are you in the same clubs and on the same teams? Are they exactly the same as your friends from high school? If your objective is meeting new people, rushing may not be the answer.

-Don't like to party? Greek life probably isn't for you. Like to party? Greek life probably isn't for you. If you don't show up/don't drink at mixers, you'll get called out at chapter for making the group look "boring" [this has happened!]. BUT, drink too much? Take the occasional drug? They'll send your ass to standards or kick you out altogether. Ultimately, the sorority's reputation trumps personal choice every time.

-Someone had to say it, it might as well be us: you are not making a deep bond during that mandatory 30-minute recruitment chat. Does your Greek organization really want you, or do they just need bodies to bolster their numbers and keep nationals off their backs?

-Speaking of nationals... the vast majority of your dues are going directly to the national organizations that were founded on racism, sexism, classism, and trans erasure.

-Scholarships for dues give the illusion of socioeconomic inclusion. You may have reduced dues, but there are so many hidden costs: money for booze, new outfits for every mixer and theme party, new dresses for every formal, cabin weekends, etc.

-If an institution was created solely to exclude certain people for the sake of "building a community," it can never evolve into being an "inclusive" place.

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-If you genuinely care about philanthropy, open your wallet and donate to mutual aid funds instead of the Karens at sorority headquarters.

-If the idea of a historically classist and racist institution hosting “anti-racist” workshops led by white women bothers you... we have bad news...

-If you are looking to join a Greek community rooted in tradition rather than exclusion that throws some kickass events and parties, Denison has Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) chapters that are worth looking into.

-Just an FYI...it’s highly likely that at least half the girls in the panhell sorority you want to rush have openly expressed wanting to drop.

-We KNOW it feels necessary to rush. We promise it’s not. You will still have friends, you can still go to parties. If you took the time to read all this, you can probably hang so hmu

[it’s worth mentioning that this barely scratches the surface of all of the issues in Greek life, both at Denison and systemically.]

For Current Members:

“The master’s tools will never dismantle the master’s house.” — Audre Lorde

[If you’re looking for a sign to drop, this is it. Do it. If they’re really your friends, they’ll still be your friends without you paying.]

TL;DR: All Greek life is exclusionary by nature, but somehow this has been twisted into a virtue. The reputation of a fraternity, but especially a sorority, is directly based on how difficult it is to get in. Whether accomplished through hazing, small pledge classes, or impossibly strict recruitment guidelines, the objective is to let in the fewest possible new members (while still having enough to make your organization look desirable and pay off nationals). Think about that. Do you really want to be part of a club that prides itself on how many people it keeps out?

Also, we are prime examples of how you can still be a hot, well-adjusted normie with a god complex without paying 900 dollars a semester :)

-Emily Allen and Nina Cosdon, local hot and well-adjusted normies



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