

Greek life offers many opportunities, rewards for students



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nities to have fun. Dinner exchanges with other houses, parties, intramurals, and road trips to your fraternity or sorority's fellow chapters across the country are just some of the many ways to provide that fun.

But the most important concept in joining a Greek organization is the experiences and memories you gain throughout colleges with your "brothers" and "sisters."

"Living in a Greek house just gives you a much better family-like, home atmosphere that you don't get anywhere else," Schwartzkopf said. "It's a unique chance to live with people you want live and spend your college years with, and you just simply feel more at home in that kind of environment."

Although there are plenty of benefits a student will get out of living in a Greek house, still the stereotypes and supposed negatives of Greek members and life linger:

Greek houses are not diverse, are exclusive, and are only open to "one kind of person." Schwartzkopf said that contrary to this belief, a wide variety of students of ethnic and social backgrounds join Greek houses, not to mention a wide variety of students from different geographical regions and college majors.

It's too expensive to live in a fraternity or sorority - it's only for "rich kids." Schwartzkopf said that the room and board costs of living in a Greek house are comparable and similar to the cost of living in the residence halls. Yes, members must pay dues to the national organizations, but those dues include the social benefits

that come with being in a fraternity, not to mention priceless experiences and memories.

Drinking and hazing have become far too much of a focus in Greek life from what we learn in the media through countless incidents throughout the nation at college campuses. Schwartzkopf said that as much as possible has been done at UNL to combat drinking and hazing, especially in the last five years. Some of those things have included several alcohol education programs and speakers that are specifically designed for Greek students and strict anti-hazing policies and penalties enforced by the university's Code of Conduct.

"It's important to us that our members become leaders and respectable people when they leave college," Schwartzkopf said. "One of the advantages of the Greek System is educating the members about high-risk drinking and rules so they will become that."

The Greek System, Schwartzkopf said, is just another of the many options a strong university such as UNL provides its students. If you are interested in exploring this option, all you have to do is fill out a fraternity or sorority rush application and you can then begin to see which Greek house is the one for you.

"Rush," or recruitment of new members is done year-round, but the main rush period for fraternities is in the summer and the beginning of the school year for sororities. If you think Greek life is for you, give it a rush!

For more information, call Greek Affairs at 402-472-2582 or visit the office on the third floor of the Nebraska Union.

Towne Club provides alternative to Greek life

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getting these experiences is obviously a lot less compared to the expense of joining a Greek sorority, and despite the fact Towne Club does not have a house, a lot of its members live together off campus and in the residence halls, and hang out with each other "all the time."

Towne Club rushes, or recruits new members, year-round, Anderson said, and that the group is open to any kind of person who wants to join.

"We are not exclusive at all," Anderson said. "We're looking for girls who are looking for something to do and want to have fun. We usually send out informational brochures two weeks after school starts, but even now we're doing activities like going to movies and having parties at Holmes Park Lake so the girls can get to know the members better and see if Towne Club is for them."

If you are interested in Towne Club or would like more information about it, call Anderson at 402-477-0378 or visit its office in the Nebraska Union.



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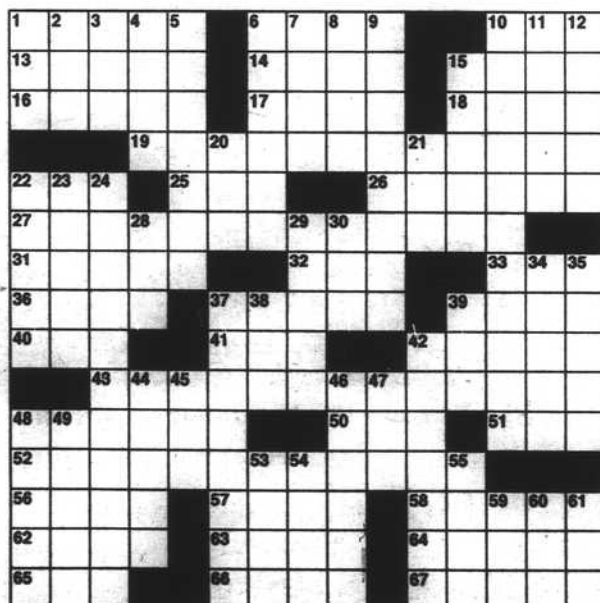
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- 14 Foot support
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- 17 It introduces me or John
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- 19 Stickup
- 22 '80s TV puppet
- 25 Soul singer
- 26 Contaminates
- 27 Stuck-up
- 31 Contemptuous sound
- 32 Batman before George
- 33 Swinging
- 36 Well-ventilated
- 37 It's before and after "de la"
- 39 "But — but"
- 40 Biol. blueprint
- 41 Doughboy's foe
- 42 Usher's beat
- 43 Stock up
- 48 Letterman or Leno, e.g.
- 50 "A Boy Named —"
- 51 Porker's pen
- 52 Stack up
- 56 Yoked pair
- 57 Teheran's terrain
- 58 Boise's state
- 62 Hawaiian goose
- 63 His work is a bust!
- 64 Singing Carpenter
- 65 Environmental no-no
- 66 Merriment
- 67 Roast host

DOWN

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- 2 Tree toppler
- 3 Pot topper
- 4 — Minor
- 5 Like a cloudless night
- 6 Fictionalized
- 7 Piqued
- 8 Slash mark
- 9 Fuel regulator
- 10 (or) on a page
- 11 Wide-awake
- 12 They can be double or triple
- 15 Log dwelling
- 20 Tattoo honoree
- 21 Ewe said that?
- 22 Syrian president
- 23 Russian revolutionary
- 24 Air freshener feature
- 28 Saute
- 29 Hot spots
- 30 Ewe's mate

- 34 Lagoon entrance
- 35 Bard's output
- 37 Aviary talk
- 38 Sprint
- 39 Lots of dough
- 42 Neanderthal, you might say
- 44 In agreement
- 45 Sweet potato
- 46 Custom or practice: Var.
- 47 Limey's hangout
- 48 Gov't. issue
- 49 Rubbed the wrong way
- 53 Russian sea
- 54 Pink inside
- 55 Choice cheese
- 59 Rainbow shape
- 60 Tee —
- 61 "— Mo' Time"

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College: new environment, new rules

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sions." Drinking isn't the only problem Blum runs into. Other punishable activities Blum runs into include smoking marijuana, assault, harassment and academic dishonesty.

The amount of disruptive behavior in the classroom was also especially noticeable last spring, Blum said.

"Students need to understand that when they go into the classroom, that instructor has been given the opportunity to run that class how he or she wants to," Blum said. "We stick by the instructor. It's real important that they read the syllabi. We usually don't allow ignorance to be an

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Aside from knowing the rules, Blum said, her advice to incoming students is just to use common sense

when making decisions.

"Any time you're in violation of the student code of conduct, there's a good chance that someone will turn you in," Blum said. "It's all just becoming a part of the community and becoming a good citizen."