

# Greek system can offer unique college experience

■ **Fraternities and Sororities** give students a chance to get involved, make friends.

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So, you're here. You've made it. College. The big time. Such a bright future ahead. So many great memories lay before you. This is going to be a blast.

Of course, as exciting as this all is, you might want to ask yourself some questions before you pack your bags and head off for this new chapter in your life:

How am I going to get to know people when I get to college? Where am I going to live? What am I going to do?

For some, the answer is the greek system. Joining a fraternity or sorority doesn't mean just finding a place to live. For some, it means finding a group of people and a place that will make

one's college experience the best it can be and provide lifelong friendships and memories.

Since the late 1700s, greek letter organizations have been an integral part of colleges across the nation, all in the pursuit of their founding purposes - to help students achieve academic excellence, to provide for them an opportunity to meet more people, to give them the leadership experiences they need to prepare them for the "real world" and to enhance their lives social-

ly.

"Quite simply, they are here to give college students a better college experience and make them better people when they leave the university," said Linda Schwartzkopf, the director of Greek Affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"And we believe Nebraska has one of the strongest greek systems in the nation. It shows in both the number of people involved in fraternities and sororities and in the quality of

the students that join them."

And Schwartzkopf has the numbers to prove it.

Greek houses have been a part of UNL's history for more than 100 years and are at the center of campus life. Walk down 16th and R streets right around the Nebraskan Union, and there you'll see some of the many greek houses that spread out across both City and East Campuses.

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