

Brotherhood

When you associate with a fraternity you're not just meeting new friends or acquiring a place to live and party. It's much more than that. You're becoming a part of a brotherhood. Brotherhood is a unique, private bond based on intangible, invisible principles. And because of this bond, you'll be making friends which last not a semester, or four years, but for a lifetime. Being part of a fraternity is incomparable to anything else; it's brotherhood, pure and simple. However, to know of its existence is one thing, to experience the brotherhood of fraternity membership is another. It is a oneness, which transcends all cultural, economic, and ideological differences and overlooks petty disagreements and selfishness. Brotherhood is the essence of Greek Life...come and be a part of that life.

Social Life

A big part of college life is having fun. Parties, sports, games, and "hanging around" help make each day, week, month, semester, and year not only enduring but enjoyable. Greek life offers opportunity for this essential part of college life. Parties offer an inexpensive but exciting means of meeting fellow students without the worry of transportation. Intramurals give Greeks a chance to compete outside of the classroom as well as give you the chance to get to know your brothers in a different light. Going to lunch with your brothers, watching a movie at the house, or even just sitting around playing a game of cards helps break the monotony of the classroom grind and strengthens your friendships.

Besides offering an opportunity to meet new people and do new things, fraternities also help you to develop the skills to be comfortable with doing such new things. Fraternities sponsor workshops and lectures, which range in subject matter from etiquette, to alcohol awareness, to the development of interpersonal skills. Fraternities want members who are mature, responsible men but also men who know how to enjoy themselves. You too could be one of these men.

Words To Be Familiar With...

Active-A fully initiated member of a fraternity or sorority.

Alumni-Those fraternity or sorority members who have graduated from University.

Bid-An invitation to become a pledge/associate member.

Brother/Sister-A term used by members of a fraternity or sorority when referring to each other.

Chapter-The local group of a fraternity or sorority.

Fraternity-An organization with life long membership which uses Greek letters as a name.

Greek-A member of a fraternity or sorority.

IFC-Interfraternity Council which governs the 15 NIC fraternities at ECU.

Initiation-The ritual which brings the pledge into full membership in the fraternity. Generally of some sacred nature as a formal ceremony.

Legacy-A person whose father, mother, brother, sister is or was an active member in a certain fraternity or sorority.

Panhellenic Council-The governing body over the 9 NPC sororities on campus.

Pledge-A person who is working to become an active member (also called an Associate Member).

Ritual-The traditional secret ceremonies of a fraternity or sorority.

Rushee-A person who is going through rush.