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WE, THE FRATERNITY UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of health, for whole-hearted cooperation with our college's ideals of student life, for the maintenance of fine social standards, and for the serving, to the best of our ability, of our college community. Good college citizenship as a preparation for good citizenship in the larger world of alumnae days is the ideal that shall guide our chapter activities.

WE, THE FRATERNITY ALUMNAE MEMBERS, stand for an active, sympathetic interest in the life of our undergraduate sisters, for loyal support of the ideals of our Alma Mater, for the encouragement of high scholarship, for the maintenance of healthful physical conditions in chapter house and dormitory and for using our influence to further the best standards for the education of the young women of America. Loyal service to chapter, college, and community is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

WE, THE FRATERNITY OFFICERS, stand for loyal and earnest work for the realization of these fraternity standards. Cooperation for the maintenance of fraternity life in harmony with its best possibilities is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

WE, THE FRATERNITY WOMEN OF AMERICA, stand for service through character building inspired in the close contact and deep friendship of fraternity life. To us, fraternity life is not the enjoyment of social privileges but an opportunity to prepare for wide and wise human service.

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INTRODUCTION TO SORORITIES

Welcome to Western’s campus. We hope that Rush is just the beginning of a memorable college career for you.

You may wonder why you should go Greek? One of the greatest advantages to being a sorority member is the bond of friendship among sisters. This is where lifetime friendships grow. Of course, in turn, each member gives her time, loyalty, and talents to bettering her sorority and the Greek system at Western.

The obligation overlooked most often by young women contemplating pledging is the financial aspect. Additional expenses to be incurred include pledge fee, dues, the cost of a pin and initiation fee, and various social expenses. The first year is the most expensive because of pledging and initiation fee. On Western’s campus pledge fees range from $7.50 to $37.50; dues from $7.00 to $10.00; initiation fees from $50.00 to $85.00. Most initiation fees, however, include at least partial payment of your pin.

We here at Western hope you will soon join our “family.” Through membership you may find your campus identity and capacity for leadership. Many girls need a sorority just to find themselves. In these and many other ways a sorority woman is rewarded.

May we wish you an enjoyable rush period, a happy pledging, and a membership you will treasure throughout your life.

Dear Rushees,

The time of sorority rush is not far away and this will be a time of decisions for you. During the week of rush you have to decide which sorority parties you want to attend and finally the day of signing a preference card will be upon you. And this is when you start a new way of life.

Why a girl pledges a sorority cannot be answered in a general way. Everyone has different reasons for pledging, but everyone will agree that during rush you will develop friendships that last a lifetime. Not only do you form new friendships but more important you find people who care about your success in college both socially and academically.

Fun is the definition of rush! It provides the greatest opportunities a new girl on campus can have — a time to meet other students in a short period of time. Just remember rush is for you — so get ready to have a week of fun.

Sincerely,

Sally Webb
Panhellenic President

Dear Rushee,

A sincere welcome is extended to you, the new members of Western Kentucky University. The establishment of personal friendships which will continue throughout your lives is an important part of this experience for you, the rushee. Sorority membership is one way of establishing close friendships which endure.

Rushing is a mutually selective process between the sorority and the rushee. It is advisable to start with and keep an open mind, as your interests and preferences may change during rush activities.

Sorority membership carries not only privileges, but equally the responsibilities which are its strength. Choose wisely and this will be a meaningful experience for you.

Sincerely,

Karen Theobald
Panhellenic Rush Chairman
Dear Rushee:

The four years that you will be at the University in all likelihood will be among the most rewarding and exciting years of your life. In the classroom and outside you will daily be confronted with new ideas and philosophies. You will also be challenged to engage in the exciting adventure of making new friends.

There is little question that your most lasting friendships will be made during your undergraduate days on the “Hill”.

University life at Western affords you many ways to give expression to special interests and to make friends whether or not you affiliate with an organization. Among the organizations that provide an excellent opportunity to enhance your life while at the University are the sororities. The educational goals of the sororities are compatible with the purposes of the University. They all stress the social, cultural, and spiritual development of their members.

Before you leave for college, discuss with your parents and with friends in your community their attitudes and opinions about participation in a sorority group. You will be wise not to form an opinion about specific groups before coming to the campus. All of our sororities are similar and offer excellent programs and opportunities. I hope you will become acquainted with this phase of life at Western Kentucky University, whether or not you become a member.

Charles A. Keown
Dean of Student Affairs

Dear Parents:

As parents of a young woman preparing to enter college, you will be confronted with many decisions. Among the decisions you and your daughter will be making will be whether or not she will pledge a sorority. We hope that this booklet will answer many questions concerning sorority membership.

The nine national sororities represented on our campus exemplify a high standard of university and community citizenship, scholarship, self-development, and leadership training. The sorority system is a well-established, progressive and industrious one which is continually striving toward the goal of enriching a woman’s college career.

Sorority Rush is designed to acquaint the new student with the sorority system. Our rush activities take place prior to the beginning of classes. The activities are exciting and fun to attend. At the conclusion of rush, both the individual chapters and the individual girl make a mutual choice. We sincerely hope that your daughter and you will decide to discover sororities at Western. I would like to welcome you to Western and extend a warm invitation to write or visit me at the Office of Student Affairs.

Doris Brennan
Panhellenic Advisor
RUSH RULES

These rules are set up for sorority women as well as rushees. These are designed to give the greatest possible fairness to all rushees. Please read these carefully.

A. ELIGIBILITY

Any freshmen woman entering Western Kentucky University on good standing may participate in Rush. Any upperclassman or transfer student wishing to rush must be in good standing with the University and have a 2.2 overall point standing.

B. COMMUNICATION

There is to be no communication between actives and alumnae, and any rushee outside of normal rush contact. Normal rush contact is the period during the parties. Outside of during the parties there is to be no written or oral communication.

C. ORAL BIDDING

Oral bidding is an offer of membership made illegally to a rushee by any sorority member. An oral bid can be defined as any statement which says or implies that a sorority will definitely offer a girl membership. If a rushee should receive such an oral bid from a sorority, she should report the offense immediately to the Panhellenic Advisor or the Panhellenic Rush Chairman.

D. INITIATION

A girl must have a 2.2 overall point standing at the end of her pledgeship to be initiated.

RUSH VOCABULARY

ACTIVE — An active is a sorority member who has filled all requirements for membership (scholastic, activity, and financial) and has been initiated.

ALUMNA — A sorority woman who has graduated or withdrawn from college.

BID — A formal invitation to pledge a sorority.

CHAPTER — The local group of a fraternal organization is a chapter of the larger national group.

FORMAL RUSH — The time set aside for sororities to meet and get to know the rushees at a series of parties.

GREEK — A member of a sorority or fraternity.

INITIATION — The ritualistic ceremony that ends a girl’s pledgeship and makes her an active member of a chapter.

LEGACY — A girl whose mother or sister is, or was, an active member of a sorority. This does not mean that that sorority must pledge this girl, however.

LIMITATION — The final group size determined by the Panhellenic Council and Western.

OPEN RUSH — A period of informal rush following formal rush for sororities that did not fill their quota.

A PLEDGE — A girl who has accepted a bid as a probationary member of a group and is going through a period of training to become an active member.

PREFERENCE CARD — A card signed by a rushee indicating which sorority she wishes to join.

QUOTA — The number of pledges a sorority may take.

A RECOMMENDATION — A letter from an alumnae giving information to a chapter about a girl.

A RUSHEE — A college woman participating in formal or informal rush.
These members of Alpha Delta Pi are enjoying a Sunday afternoon in front of the football stadium.

Alpha Delta Pi is the oldest social sorority for women. The national sorority was founded as the Adelphian Society at Wesleyan Female College in Macon, Georgia on May 15, 1851. The local chapter, Epsilon Delta, was established on May 15, 1965, and is one of over 120 active chapters.

"We live for each other," is their open motto. The sorority's flower is the Woodland Violet and its colors are pure white and azure blue.

Epsilon Delta annually sponsors the "ADPi 500" at the end of Greek Week.

The sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha enjoy meeting at the Old Stadium on Western's campus.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. The local chapter, Epsilon Zeta, was established on November 22, 1968.

"By merit, by culture," is its motto. Their colors are salmon pink and apple green. The T-Rose is their flower and the pearl is their jewel.

The Cleveland Job Corps is the AKA's national philanthropy.

The spring of 1969 found the AKA's sponsoring their first annual "Pledges on Parade."
The sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi can always find a friendly face in front of Gordon Wilson Hall.

Alpha Omicron Pi is a true Greek Organization. It was founded at Barnard College of Columbia University in New York in 1897.

Its color is cardinal and their flower is the Jacques-minot rose. Their jewel is the ruby.

Each year they sponsor "Cards and Fashions" and the proceeds go to its national philanthropy, the National Foundation.

AOPi has 106 active chapters and 89 alumnae chapters in the United States and Canada.

Alpha Xi Delta have become avid fans of Western’s basketball team inside the spacious E. A. Diddle Arena.

Alpha Xi Delta was founded at Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois on April 17, 1893. There are now 120 active chapters across the United States. Western’s chapter, Epsilon Kappa, was installed April 1, 1967.

The sorority’s national philanthropy is concerned with juvenile delinquency. In keeping with this, the local chapter sponsors a girl scout troop at an orphanage.

Their colors are double blue and gold with the flower being the pink kilarney rose.
Kelly Thompson Complex is a good place for sisters to meet and talk as the Chi Omega's have found.

Chi Omega Fraternity was founded at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas on April 5, 1895. The Chi Theta Chapter of Chi Omega was initiated at Western on February 6, 1965. To date there are 154 active chapters.

The open motto of Chi Omega is “Hellenic Culture and Christian Ideals.” The fraternity's colors are cardinal and straw; the flower is the white carnation. The owl is their mascot.

The Chi O's annually sponsor “November Nonsense” at Western.

The sisters of Delta Sigma Theta explore the Kentucky Building for history of the commonwealth.

Delta Sigma Theta was founded at Howard University in 1913. Eta Zeta Chapter is “our newest Greek” on Western's campus. Delta Sigma Theta received it’s charter on March 14, 1970. There are 111 active chapters in colleges across the United States.

Their colors are scarlet and beige. Delta Sigma Theta's national service projects are: library services, Mental Health and Volunteer Services for Social Agencies.
Kappa Delta Sorority was founded at Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia on October 23, 1897. Since its founding, Kappa Delta, has grown to 112 chapters. The local chapter, Delta Gamma, was installed on March 27, 1965.

KD upholds her motto, “Let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful, and highest,” through their national philanthropy of supporting the Crippled Children’s Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

Their colors are green and white; their flower, the white rose.

The Phi Mu’s are enjoying an afternoon in front of the Kentucky Building.

The Phi Mu Fraternity was founded on March 4, 1852, at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, the first chartered college for women. Their open motto is “Les Soeurs Fidelis” . . . The Faithful Sisters. The local chapter, Delta Tau, was installed March 6, 1965. There are now 115 collegiate chapters throughout the United States.

Their official colors are rose and white and the rose carnation is its flower.

The Phi Mu’s adopted the Hospital Ship S.S. Hope in 1963 as its national philanthropy.
The sisters of Sigma Kappa take time out from classes to enjoy our campus.

The Sigma Kappa Sorority was founded in 1874 at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. The Epsilon Zeta chapter was installed at Western on January 9, 1965.

As a philanthropic project the national sorority supports the "Maine Sea Coast Mission" with each chapter giving its support. As a chapter project, it contributes to a girl's farm school in Greece.

Their colors are lavender and maroon; their flower the Violet. Their motto is "One heart, one way."

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RUSH CALENDAR

AUGUST 16 — All women participating in rush enter their respective dormitories.

3:00 P.M. — There is a Parent-Rushee Tea to be held in the Student Union Ballroom. Panhellenic invites all Rushees and Parents to receive information.

7:00 P.M. — Rushee Orientation will be held in the Student Union Ballroom. At this time all Rushees will be assigned to a rush counselor. Presence is required.

AUGUST 17 — Ice Water Parties
There will be nine (9) of these parties. Presence is required. Dress is school clothes.

AUGUST 18 — The same schedule will be followed as on August 17th.

AUGUST 19 — Theme Parties
There will be six (6) of these parties. Presence is by invitation. Dress is school clothes.

AUGUST 20 — Preference Parties
There will be four (4) of these parties. Presence is by invitation. Dress is Sunday dress.

Each Rushee is given twenty minutes to sign her preference card after attending her last party.

AUGUST 21
7:00 P.M. — Rushees pick up their bids to sororities.