

Relevance of

Introduction

Last week, the newspaper was dominated by anti-fraternity sensationalism. This theme was in poor taste and did not bring the point across. The paper was turned over to narrow-minded and one-sided people who obviously don't care what they say, as long as it's anti-Greek.

I honestly believe that most of what was said was true. However, it was so one-sided and biased that I can't even congratulate the writers on their observations. They didn't even attempt to point out the worthwhile aspects of the Greek system. If there were none, I seriously doubt whether anyone would bother joining such a poor institution.

I have heard that the reason for the anti-fraternity theme of the newspaper was to unite all the Greeks against a "common enemy." It was to anger the Greeks into action. That's fine. I think the initial idea was really good, however, the way you went about it was in poor taste. This issue was written just before rush, which wasn't fair at all. Let the prospective pledges judge for themselves whether the Greek system is worth their while.

I would like to thank you personally, Jack Hardy, for letting us present our side. As you have seen this past week, some of us do care. Goldie DeBlasio
Phi Sigma Chi

Running Scared?

Dear Stanth,

I would like to thank you for your very interesting expose on fraternities. Besides the fact that your information was highly exaggerated, misleading, sarcastic, and in some cases, out and out bullshit, it was very good.

Your editorial did seek to destroy the fraternity system of this campus. In order to seek to destroy something you have to be afraid of it. What are you afraid of Jack? Why do we scare you? Mr. Hardy, last year you were a paid-up brother of Theta Chi fraternity, so when you shit on us, you do so on yourself at the same time.

It is ironic that I was also interviewed and I did not say anything that was anti-fraternity or that could be blown out of proportion to be anti-fraternity. Is that why nothing I said was in the Liberated Press? Again I ask the question, why are you afraid of us?

Fraternally yours,
Barry Russett
Sigma Alpha Mu

The Greeks' Social Purpose

Perhaps the best way to open a comment on this subject would be to define the proper name of the Greeks. We are, by name and deed, Social Greeks. The University of Hartford has long turned to the Greeks to provide social activities for the entire student body. We have in the past dominated every social function on this campus. Perhaps now that we have a series of concerts and University run activities, our social functions will no longer be appreciated. But we have worked and will continue to work for the social improvement of this University. We have been referred to as a suitcase school many times in the past. It is this very problem to which we have been directing our efforts. Our Brothers pay to provide this social atmosphere for the entire school. We thus have the right to expect repayment for this effort. Many graduates down through the years think back with fond memories of the many good times had at Fraternity functions. But we realize too, that we cannot dwell on our past efforts. We must strive to improve and expand our social scheme. It is to this end that the united Greek front is working.

Try Research

To the Editor:

When one reads an article, a book or any type of manuscript and finds just one line, phrase or concept to be false, then he becomes skeptical of the entire piece. After reading the article on Greek system at the UofH campus, I am led to the conclusion that it was sensationalistic, unintellectual and elementary. It was full of generalizations and false concepts.

You have taken the view that whatever you think is the absolute

truth. Furthermore, there was absolutely no research done on your article, because there are many who disagree with you but their voice was not heard. I would hardly call you a judge of truth. As a matter of fact, I can't even give you an elementary characteristic of common-sense, for when one attacks a group, an individual, etc. without doing research, and hearing other views, then he lacks common sense and has gained the characteristic of ignorance.

You criticize the fraternal organizations with false concepts. You said that many of the fraternities raised money for the library fund and then pocketed it. Proof Mr. Hardy. Where is your proof for these attacks? You said that fraternities and sororities could be such a constructive force on the campus and in the community. I hate to disillusion you but every Greek Organization on this campus has held community service projects since their birth. As a matter of fact, one fraternity on this campus has held community service projects since their birth. As a matter of fact, one fraternity on this campus received its Natural Community Service Award for outstanding contributions and work toward the community of Hartford. But, unfortunately, community service projects never make it in your "Liberated Press" because you can't criticize it, correct it with pot or acid or sneak the word fuck into it. Socially the Greek System, has been the backbone of this campus. What have you Mr. Hardy and friends contributed to the school besides your obscene pictures that occasionally appear in your so-called "Newspaper"?

So Mr. Hardy and associates, you've tried to mask yourselves as intellectuals and the judges of certainty. You write articles that have no research and are one-sided. You ignore opinions that differ from your own. But, your mask has finally been ripped off and it has revealed a large vacuole of ignorance.

Fraternally,
Sheldon Margolis

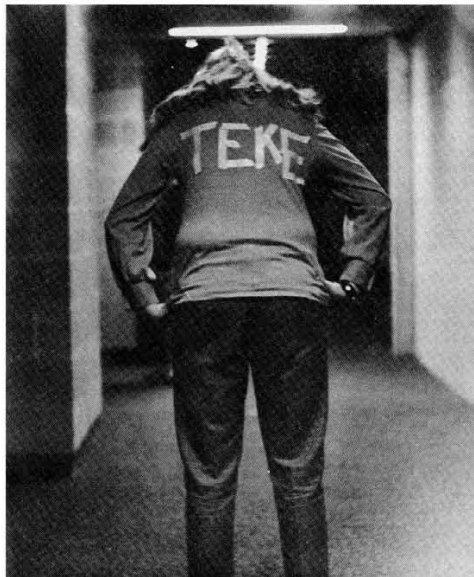
Wrong Again

Dear Mr. Hardy,

After reading your "fascinating" newspaper last week, I was shocked to see how you pictured the Greeks. Your staff's impression of the sororities was wrong. They are doing something!

The Panhellenic Council is the governing and regulating body of the sororities. It sets up the Rush program and makes the rules pertaining to pledges and pledges. There are three sororities in the Council; one with membership under ten and two with membership over ten.

These sororities come together under a common interest -- being Greek. We do try to work together as one. There is competition between any two groups who share a goal. In basketball, UofH competes



Jon Rosenthal

The Value of Fraternity and what it means to you

The fraternity system has both its defenders and its opponents. Administrators, faculty, and others debate its advantages periodically; However, rarely is anything published which outlines the real value that students and alumni receive from their fraternity affiliation. This article is not so much a defense as it is a presentation of the facts and figures describing what a fraternity can mean to its members.

Membership in an organization which has chapters and alumni throughout the United States and Canada can be a very moving experience. North American students today are far more mobile than those of days gone by. Many move from a Liberal Arts College of their original enrollment to a cooperating institution where they might complete specialized curricula in engineering, medicine, law, or business administration. A significantly growing proportion go on for graduate work after obtaining a Baccalaureate Degree.

Of all the campuses in the country (about 1,546 grant Baccalaureate Degrees), over 1,000 now have Greek - letter societies. 280 more campuses than in 1956. Barring overlap of those who belong both to honorary and social fraternities one out of every 20 Americans is Greek-Letter affiliated. Of the 61 general fraternities, there are 260,000 undergraduates and 2,998,000 living alumni. Over 70,000 were new initiates last year.

Although only 20% of the nations college students are affilia-

with Trinity, but they both have a common goal as an educational institution. Competition is healthy but cooperation is possible with it.

On our agenda right now are 1) a Halloween party at Children's Village and 2) a mixer for November. These plans will not come into being by themselves. They will come about as the results of conscientious planning and participation by members of the Panhellenic Council, regardless of individual sorority.

So you see that the Panhellenic Council does do things besides exist.

Sincerely yours,
Maggie Patterson
President of the Panhellenic Council

who join National Fraternities, 59% will graduate.

Fraternities help one become the "uncommon man". They are the last stronghold of independent living in the highly organized university and college where one's complete life is dominated by university activities. When the Fraternity does its job well, it cannot be outdone by the dormitory because of the freedom and more importantly, the responsibility it affords. If this image is fulfilled conscientiously by its members, the Fraternity grants to its members more than is available to the average man. A Fraternity is an adjunct to college and university education. It takes over where the university role leaves off. It is an "Experience where value is inherent". It is a laboratory for life.

The Fraternity is an experience in living together and sharing maintenance, self government, and personal relations in a community that profits socially and intellectually. The Fraternity contributes the polish that a man desires in his late adolescent years. It teaches social graces, leadership, preparation for a job, the significance of understanding other personalities and of being compatible with them, and the ability to operate a household in preparation for one's own life after college. The member contributes service and is taught to understand a truly professional way of life after college. The figures tell us that college Fraternity is a major, positive institution in American college life and has contributed more than any other organization to the ultimate success of American youth.

One of the sharpest attacks on the Fraternity system in recent years has been its alleged discriminatory practices. We in Tau Epsilon Phi can be proud that at no time in our history did we discriminate against any one by reason of race, color, or creed. We were founded as a non-denominational and non-sectarian Fraternity, as our Creed states... "We judge our fellows not by their rank nor wealth but by their worth as men." Religious or racial discrimination has no place in the Fraternity system and is rapidly disappearing.

We believe that public dissemination of the above facts are long overdue. Our members, and indeed the general public should be aware of all the advantages of Fraternity membership and particularly membership in Tau Epsilon Phi.

Proudly a TEP

William V. Buenaventura
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What Next?

To the editor,

After reading your "enquirer type" article on the fraternal system on this campus, I have come to the conclusion that you used the Greek system as a scapegoat because you ran out of obscene pictures and words to use and needed something to attack.

Fraternally,
Simon Studebaker