



DO FRATERNITY BOYS GO AFTER BOOZE...

Shy? Can't make it yourself? Join a campus fraternity!

Afraid you'll get asked for ID at the bar? Scared to ask a girl out for a date on your own? Unable to make your own mark on the campus?—Join a fraternity!

Yeah baby, if you are insecure or shy, then maybe you should consider rushing one of U of A's great fraternities? If you are not—then maybe you should look at something else to take up a couple hundred bucks of your bread and beaucoup d'hours of your time this year.

A fraternity is a brotherhood—that's yippy skippy; all a brotherhood really ever is is a group of people getting together many times to do things together they like doing together. SDU'ers, Wauneita gurlies, the young Tories, members of the Geology club do the same thing (at much less cost too).

Culture 505 meeting at the Riviera every Friday and the Wednesday afternoon breakfast club which started two weekends ago at the Midtowner are also in much the same category.

Anytime you ever want to join a group you should ask very seriously not what you will get out of it but rather what you can put into it. At campus this is most important. Never be a joiner—be a participator. If you really want to drink and you aren't 21, come and see me and we'll find several bars that will take you in. Dates are not hard to come by—there are lots of great girls on this campus (look how many have refused to marry me or even go out with me).

Status or doing your own thing is only achieved by numero uno—yourself, baby. Don't get sucked into joining a fraternity unless you have done a lot of studying of the total situation. They are only 10 per cent of the campus—find out how the other 90 per cent live before committing yourself.

You are here at this institution to acquire an inquisitive mind—to search out the truth—to discover about life! Get to work. If you are not ready to really examine all sides of every question then get the hell back to mommy.

Enjoy your life here! Have you spent five minutes in conversation with "Pilk" our president yet? Have you even met Jon Bordo? Do you know what the Spanish Club really does at their meetings? Have you tried to find a couth engineer?

If your answer to any one of these questions is 'no,' then get to judas work. Don't give me any gears about time—you must have time if you have read this far so start spreading yourself around and discover what life here is all about.

Fraternities are only part of the story—maybe they are for you but baby how can you tell until you have looked at all the alternatives. I have been asked twice to join a fraternity—I have neither the time nor the talent to help out.

Yet I have managed to have one judas phrickeen good varsity life—I have some friends—I have done some things that will be remembered by some people. Even though the things that I have done may not be earthshattering, they are important to me and that is what counts.

Why run for cover behind a beer machine or a social evening at the "house"? Instead get out and make your own waves—it has been said that around here nobody has all the answers—we must work together to find a better life—well that means that you start working on your OWN for awhile to find out what life is all about.

Sure there are some great parties at the fraternities but just ask anybody who attended the students' union board party last March or any FOS delegate from this summer and they'll likely tell you they have been to good times as well.

Look the frats over but give them a year to function without your help. Guys will still ask you out if you are at all human, and girls will still accept a coffee-date even though you don't have a forty-dollar pearl pin to give her.

Hell, I know some guys who are married and still haven't got around to giving their special lady an engagement ring—just ask my wife.

And remember too that since there are over 150 other types of clubs on campus there must be a goodly number of people who have found very viable alternatives to frats.

If you are still with me, why not call me at 432-4392 and we'll either have a good talk on the telephone or you can buy me a beer and we'll set up our own little clique.

—Glenn Sinclair
Student Coordinator, 1966-1968

Fraternities are active in campus functions

There is brotherhood, loyalty

The college fraternity is based on an honest, unsophisticated feeling of brotherhood among the fraternity members. Most fraternity activities should be viewed as an effort to attain this most illusive ideal. Several characteristics of fraternities might be mentioned for order to enlarge on this statement.

First of all, the fraternity encourages its members to take part in many campus activities. As a result, many fraternity members participate in such activities as athletics both inter-collegiate and intra-mural, student affairs, and community projects. In order that there will be such varied involvement, fraternities one interested in a membership including as wide a cross-section of interests as possible. Hopefully the member will derive much benefit from his association with the fraternity and develop new interests from his participation in fraternity affairs.

SCHOLASTICS

Secondly, the fraternity attempts to get the freshmen members properly orientated in university. The emphasis naturally is on scholastics as the fraternity itself is greatly weakened if it loses members due to poor marks. Fraternities therefore set up scholarship programs wherein the freshman can receive assistance from older members in their courses and lagging students are prompted to work harder.

As the enrollment for the winter session this year is approximately

15,500 students, the fraternity, as with other clubs, provides a means for the student to avoid the feeling of being a number on the computer. The fraternity presents a backdrop where the individual can assert himself in a meaningful way, not only within the fraternity but also in campus activities. Experience gained in organizing fraternity functions often assists the individual in entering into campus and community affairs.

GOOD CITIZENS

Each fraternity tries to be a good citizen, both of the university campus and the community. They therefore take on many public served projects ranging from contributions to homes for retarded children to assisting the CNIB. By working together on these projects, fraternities hope to make a positive contribution to the university and the community.

Apart from the above considerations, the most important feature of fraternities is the member becomes an integral part of a closely knit group of individuals interested in each other. This relationship, formed in university, does not end with graduation but continues throughout the lifetime of the members. The enthusiasm with which alumni members attend fraternity functions attests to the merit of this system.

Obviously a fraternity can not appeal to everyone, but for those to whom it does, it will provide a worthwhile and personally rewarding experience.

George Stewart
Interfraternity Council

The Gateway gives PAGE FIVE over to a look at fraternities and an invitation to help organize a new one.

While Glenn Sinclair may have his tongue in cheek much of the time, his remarks do have a touch of wisdom gathered from much experience in campus politics and clubs.

If you still are not sure, check a fraternity man's view of fraternities. It is given here by George Stewart, who sits on the Interfraternity Council.

Should you decide to join, rush week begins informally next week, and formal rushing continues after that.

Good luck.

The Fijis are here ... Only good men need apply

On the invitation of U of A's Interfraternity Council, a new fraternity will be represented on the campus this October.

Phi Gamma Delta, 120-year old men's college fraternity, has accepted the IFC's invitation. U of A will be the 104th college or university for this 81,000-member fraternity.

The Fiji Colony will be rushing for members this October along with the other fraternities.

The "Fijis", as they are called, are represented in Canada already at the University of Toronto, McGill, British Columbia, and Western Ontario. The UBC chapter has been named the top fraternity on its campus for the past two years.

The fraternity's 120th convention, which concluded Aug. 25th

at the Grand Bahama Hotel and Country Club, saw the U of A invitation accepted by the over-600 Fijis gathered there.

Dr. C. Brian Williams, associate professor of commerce and business administration at U of A, is drawing together a group of advisors to the new fraternity from over 50 Phi Gamma Delta graduates of other universities now in the province. Dr. Williams himself joined Phi Gamma Delta while at UBC. He describes the plans: "The new fraternity will be first called the 'Delta Colony of Phi Gamma Delta'. After a year or two of development the Colony will be ready to petition the overall fraternity for a charter. Colony members will be charter members of the future Phi Gamma Delta chapter here.



... AND WOMEN?