

II. Tips on Rushing

Rush can be a great deal of fun, as well as informative. Here are some hints to help you consider whether a sorority is right for you...

Determine why you want to join

Depending upon your interests and needs, there may be a few groups in which you would be most interested. Every group will offer social, service, athletic, and alumni events at different levels. Try to list your priorities so you may better match your needs to the offerings a group may have.

Ask questions of those who are not involved

It is important that you find out a group's reputation and how they carry themselves between rush periods. Ask professors, men, women, administrators, or even other sororities. Remember, if Chapters bad-mouth one another, it's usually because they're jealous, not better informed.

Visit as many houses as possible

Even if you've heard they have a bad reputation, it is important to look at all of your options. The rumor-mill is badly flawed and what is rumored to be a poor group one year may be a great group the next. That is why it is important to ask questions of those not involved with the process - Where do they feel comfortable? Which group do they associate with? Give everyone a chance to tell you what they have to offer. You may find that smaller groups have as much or more to offer you as the larger groups.

Meet as many women at each Chapter as possible

Some Chapters may make a great first impression, but they may have some problem members hidden in a back room. If you don't meet a bunch of the members, or continually meet the same ones, you may not be happy joining the organization.

Ask a lot of questions

Your shopping for a group where you'll feel comfortable and be helped to reach your potential. Find out how they're going to help. What are the costs? How long is the pledge program and how much time does it require each week? How will they develop your leadership skills? What is their Chapter GPA?

Make up your own mind

Don't let others tell you what you want. Remember, this is a decision that will affect the rest of your life.