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AVOID *bad chapters*
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fraternities and sororities are powerful experiences. The stereotypes you might have heard about are NOT THE NORM. However, some Greek letter college organizations are bad. Yes, you read that right. Some fraternities and sororities are not groups we recommend you join. Some (not most) groups are stupid – they participate in hazing (which, by the way is against the law), they are obnoxious drinkers, and sometimes are just obnoxious human beings. The rest of us who are members of fraternities and sororities are embarrassed by this small minority of members who make the rest of us look terrible.

Here's how to **AVOID AVERAGE** and find a positive, safe, rewarding, uplifting, and productive sorority or fraternity experience.

Avoid Hazing

Hazing sucks. Back in like, The 80's, hazing was something that was a more common part of Greek Life. It is not a normal thing anymore. You are an adult... don't put yourself in a hazing situation. To avoid it, know what it is, and know how to spot it.

Hazing is any action taken or any situation created intentionally that causes embarrassment, harassment or ridicule and risks emotional and/or physical harm to members of a group or team, whether new or not, regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

Ask these 3 questions before you join. If you feel like it even might be a chapter that hazes, don't join.

1. Could you explain the full process for becoming a member?
2. What's the craziest thing you make people do?
3. How many new members don't make it to initiation?

Avoid Alcohol Abuse

The majority of college students don't binge drink. This includes the good fraternities and sororities. Drinking and Greek Life actually have nothing to do with each other. For instance, a lot of fraternity/sorority housing is actually alcohol-free. Sometimes there are parties... that's fine... but drinking to excess is not really going to help you achieve your goals in college or in life. To avoid Greek groups that focus too much on drinking, ask these three questions.

1. Tell me about the best part of your chapter's weekends.
2. How does the chapter normally interact with men's fraternities/women's sororities?
3. What are some of the craziest stories from last year?

P.S. If YOU happen to be interested in getting hazed, getting crazy drunk, dealing drugs, being disrespectful to really anyone (but especially those different than you), or any of the other things you thought were cool about the old movie, "Animal House," please do anything but join a fraternity/sorority. #sorrybro