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Dear Student:

Taking part in co-curricular activities can enhance your overall college experience and the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership encourages you to consider exploring the opportunities available to you to become actively involved in campus life. Since one of the choices available to you is joining a fraternity or sorority, I'd like to take this opportunity to provide you with some specific information about the Greek community at Albany.

For some people, Greek life on a college campus conjures up images like those seen in the movies or on TV. However, the reality is that the majority of Albany's fraternity and sorority members are serious about their studies, engage in meaningful community service activities, enjoy a supportive peer network and develop strong leadership skills. At present the University recognizes more than 30 fraternity and sorority chapters that have a combined membership that, as of September 2008, is about 3% of the undergraduate student body.

The University at Albany has in place policies and procedures that specifically pertain to eligibility for membership in a Greek organization including the following:

- **Freshmen are not allowed to pledge or join a fraternity or sorority until their second semester at the University.**
- **Prospective members must be matriculated students who have completed at least 12 credit hours here at the University and hold a minimum cumulative 2.50 grade point average.**

A list of fraternity and sorority chapters currently recognized by the University may be found at <http://www.albany.edu/involvement/greeks/gc.html>. ***It is also important for you to note that any chapter that has not met the standards for continued University recognition and/or has failed to meet the requirements established by their national headquarters, is no longer recognized by the University.*** These chapters are also listed on the web site and have been notified by the University and/or their national office to cease all activities and operations including recruitment, new member education programs and the sponsorship or co-sponsorship of campus events and programs.

We are aware that in the past individual students have portrayed themselves to other students as recognized Greek organizations. As a result, we caution you to make sure that any group you may affiliate with is currently recognized and in good standing. In addition, it is important to note that it is a violation of the University's Community Rights & Responsibilities for students to affiliate with organizations that have had their recognition suspended or permanently revoked by the University. ***If you choose to affiliate with one of these groups your student status could be placed at risk.***

If you have any further questions or wish additional information about Greek Life at the University at Albany or a specific organization, please contact me at (518) 442-5566 or via e-mail at cbrewer@uamail.albany.edu. We look forward to assisting you in having a successful experience at the University at Albany.

Sincerely,



Michael Jaromin
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