

Interfraternity Council Recruitment Week

Wednesday, January 4 – Sunday, January 9, 2006

Recruitment week is when chapters go through the formal process of giving out bids, in turn, freshmen decide what houses they would like to join.

It is important to note that this is the only formalized recruitment during the academic year. Therefore, potential new members are strongly encouraged to visit many chapters during the week. Other activities and contact with chapters throughout the year are helpful for recruitment, but not essential. In short, even if you have never come in contact with a fraternity previously, do so during this week if you are interested in the possibility of joining a chapter.

Chapters hold dinners from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm, potential new members go to the dinners and then have a break between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm. At 8:00 pm, chapters host activities as advertised in *The Daily*. This is also the time chapters may give out bids.

Bids are the formal invitation given by a chapter to a potential new member to join the chapter. When a bid is given, the potential new member has three options:

- “Dropping” – This means to accept the bid, and therefore agree to join the fraternity. This is done when the individual is certain they would like to join. You can only drop a bid at one chapter.
- “Sitting on it” – This means to wait a while before making a decision. The potential new member understands that the chapter would like him to join, but gives the individual time to think about it. The bid does not expire. When the individual decides, he may either drop the bid and join the fraternity, or decline.
- “Declining” – This is when the potential new member is not interested in joining the chapter.

Again, remember that you may only accept a bid from one chapter.

Bids may be given out at anytime after 8:00 pm on January 4th, 2006, but, it is uncommon to receive a bid on the first night. Accordingly, it is important to visit many chapters, if you are interested in a few particular chapters, showing a committed interest will be noticed by members.